

APRIL Happenings at First School

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LOOKING FOR AN AFTERNOON PROGRAM FOR YOUR MORNING KINDERGARTNER NEXT YEAR?

First School can help! Our Afternoon Enrichment program is phenomenal. From 11:45 until 2:15 your student will be exposed to a myriad of creative and problem solving opportunities. Our students are encouraged to think critically about themes from their traditional morning class and use higher order thinking skills as they examine a wide variety of literature and art mediums while being challenged with week-long projects. Choose a 2, 3, 4 or 5 day a week program M–F. Contact Stacey for info. For a small fee, **you may drop your student off as early as 11:00 a.m. if needed with a packed lunch**

MINI DAYS Scheduled for August 26 and 27, 2019

On August 26 and 27 we will have mini days. This will be a one hour long class session that a parent and child get to enjoy together. You will be assigned a time within your normal class time to come and visit the school. Together you will do a project and the children will meet some friends in their class. The teacher will talk with the parents while the children explore the room. Then the teacher and the children will get to know each other while the parent is busy filling out paperwork. At the end of the hour everyone will have met some new friends, made a project and have paperwork for preschool completed. What a great opportunity! We will be sending out emails this summer to assign your time. Please attend this exciting event.

Something New for our Spring Field Trip

The Field Trip coming up on April 11 and 12 will be great fun! The program is called “Animals Need A Home.” It will bring a live turtle and owl and will last about 30 minutes. The classes will come out to the fun room or if weather is good, we might be able to go outside. We will be able to touch the turtle. There is no cost for the field trip. *Parents are invited to come and watch with your child, but it is not necessary.*

We decided to have an in-house field trip because the weather has been so unpredictable that we did not want to risk a bad weather day. We hope you are in agreement. The schedule is: **Thursday April 11, 9:30-10:00**—Meadows, Garber, Brocwell; **10:10-10:40**—Hackathorne and Wright; **12:00–12:30**—Brocwell PM. **Friday April 12: 9–9:30**—Zielinski, Schroeder, Meadows; **9:40-10:10**—Miller, Kershner; **10:20–10:50** Hackathorne, Wright, Garber; **12:00– 12:30** Zielinski, Kershner PM.

Dates to Remember:

- April 1: Return from Spring Break
- April 11 & 12: Field Trip at First School—Animal visit
- April 15 & 16: Spirit Day. Wear green or First School shirt
- April 18 & 19 Egg-Stravaganza
- April 23: Librarian Visit
- April 24 & 25 Color of the Day: Wear Gray

Spring Cleaning

We are still in need of used rubber boots for messy playground exploring. Or new, if you'd like to donate! :)

Thanks in advance for helping us out!

Usborne Book Sale Update!

Thank you so much for your purchases during conferences. We were able to enjoy \$350 in credits to purchase books for our school.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA—April 18 and 19. Please send in 6 plastic eggs filled with either milk chocolate Hershey Kisses or some stickers. We will hopefully have our egg hunts outside. Mrs. Adam will also be doing the egg factory during fun room time. This is always a favorite for the children.



Summer Camp at First School

We have created three fabulous weeks of fun for 3, 4, 5 and 6-year olds. Children must be three by April 1, 2019 and older students may join if they are entering Kindergarten. Camp will run from 9:30am to 12 pm and a snack will be served. Taught by our very own First School teachers.

July 8–12: MURAL ART. This is a week of creativity. We will create mural art with traditional and non-traditional materials; imitate the work of famous artists and styles; and hold a “fancy” art show on Friday. Some creations may come home and others will decorate the school.

July 15–19: OCEAN DISCOVERY. What animals live in a coral reef and how is sand made? An underwater adventure awaits our little pirates and mermaids this week. We will explore ocean creatures, features, and the properties of water for some fun in the sun! On Friday, we will get wet with a fun water day outside.

July 22-26: SPACE EXPLORATION. 3,2,1...BLAST OFF! We will be going deep into space to explore galaxies beyond First School. We will be learning about gravity, stars, rockets and planets. We will be conducting science experiments using STEM skills and creating our own space station and space gear! We will even make our own space snacks to enjoy.

The cost is \$140.00 per week for each camp paid by the first day of camp to First School. Contact Stacey at info@firstschooldayton.com if you need another registration form or have questions. Thanks!

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE for 2019-20

We are encouraged by the response to our Kindergarten Commitment Tuition deal and have decided to extend it to April 15, 2019.

Kindergarten will meet from 11:30 until 2:15 Monday through Friday and will use a top respected Home School curriculum which has proven phenomenal results with many styles of teaching and learning. Mrs. Shelly Zielinski will teach the class with a limit of 14 students.

Children may be dropped off at First School with a packed lunch at 11:00 for a small additional fee.

Sign up by April 15 to receive 10% off of the tuition with the option to pay over 12 months.

Please call Stacey for more information. We'll work with you!

HUNGRY CATERPILLAR FOOD DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you so much for your generous support of the food drive. The people at The Artemis Center were overwhelmed with our donation from First School. We received a lovely thank you note which stated that the food would help so many survivors of domestic abuse and their children. In 2018 the Center served 5,287 people. Thank you again, dear families. You are the best.

And an especially big thank you to TRADER JOE's who gave a very large donation of items and also to the TRADER JOE's TEAM MEMBERS who personally donated food for the drive. That was very touching to us.

And also, thank you to Mrs. Julie Wright for coordinating this fun new project for First School!