

May 2011

Calendar of Nursery School Events



St. James' Nursery
School News



May 4-6: Special Mother's Events

May 9-10: BeLocal Discussion Groups held in St. James' Sanctuary from 9:30-11:00

May 12: 4's Enrichment Class Trip to Fountain Rock

May 13: Last Day for Mt. Airy Net Food Collection

May 17: **Safeguarding God's Children Workshop**

May 20: Last Day for Friday 2's

May 23: Last Day of Class for M/W 2's, Pre-K 4's and 3-day a week 3's

May 24: Last Day of Class for T/Th 3's & AM 2's

May 24: Enrichment Class will be held at Grandpa Oak Nature

May 25: Graduations and Picnic for AM and PM Pre-K 4's Red Room and Annex Full Day - graduations at 9:00/10:15 - picnic 11:30-1:30 at Watkin's Park

May 25: Last day and Make-up Day for the TTH 2's PM

May 26: End-of-Year School Picnics for 2's from 9:00 - 10:15 and 3's 10:30-12:00

May 26: Last day and Make-up Class for the Four's Enrichment – meeting from 11:30-3:00.

May 27: Graduations and Picnic for AM and PM Pre-K 4's Yellow Room—graduations at 9:00/10:15 - picnic 11:30-1:30 at Watkin's Park

From the Director's Desk



As another year at St. James' Nursery School comes to a close I find myself feeling a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving. Our school's staff has again filled a year with enriching and educational activities and has enjoyed watching each child grow and develop in a variety of ways. Our Pre-K 4's will graduate at the end of the month and will be moving on to the exciting world of kindergarten in the fall!

Thank you to the many parents and families that have helped by volunteering at St. James' throughout the year. I would like to especially thank the Rippeon and Berggren families for their work in the Beautification Project at our Annex location. Thank you to Nicole Roimeser and Amy Austin for serving as our Parent Representatives on our Nursery School Board. Thank you to Jessie Smith and the many parents that helped with the annual book fair. Thank you to Mrs. Love for donating cases of paper to our school and for helping with the Corbi Fund Raiser. Also, thank you in advance, to the parents that will help with the end-of-the-year school picnics. We will be asking for picnic help with face-painting, monitoring the moon bounce and with clean up.

Have a wonderful and safe summer and God's blessing to all of you,

Pat



BeLocal Mt. Airy

A group of citizens in Mount Airy have created a community group called BeLocal Mount Airy. We have gotten together to think about strategies to make Mt. Airy an even better place to live.

BeLocal has partnered with the Kiwanis Club and a local research and evaluation firm, Shattuck and Associates, to hold discussion groups around town with kids and adults to gather ideas about what we could do to build and strengthen our community. It's a grass roots effort and we would like you to have the chance to weigh in. St. James has volunteered to host two discussion groups on **May 9th from 9:30-11:00** and on **May 10th from 9:30-11:00** in the sanctuary at St. James.

BeLocal will share findings with City Council and other community groups that might benefit from the information. We are all really excited about this and look forward to talking to you. Please let Pat know if you will be able to attend (301-829-0014 or stjamesnursery@verizon.net)

Safeguarding God's Children Training!!

When: Tuesday, May 17th from 9:30-11:30

Where: St. James' Sanctuary

What: This program is geared to preventing and responding to child sexual abuse in everyday life and ministry. Provides a basic understanding of the dynamics of child sexual abuse, how to recognize signs that a child may have been abused, and what to do if you have concerns about a person's behavior toward a child or youth, or if you suspect that a child or youth has been molested. For all adults concerned about children and youth.

Why: All adults, and especially parents, need to be aware of the possibility of child sexual abuse and their child. If you can, please come to this training. You will not be sorry. Please RSVP to Pat at 301-829-0014 or by e-mail stjamesnursery@verizon.net.

Teacher Appreciation Week!



May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Please remember to show your teachers just how special they are to us!

E-Scrip and Food Lion!

Thank you to all the families that helped to raise hundreds of dollars through these two programs. You can still sign-up for eScrip on-line at escrip.com and choose St. James' Nursery School (id# 155428931) to benefit from your purchases. Thank you!

