



### February, the Month of Love

We love to celebrate Valentine's Day at First School and will be having classroom parties on February 14 and 15 this year. Please watch for information from your teacher soon.

#### Dates to Remember:

- FEB 1: Martial Arts Starts—must be registered
- February 2: Happy Groundhog Day
- Feb 9 & 10: color of the Month, Wear red, pink, and purple
- Feb 14 & 15: Valentine's Day Parties. Look for info from teacher.
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- Feb. 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day!
- Feb. 20: President's Day—No SCHOOL
- Feb 22 & 23: Spirit Day. Wear green or a First School shirt

### January and February Fun! OHIO ANIMALS IN THE WINTER

The children have loved learning about Ohio's animals and how they adapt to the cold and snow of the winter months. We've learned about deer, owls, cardinals, fox, bears, River otters, skunk and American Bullfrogs! Below is Mrs. Lucente's M/W 2.5 class learning all about deer in Ohio.



Drums Alive®

Great News! Starting April 5, 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.



Pssst: Mr. Groundhog says Like us on Facebook! [Facebook.Com/FirstSchoolDayton](https://www.facebook.com/FirstSchoolDayton).



#### Looking Ahead to March 2023

We will be having Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday and Thursday March 22 and 23. There will be NO school on Friday March 24th as that is the start of our break. We hope you all can go someplace warm! School will resume on Monday April 3rd. Look for information from your teacher to sign up for your private 15 minute conference soon.



#### SPIRIT DAYS

February 22 and 23!

Wear GREEN or a First School logo shirt.

**YOUNG 5's CLASS for 2023-24**

We are offering a young 5's class for the 2023-24 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 if there's interest. Be sure to sign up early! We also will have PM Kindergarten from 11:30 to 2:15 Monday through Friday if desired.



**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](http://DaytonMomCollective.com) and also on their Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/daytonmomcollective](http://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.

**HELP WANTED for TAW**

Teacher Appreciation Week is being chaired by Mrs. Lauren Bergstresser (mom of William) again 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](mailto:Stacey@firstschooldayton.com) if you have an interest. Thanks so much! TAW is May 8–12 this year.



We are noticing a lot of late drop offs in the mornings....especially on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. PLEASE try to have your student at school by **8:55 at the LATEST**. The children are missing quite a bit of morning instruction if they come into the class anytime after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We love our students and want them to get as much out of their day as possible. Thanks again!