

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

May 2019

Dear EDS Families,

Thank you for your trust in us this school year, as teachers and caregivers of your children. We appreciate the support you have given to our school's program by driving on field trips, volunteering, sponsoring fundraisers, and contributing ideas. I extend a special THANK YOU to La'Tesa Bates and all of the PAC members for their service and time.

We invite you to clean out your child's library and bring any unwanted children's books to EDS's LITTLE FREE LIBRARY from May 6th -24th. There will be a box in the school hallway designated for this. ALL are welcome to bring in books and take books out that they would like from the box. All books remaining on May 24th will be donated to a local non-profit organization that supports children's needs.

I hope that you and your children carry your EDS experiences, fond memories, and friendships with you in the years to come. We look forward to seeing many of you back in August! We will miss all of our graduates and those who will not be returning. Have a fabulous summer!

Best Wishes,

Suzanne Watkins, EDS Director

May 2019 Invoices & Statements will be emailed May 1. Full payment is due by May 15.

Please see me immediately if you are uncertain about the balance on your account. A balance left unpaid by the 15th will prevent a child from participating in class, Extended Care and special school activities, until it is paid in full. **During May, payment for As-Needed Extended Care is due at the time of request.** Block A 7:15-8:45 a.m.=\$7.00; Block B 12:00-2:00p.m.=\$11.25; Block C 2:00-5:30p.m.=\$19.50.

Closing Ceremony & 4K Graduation 9:00a.m. Friday, May 31

There will be no classes or Extended Care on June 1. First bring your child to his/her classroom by 8:55a.m. and then go to the parish hall for the program. Each family is asked to **bring a snack or finger food to share.** Beverages will be provided by the school. The students will be dismissed to their parents at the end of the program.

SPECIAL DATES

- May 1-3.....Music Week
May 1-3Pick-Up Roebuck Spring Basket Orders
May 6-24.....Little Free Library – Book Swap
Tues. May 7.....4K Class Field Trip to Mullinax's Tiny Farm
Wed. May 8.....4K Class Walking Field Trip to Planetarium
Tues. May 14 ...EDS School Spirit Night at
Your Pie Restaurant 5:00p.m. to close
Wed. May 15.....4K Class Walking Field Trip to
Your Pie Restaurant
Mon. May 20.....3-Day 3K Class Field Trip to
Barrett's Place Playground
Thurs. May 23...Splish-Splash Day for
4K & ALL 2K Classes*
Fri. May 24.....Splish-Splash Day for
3-Day 3K & 5-Day 3K Yellow Birds
Mon. May 27....Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs., May 30 - SCHOOL DAY ONLY at Barrett's Place
NO EXTENDED CARE
A DAY AT THE PARK for
o 5-Day 3K Yellow Bird,
o 4K Red Bird and
o ALL 2K Blue Bird classes
*3-Day 2K Blue Bird students & parents are invited too.
*DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP AT BARRETT'S PLACE PLAYGROUND
IN PENDLETON. DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL.
Fri., May 31.....School Closing Ceremony & 4K Graduation
9:00 a.m. **ALL children participate. Bring
snacks to share.** *Dismissal following
program. NO classes or Extended Care.*

Splish-Splash Water Days May 23 & 24

We will be celebrating the beginning of summer with Splish-Splash Days, full of fun water activities. See *Special Dates* above for which day your child's class will have their Splish-Splash fun! *The 3-Day 2K Blue Birds students are invited to attend on Thursday, May 23 from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. for activities! **Please send your child to school dressed in his/her bathing suit with a change of clothes, towel, shoes that can get wet (no flip flops) and a second pair of shoes to wear home. For safety reasons, children will not be allowed to go barefoot on the lawn. Apply sunblock before arriving at school. Also, make sure to put your child's name on his/her towel, water shoes, bathing suit, clothes, etc. Parents are needed to help watch over the children. Please come between 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. if you can help on either of these days.**

**Thursday, May 30 - Day at the Park for
5-Day 3K (Mrs. Russell & Mrs. B),
4K (Mrs. Nash & Ms. Ayana) and
ALL 2K Classes (Ms. Laura & Mrs. Melanie)
Barrett's Place Playground of Veterans Park in Pendleton**

THERE WILL BE NO EARLY MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON May 31. DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL. DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP WILL BE AT THE PARK.

- **DROP-OFF:** Teachers will be in the playground parking lot to receive children from 8:45-9:00a.m. When you arrive, inform your child's teachers if you are staying or leaving. Do not leave your child without insuring that he/she has been signed-in by his/her teacher. If you arrive after 9:00 a.m., you will need to park your vehicle and walk through the playground to find your child's teachers.
- Students will be provided with a mid-morning snack at the park.
- **PICK-UP:** Teachers will be in the parking lot to load children into vehicles from 12:00p.m.-12:10p.m. A parent/approved caregiver must sign-out his/her child from his/her teacher before taking the child from the park.
- All parents are encouraged and welcome to stay. Extra supervision and helping hands will be needed and greatly appreciated.
- The **3-Day 2K Blue Bird students are invited** to join their friends at the park on May 31, since their class will not have a separate trip there.
- **If there is RAIN:** A decision will be made by 8:00a.m. on May 31 if this activity must be cancelled due to rain. Parents will be notified by 8:05 a.m. by email and a notice will be posted on the EDS's Facebook page if this occurs: <https://www.facebook.com/EDSClemson/>. If there is a cancellation due to rain, we will open the school building for drop off at 8:45 a.m. and dismiss all students at 12:00 p.m.
- **NOTE - The 3-Day 3K class students have a separate Barrett's Place Playground trip scheduled on Monday, May 20th.**

Creative Movement

We enjoyed another month of Nature in Movement. The children always love activities with the parachute. We used it to make waves and talked about the different sized waves we see in the water-ocean vs. lake. We took turns "swimming" under the "ocean". Their imaginations soared while explaining what they saw under the ocean. We also used the parachute to create a "running river". They enjoyed jumping over, into and through the river.

We had a shape and color game with different nature critters and animals in mind to go along with the game. The children always enjoy acting like animals.

We have been using exercise balls a lot during stretches and in our activities lately. The exercise balls are a great tool for building strength. We have especially been using them to help strengthen core muscles and balance.

During May, we will have fun with dancing and games. We will learn about what makes our bodies move and ways we can keep healthy, as well as strong!

Thank you for sharing your children with me. They are a blessing and I enjoyed moving with each and every one of them this school year.

Gini Duncan
Creative Movement Teacher