Summer Program!!



There are still openings in our Summer Program – just drop in the office to sign-up! The program will be held weekdays from 9:00-11:30 AM. The program will run from June 13 to July 29 with the exception of the July 4th holiday week. Your child can attend for only one week or a number of weeks, not necessarily in sequence, depending on your family's schedule.

Former participants will happily describe the fun they have had doing science experiments, water play and building things from wood, to name a few of our many activities.

The program is available to all 3, 4 and 5 year old children in our community who have not yet attended kindergarten and will have turned three by 9/1/11 and are potty trained. Children need not have attended St. James' Nursery School prior to this summer, but medical forms are required.

Sign up to join the summer fun!!



End-of-Year School Picnics

Picnics will be held at Watkin's Park:

May 25 from 11:30-1:30

Red Room & Annex Pre-K 4's

May 26 from 9:00-10:15

All 2's Classes Brunch Picnic

May 26 from 10:30-12:00

All 3's Classes Lunch Picnic

May 27 from 11:30-1:30

Yellow Room Pre-K 4's

A rain date is set for May 31. Look for a sign-up/information about bringing food or drink for the picnic and signing-up to help with face-painting, monitoring the moon bounce and clean-up. Remember to bring arm chairs, blankets, sun block, outdoor play equipment and plenty of SUNSHINE!!

To Main Street and Annex Three Year Olds

Great Expectations

It's time to say good-bye.

Our class has come to an end.

I've made more cherished memories,
and many more friends.

I've watched your children learn and
grow.

And change from day to day.

I hope that all the things we've done
have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories,

I send them out the door. With
great hope and expectations for
what next year holds in store.

Three year old classes teaching team

Ms. Kim, Ms. Linda, Ms. Dona, Ms.

Susan, Ms. Deb, Ms. Tracy,

Mrs. Calka, Mrs. Thomas and Ms. Angie

Silver (and other stuff) Event

The Gold Event last November was so successful for everyone that St. James' will hold a similar event, focused on Sterling silver, on Sunday May 22nd following the 10:30 service. Bring your silver (Sterling or equivalent, but not silver-plate) to church, and the buyer will assess the value and offer you a price, which you may accept or not.

If you missed the Gold Event or have found more gold to turn in, the buyer will also be purchasing gold, coins, antiques (including jewelry), old watches, old photos, and the like. As with the Gold Event, you'll get top dollar for your unwanted, broken, or mismatched items, and St. James' will receive at least 10% of the total amount of the day's transactions. It's a win-win event for all parties, so go through the stuff you can't or don't use but you didn't want to just throw away and turn it into \$ for you and St. James' on May 22nd.

If you have questions or can volunteer to help at the event, please call Susan Winters at 410-489-9323 or e-mail her at grwii@comcast.net

A Rainbow For Me

God, did you paint that rainbow
Especially for me?

You used my favorite colors,
It's up there for me to see.

I think You made that rainbow
To show me that You care.
Oh, how I love that rainbow,
But I think that I will share.

So, thank You for my rainbow,
I know it's just for me.
But You can leave it in the sky
For everyone to see!



To the Pre-K Four
Year Old Classes

A Special Person

You're a very special person, and I
wanted you to know,
How much I enjoyed being your
teacher.

How fast the year did go!

So, please come back to visit me
as through the grades you grow.
Try hard to learn all that you can.
there is so much to know!

The one thing I tried to teach you,
to last your whole life through,
is to know that you are SPECIAL
There is no one else like you!

I'm glad I was your teacher.

I've come to love you so. I can't
believe the end is here.

I hate to see you go.

Remember all the fun we had in all
the things we did, but most of all

Remember.....

You're a very special kid!

The four year old classes
teaching team,

Ms. Kim, Ms. Linda,

Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Susan,

Mrs. Garnand and Mrs. Calka



Preschoolers in the Kitchen

Ice Cream in a Baggie!

