

**Happy 2017!** I hope you all had a wonderfully frosty winter break, and that you are excited about the year ahead.....and the snow ahead! How many resolutions have you *already* broken?? I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that might incriminate me! ☺

Before the break, I really enjoyed getting to visit with so many of you as I “party-hopped” throughout the classrooms during the various holiday celebrations. It was delightful to see all the festivities, hear the laughter and singing, and taste the goodies! Many thanks go to those of you who

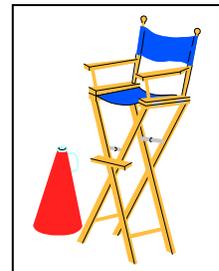
contributed, helped out, or joined in! All the teachers and office staff would also like to **thank you** for your warm and wonderful gestures of holiday wishes, gifts, cards, and goodies you brought to us. How generous and kind of you!

It is astounding to think we are already gearing up for the **2017-18** school year!! After the budgets are approved by the Weekday Child Development Committee to determine tuition rates, you will receive the new Registration Information in your child’s school bag in early February. Please note the dates of **Open Houses** (see ad on reverse). Feel free to share these with your neighbors and friends who may be interested!

Lastly, after being home for two weeks, don’t be surprised if your child seems to digress a bit at drop-off time or takes a little while to readjust to school. This is completely normal and is quickly overcome as they settle back into their classroom routine.



As we make “a fresh start” in a new year, I’d just like to remind everyone to keep our children’s safety the utmost priority as they walk back and forth from the parking lot to the building. Please do not park anywhere along the sidewalk, not even for “just a minute”, because this still introduces traffic to an area we are trying to keep clear. Thank you so much for your help!



*Here's hoping for a safe and healthy 2017 for us all.*

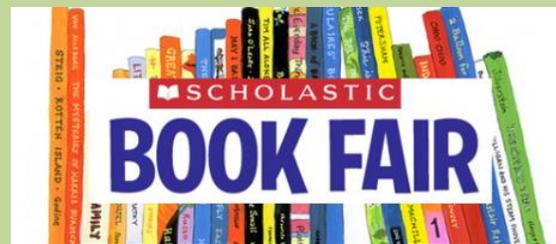
*Cherrie Welch*

Remember to date tuition checks 2017



**This month at a glance...**

- Jan. 11 & 25 – ELP & WPS Open House Tours & Info
- Jan. 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King Day – **NO WPS**
- Jan 18-19 – Ident-a-Kid ID cards & fingerprints
- Jan. 20 – Inauguration Day –**NO WPS**
- Jan. 25 – Peter McCoy’s One Man Band Show



**Coming Soon! March 21-23**

Each year we hold a **Scholastic Book Fair** for the purpose of promoting early literacy and instilling a love of reading in young children. We need Parent Volunteers to help to staff the Book Fair, the Café, the Reading Corner, & Gift Basket Auction. Proceeds from this event go to winning books from Scholastic and purchasing Early Literacy materials for classrooms. *Please contact the office if you can help!*



# DROP-IN

A drop-in program is available to **ELP** 5-hour, Early Morning, & Late Day classes, and **WPS** Early Morning, Extended Day and Late Day classes

*Need a little extra time for appointments, running errands, or working from home?*

You may want to consider allowing your child to *drop-in* to any of the classes mentioned above on days or times he/she does not normally attend. You may opt to have them stay until 2:30 or 5:30pm.

The daily drop-in fees are payable the morning of dropping in. Charges are:

*Come & Visit*

- ELP 5-hour classes [9:30-2:30]: \$71
- ELP Early Morning [8:00-9:30]: \$19
- ELP Interim Morning [9:00-9:30]: \$8
- ELP Late Day classes [2:30-5:30]: \$55
- WPS Early Morning [8:00-9:00]: \$15
- WPS Extended Day classes [for morning preschoolers 12:00-2:30]: \$35
- WPS Late Day classes [2:30-5:30]: \$41

**Will your child be absent??** Please remember to notify us as soon as you are aware that your child will be absent so that others on the drop-in list might have the opportunity to come that day. Since "drop-ins" can only be accommodated on a space-available basis, we cannot accommodate requests until we have heard from you that there will be a spot open in the classroom. Many anxious parents will thank you for your consideration!

## Bulletin Board Rembrandts

January showcases the artistic impressions of

Main Office Hallway: Room 129  
WPS Back Hallway: Room 126  
ELP Hallway: Bears Class



## Inclement Weather Policy

**ELP** classes follow the calling of Fairfax County Public Schools for closures and early dismissals.

- In cases of FCPS delayed openings, all ELP classes will open at 10:30AM.
- Early & Interim Morning classes will be cancelled.
- In cases of Early Dismissals, all Late Day classes are cancelled.

**WPS** classes follow the calling of Fairfax County Public Schools for closures.

- For all FCPS delayed openings, all WPS classes will open at 10:00AM.
- Early Morning classes will be cancelled.
- For early dismissals, WPS still closes at 12:00NOON.
- For Early Dismissals, Extended Day classes close at 12:30PM, and all Late Day classes are cancelled.

**IMPORTANT:** It is the parents' responsibility to stay abreast of changing weather conditions throughout the day. A **late fee** will be assessed for any tardy pick-ups on early dismissal days which will accrue for each 10-minute period past the early dismissal time. Please stay tuned to local TV or radio, or go to [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) during inclement or changing weather in case there might be an early dismissal called, so that our teachers and staff may also get home safely and in a timely manner.

**NOTE:** If you would like to have immediate FCPS weather closure information sent directly to your phone/email, you can sign up for "News You Choose" online at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu). Scroll nearly to the bottom of the page and click on the blue box to enter your contact information. You may choose "Weather Closures" and any other additional topics for which you would like to be notified.

## WPS & ELP OPEN HOUSE

School Tour and Information Sessions:



Starts at **10:00AM**  
on the following dates:

- **January 11**
- **January 25**
- **February 8**
- **February 22**

*Please tell your friends and neighbors!*

Flyers are available in the office.

## Looking ahead...



Feb. 6-9 – Interim Reports go home  
Feb. 8 – ELP & WPS Open House Tours & Info  
Feb 15 – Under the Sea Show  
Feb 20 – Presidents Day – NO SCHOOL WPS & ELP  
Feb. 22 – ELP and WPS Open House Tours & Info  
Feb. 22 – Ronald McDonald Show  
Feb. 28 – 2017-18 Registration for staff children & AUMC Members