



First School

Celebrating 50 Years
1971 - 2021

FEBRUARY 2021 Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

- FEB 2- GROUNDHOG DAY
- Feb. 4 & 5 Color of the month: Red, Pink or Purple
- Feb 10: Lot of Love Celebration 10:15, Hackathorne, Selby, Wright
- Feb. 11: Lot of Love Celebration 10:15, Hackathorne, Meadows, Zielinski
- Feb 12: Lot of Love Celebration 10:15 Miller, Kershner, Meadows, Schroeder. 1:30: Selby and Kindergarten
- Feb. 15: President's Day, No School
- Feb. 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day!
- Feb. 22 & 23 Spirit Day. Wear green or a First School shirt.



A Parking "LOT" of LOVE! Please join us in the parking lot on February 10, 11, or 12 (refer to your flyer for your day). The children will parade around the lot gathering Valentine's from parents. If you would like you may also provide small treats. Please have 35 Valentine's available to pass out to the classes. Thanks for being a part of our First School family and making these events fun for our classes!

Animal Extravaganza is a HUGE success!

The children are really enjoying learning about winter animals. In January they learned all about Cardinals, Arctic Foxes, Walruses, Polar Bears, and Squirrels. Each class prepared a presentation to share with the school. In February we will learn about Snowy owls, Penguins, and Arctic Monkeys! Ask your students to tell you a fun fact about these animals! You



will be impressed!



Drums Alive®

Great News! Starting April 14, we will be hosting Mrs. Dorie Phillips at First School for her Drums Alive Class. We have had wonderful classes here in past years and thought we could offer this class again this year. Watch for a flyer to come home in March and be sure to send in your reservation fast. This class is immensely popular.

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Did you see our big flutter flag outside? We are so excited about celebrating our 50th. Look for a flyer for our next celebratory event: a FOOD DRIVE to collect 50 items of food from each classroom to distribute to a local food pantry!



Pssst: Mr. Groundhog says Like us on Facebook! [Facebook.com/firstschooldayton](https://www.facebook.com/firstschooldayton) and remember to turn on your Notifications to learn when new info is posted. Thanks!



WE ARE PLANNING OUR WEEK-LONG SUMMER CAMP OFFERINGS CURRENTLY. FLYER COMING SOON!

Many many thanks to Mrs. Jen Lubbers for designing our new 50th Anniversary logo! Isn't it great? She has tremendous talents and wonderful skills as our Social Media Director for this year. Her posts on our Facebook Page are delightful. Thank you Jen!

YOUNG 5's CLASS for 2021-22

We are offering a young 5's class for the 2021-22 school year. This class is designed for children who turn 5 in May through December. They may be eligible for kindergarten but may benefit from extra time to strengthen social and academic skills. The class will be a combination of large group, small group and individualized instruction for the children. Basic kindergarten skills will be introduced and strengthened throughout the year. Children will be able to learn at their own pace and skill level. Many different opportunities for academic, social and gross motor skills will be provided throughout the year. After completing this class the students will have a great foundation to move onto kindergarten. This class will be offered M-F AM with an option to extend the day until 2:15 with the addition of the afternoon enrichment session on MWF. We are also offering an Afternoon session of this class on MWF. Be sure to sign up early! We also will have PM Kindergarten from 11:30 to 2:15 Monday through Friday.



First School and Dayton Mom Collective

We are excited about our collaboration with the people over at Dayton Mom Collective! Check them out at DaytonMomCollective.com and also on their Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/daytonmomcollective. We are expanding our presence in the Dayton area and the great people over at Dayton

Mom Collective are going to help us out. Check them out...we think you will be impressed.

BOX TOPS Update:

We think you all received the flyer we sent out a while back describing the changes to the Box Tops program. There is no more clipping! You simply scan your grocery receipt and every item that qualifies for Box Tops is automatically registered under First School. You must download on the Apple App Store, or Get it on Google Play. Sign up and just place First School as your school choice. It's really simple and fast. We just all need to remember to scan our receipts! That's the hard part! But over the years we have usually collected around \$200 annually from your generosity. Thanks again for doing this for us!

HELP WANTED for TAW

Teacher Appreciation Week is being chaired by Mrs. Megan Shoup (Finn's Mom) this year and she needs a helper from each classroom to email the classroom parents to collaborate on food gifts and teacher gifts. Please email Stacey at info@firstschooldayton.com if you have an interest. Thanks so much! TAW is May 3-7.