

March Happenings at First School

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Happy March! Thank you again to the moms and dads who helped make our Valentine parties so successful. And thank you to all of the families who attended our first ever Family Night Sock Hop—it was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance! We are looking forward to warmer days and opportunities to play outside now. We'll be watching for the spring bulbs to start appearing that were planted by the children in the Fall, too. March is going to be a busy and fun month here at First School.

PARENT GET-TOGETHER COFFEE



Are you interested in meeting other parents at First School? A group of parents will meet on Friday, March 4th at 9:00 AM in the Science room for some socialization. There are some fun upcoming spring events that will be discussed. Please contact

Marissa Fullenkamp at

mgmiller09@hotmail.com or Meredith Florkey at **mlflorkey@att.net** if you have any questions. Thank you to Mrs. Fullenkamp for organizing this first-time event!

Summer Camp

Registration opens Monday, April 11th for current First School students. A flyer will be sent soon.

\$100 enrollment fee and health forms are due by the first day of each session.

EARTH: June 20-24

OCEAN: July 11-15

SPACE: July 18-22

CRAFT SUPPLIES

**We are ALWAYS LOOKING FOR
BUTTONS AND LEFTOVER FELT PIECES.**

GARDEN CORNER

We will be planting a Pizza Garden this year! During our fall clean-up several families planted garlic, to which we will add tomatoes, peppers, basil and oregano later this spring. It is our hope to be able to harvest these and create a pizza or two this fall. We'll keep you posted!



Dates to Remember

- **MAR 4:**
Parent Coffee in Science Room
9am
- **Mar 10-11:**
Conference—NO SCHOOL
- **MAR 25:**
Kindergarten Grandparent Day
- **MAR 28-APR 8:**
Spring Break
- **APR 16:**
Family Fun Day Open House
- **MAY 22:**
First School Day at The Dayton Dragons

LUNCH BUNCH CRUNCH

This month our Lunch Bunch will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2). We'll be reading his books and having fun with activities centered around the famous author



FIRST SCHOOL DAY AT Fifth Third Field is on

SUNDAY MAY 22nd at 2:00 p.m.
The Dayton Dragons will be playing the Lake County Captains. Sit on the lawn with your First School friends and cheer our beloved Dragons onto victory. More details coming soon....



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Parent Teacher Conferences

March 10 & 11

March 10 & 11 are our 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. Child care is available in the Fun Room. Mrs. Florkey will be available during these days to answer questions about Kindergarten readiness as well as placement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Family Fun Day Open House

Saturday, April 16

Join us for a fun morning with the First School community and DORIE AND THE DADDY O'S!!!

We will celebrate First School's 40th Birthday and enjoy being entertained by Dorie and the Daddy-O's, a local favorite of the pre-school set. We will also have face painting, a craft, play-ground fun, and a birthday cake!

Bring your friends and receive a special gift! (More details on flyer.)

Noteworthy

Thank you to all of our parents who wrote positive notes to the Dayton Daily News for the pre-school article! And thanks to Mrs. James for getting mentioned! Check out the article in the 2/17/11 Life Section.

Welcome New Families!

- Please welcome the WEEKS and TROUT families to our school!

Absence?

- Please call the office and let us know if your child will be absent.
- **IT'S SPRING!** As the weather begins to warm up we will be going outside more and more. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather each day and has appropriate footwear. Thank you!

BOX TOPS IMPORTANT INFO:

Thank you to parent Katie Hurst for pointing out that if you register your shoppers cards on the Box Tops site, www.boxtops4education.com you are eligible to win 50,000 extra box tops for the school of your choice. They also run promotions

and offer extra box tops throughout the year.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY

The Kindergarteners will celebrate a special day with their grandparents or other special adult on March 25th.



Enrollment 2011-2012 — New Programming

HURRY! Early Bird Enrollment Discounts End 3/31

In order to accommodate our families, we are expanding our programming for the 2011-2012 years. Our core 3 and 4 year old programs will continue as they have for our proud 40-year history. New this year are the following:

- Learn With Me: Tuesdays 9 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Two year olds may enjoy a school experience with a parent or special adult. Children will enjoy age appropriate activities and caregivers will have the opportunity to discuss educational and behavioral issues.
- Our 2-1/2 year old class is now available MWF a.m. as well as T/TH a.m.
- Early Fives Kindergarten: Designed for children with birthdays from June through Oct.
- English as a Second Language classes offered during Lunch Bunch for those who need reinforcement of classroom themes and content. The class will also focus on life and classroom skills.

Inclement Weather

Sign up to receive emails or text messages about First School closings at:
<http://www.WHIO.com/closings/index.html>

Information regarding school closing can be found at: WDTN-TV CH2, WKEF-TV CH 22, WHIO-TV CH7, WHIO AM radio 1290 or at <http://www.WHIO.com> or <http://www.WDTN.com>. Please note— First School has its own listing. ◇