1/2 cup milk

1/4 cup half and half

1 tablespoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 sandwich size Ziploc bags

1 one gallon size Ziploc bag

2 cups ice

1 tablespoon coarse salt

1. Put one small Ziploc bag inside the other and add the milk, half and half, sugar, and vanilla extract to the inside bag.
2. Seal both bags securely, removing excess air.
3. Add ice and salt to larger bag and place smaller bag inside. Seal firmly.
4. Let the kids shake themselves silly -- shaking, tossing, and turning the bag. Ice cream will be soft and ready to eat in 5 to 10 minutes. Enjoy!!



**Getting Ready for Next
School Year at St. James!!**

For the parents of students returning in the Fall, your first tuition payment is due to us no later than July 15, 2011. New medical forms and emergency cards are not required. You are asked to stop in the office after June 6 to update and/or initial emergency cards and allergy forms. This process must be completed prior to July 15, 2011.



BeLocal Mt. Airy: Grow. Play. Shop. Act.

Introduction of BeLocal Mt. Airy to the Mt. Airy Town Council – Monday, April 4th, 2011

Who We Are

BeLocal Mt. Airy is a brand new local citizens group actively seeking to strengthen our town's sense of community, sense of place, and local self-reliance. Our motto (Grow. Play. Shop. Act.) encourages local-first thinking and citizen-driven initiatives which emerge from a grass roots approach to information gathering and strategic planning.

What We Are Up To

Since we are brand new and BeLocal Mt. Airy is all about building community from the ground up, we are laying a foundation for potential BeLocal Initiatives through a comprehensive Mt. Airy Community Needs Assessment. This assessment entails listening to the people of Mt. Airy on several fronts:

1. Reviewing, analyzing (e.g., in-depth analyses of open ended comments), and building upon the 2008 Mt. Airy Town Survey data
2. Conducting 20-25 discussion groups with residents of all ages as well as service providers, educators, leadership of volunteer organizations, business owners, and town leaders in an effort to understand at a deeper, richer level what residents want and why
3. Administering an online survey that provides a deep dive into 2-3 issues that emerge as most essential to town residents from the discussion groups AND is strongly supported by the 2008 Town Survey results

Working Smart: In Partnership

BeLocal Mt. Airy is teaming with the Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy to conduct the Community Needs Assessment. Both groups are moving forward under the direction of Shattuck and Associates, a research and evaluation firm located on Main Street.



BeLocal Mt. Airy

Belocalmtairy.org



Kiwanis Club of Mt. Airy

mtairykiwanis.org



Shattuck & Associates

shattuckandassociates.com

What We Hope to Find

Two to three clear and detailed initiatives that town residents agree would bring people together around the common cause of making Mt. Airy a more socially connected, sustainable, culturally rich, economically vibrant, and beautiful place to live. We aim to wrap up our study in the next 6-8 weeks and intend to share our findings far and wide with all interested stakeholders.

For more information about our organizations, please see the websites above. If you would like to discuss the study, please contact Erin Tunkel (301 829 9328) or Teresa Shattuck (301 829 6236)

St. James' Episcopal Church QUARTER MANIA FUNDRAISER

DATE: Friday, June 3, 2011

Time: Doors open @ 6pm and game starts @ 7pm

Held at: St. James' Episcopal Church

1307 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Cost: \$5.00 Reserved Advance tickets – will receive 2 game paddles

Door Admissions (if available): \$8.00 – will receive 1 game paddle

Extra paddles cost \$2.00 each

NO REFUNDS – EVERYONE PAYS AT THE DOOR, BUT CALL FOR YOUR ADVANCE SEATS!



Food & Refreshments Available

To reserve your tickets or for more information call: Judy 240-674-1961 or e-mail

jcque116@hotmail.com OR quarter2011@yahoo.com

(put in subject area "quarter mania" or it will not be opened)

Vendors to include, but not limited to, and subject to change without notice:

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| *lia sophia jewelry | *Candy Bouquet | *Tastefully Simple |
| *Longaberger | *Tupperware | *Pampered Chef |
| *Handyman Tools | *Avon | *Catherine Crafts |
| *Judy's Creations | | *Tealightful Treasures |

70-80 Prizes to be given away with

40 paid admissions

Less than 40, number of prizes given away will be adjusted