

## March Happenings at First School

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Thank you again to the moms and dads who helped make our scaled down Valentine day events so successful. We are sorry the Lot of Love couldn't happen due to bad weather, though! We are looking forward to warmer days and opportunities to play outside now. Please remember to dress warmly for outside play. We go outside when it is appropriate and not muddy. March is going to be a busy month!

### IS MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

We have reached that time of year when many of our school districts are registering for Kindergarten. As you all know, First School offers an **afternoon Kindergarten** from 11:30 until 2:15 with a 1:14 teacher student ratio. We also offer a **YOUNG 5's** class for those students who turn five between May and December with an option to add **Afternoon Enrichment** to make a full day experience. Young 5's will also be offered in the Afternoon if there is interest.

What should you be looking for in your student to determine Kindergarten Readiness? Here's a handy checklist:

I can:

Put on my coat and zip it up. Tie my shoes. Take turns and share. Sit quietly and listen. Follow simple directions. Use the bathroom by myself (including zipping and buttoning pants). Put on my backpack. Hold a pencil or crayon. Cut with scissors. Put things away. Hang my backpack on a hook. Wash my hands with soap. Use a tissue to wipe my nose. Cough into my elbow. Stand in line. Drink from a drinking fountain. Raise my hand and wait to be called on. Open any food containers in my lunch.

This is a generic list, but we also feel at First School, our students have learned a lot more than these requirements. We hope you agree! If you have particular questions, please feel free to call Shayna Schroeder any time, or speak with our Kindergarten and Young 5's teacher, Mrs. Shelly Zielinski in room#6 or Mrs. Tracey Kershner in Room #1.

### SPRING PHOTOS!!!

We are excited that one of our First School parents will be taking Spring Photos this year. Mrs. Lauri Winter-Freire of Winter Freire Photography ([www.winterfreire.com](http://www.winterfreire.com)) will be here on **APRIL 12, 13 and 14**. Look for info soon!

#### Dates to Remember:

- **Mar. 1: Pocket Day.** Wear pockets on your clothes
- **Mar 2: Stripes Day.** Wear Stripes. Dr. Seuss birthday.
- **Mar 3: Hat Day.** Wear a hat to school.
- **Mar 4: Sock Day.** Wear crazy socks.
- **Mar 5: Lorax Day.** Wear a mustache and your favorite color.
- **Mar 10 & 11: Spirit Day.** Wear Green or a First School shirt.
- **March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- **Mar 18 & 19. NO PRESCHOOL.** Parent Teacher Conferences.
- **March 24 & 25. Eggstravaganza.**
- **March 26 Spring Break.** No School.
- **March 29–April 2. Spring Break.** No School. Resumes on 4/5/21.

#### Parent Teacher Conferences March 18 & 19—No School

March 18 & 19 are Spring conferences. Your teachers will be contacting you to schedule a time to come into school for a meeting. This is a time for you and your child's teacher to touch base on his or her progress. It is always exciting to see the growth that takes place over the year. Mrs. Schroeder will be available during these days to answer questions about Kindergarten readiness as well as placement for the 2021-22 school year. Due to Covid protocols we are not able to offer childcare during conferences.

# Summer Camp at First School

We have created two fabulous 4 day weeks of fun for 3, 4, 5 and 6-year olds. Children must be three by April 1, 2021 (or close) and older students may join if they are entering Kindergarten/First Grade. Camp will run from **9:30 am to 12 pm Noon**. Taught by our very own First School teachers. Flyers will be coming soon.

**July 12-15: OCEAN CAMP:** Come dive under the ocean with us and let's see what we can find! We will take a look at fish, shells, coral and all of the different sea creatures. We will turn the Fun Room into an underwater sanctuary. Thursday will be beach day. Wear your swimsuit!

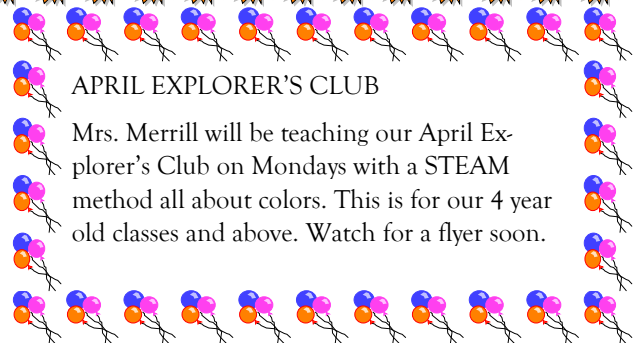
**July 19-22: OLYMPICS!** Yay! We are going to celebrate the Olympics! We will look at a map and learn about different countries, and have some Olympic competitions – First School style. Put on your athletic clothes and join us for a lot of fun activities.

The cost is \$135.00 per week for each Monday through Thursday 4 day camp paid by the first day of camp to First School. Contact Stacey at [info@firstschooldayton.com](mailto:info@firstschooldayton.com) if you need another registration form or have questions.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This year Teacher Appreciation Week will be on May 3–7. Thank you to Megan Shoup and the many classroom reps who will be coordinating this year's festivities.

Look for a flyer coming home soon describing the upcoming Drums Alive classes on April 14, 21, 28, May 12, and 19.



## APRIL EXPLORER'S CLUB

Mrs. Merrill will be teaching our April Explorer's Club on Mondays with a STEAM method all about colors. This is for our 4 year old classes and above. Watch for a flyer soon.

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA** Info will be coming home soon from your child's teacher. Each teacher is going to do their own event for their classroom. This is always a fun way to celebrate Springtime!

## CENTERVILLE Mayor

Brooks Compton and staff will be visiting First School soon to formally congratulate us on our 50th! Look for more information soon!



**WISH LIST:** Parents, if you would like to donate anything to our school, we are always looking for:  
small ice packs.

Bleach Disinfectant Wipes

Pants in size 5 & 6 (can be used) for girls and boys.

Kleenex

## FOOD DRIVE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Dear Parents; Many thanks for making the February Food Drive in honor of our 50th anniversary a huge success. Each class was able to collect at least 50 food items for a combined total of over 800 items which will be presented to First Dawn Food Pantry located in Restoration Church in Centerville. They are thrilled with your generosity. **THANK YOU!!!!**

## 2021-22 Enrollment News

Please turn in your enrollment forms as soon as possible to ensure your first choice of classes. We are filling up fast! First School is a very popular school! Thank you for continuing to recommend our school to your friends. We really appreciate your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact Stacey if you have questions or concerns about the 21-22 school year.

Our first day of school will be August 23, 2021.