

Happy 2019! I hope you all had a wonderful, family-filled winter break, and that you are looking forward to the year ahead.....and the snow ahead! Just be aware of our Inclement Weather Policy (see pg. 2) *before* any more bad weather hits so you'll know just what to expect and won't be left panicked and bewildered as to what WPS or ELP does in bad winter weather.

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!

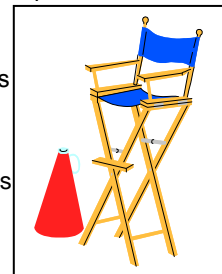
It is astounding to think we are already gearing up for the **2019-20** school year!! After the budgets and class configurations are approved by the Weekday Child Development Committee, you will receive the new Registration Information in your child's school bag (mid-February). Please note the dates of **Open Houses** (see ad on pg. 2). 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 clean start" in the new year, I'd just like to remind everyone to keep our children's safety as the utmost priority when 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" at drop-off or dismissal times, because this *still* introduces moving traffic to an area we are trying to keep clear. *Thank you for doing your part in this effort so that it does not become necessary that we invoke our parking penalty fees to be assessed for violators.*



Here's hoping for a safe, happy, & healthy 2019 for us all.

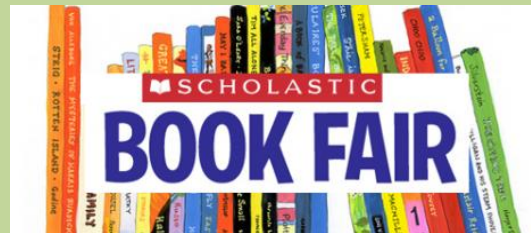
Cherrie Welch

Remember to date tuition checks **2019**



This month at a glance...

- Jan. 16 & 23 – ELP & WPS Open House Tours & Info
- Jan. 21 – Dr. Martin Luther King Day – **NO WPS**
- Jan. 23 – Peter McCov's One Man Band Show



Coming Soon! March 19, 20, & 21

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, Interim Morning, & Late classes, and WPS 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]: **\$74**
- ELP Interim Morning [9:00-9:30]: **\$12**
- ELP Late Day classes [2:30-5:30]: **\$59**
- WPS Extended Day classes [for morning preschoolers 12:00-2:30]: **\$39**
- WPS Late Day classes [2:30-5:30]: **\$45**

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 119ThF
WPS Main Hallway: Room 124
ELP Hallway: Bears Class



WPS & ELP OPEN HOUSE

School Tour and Information Sessions:



All sessions start at
10:00AM
on the following dates:

- **January 16**
- **January 23**
- **February 13**
- **February 21**

*Flyers are available in the office
Please invite your friends and neighbors!*

Looking ahead...

Feb. 13 – ELP & WPS Open House Tours & Info
Feb. 11-14 – Interim Reports go home
Feb 18 – Presidents Day – NO SCHOOL - WPS
Feb. 21 – ELP & WPS Open House Tours & Info
Feb. 26 – 2018-19 Registration for staff children & AUMC Members
Feb. 20 – Eric Energy Science Show



Inclement Weather Policy

ELP classes follow the calling of FCPS for school closures and early dismissals.

- In case of a delayed opening, all ELP classes will open at 10:30AM.
- Interim Morning classes open at 10 am.
- In case of an Early Dismissal, Late Day classes will be cancelled.

WPS classes follow the calling of FCPS for school closures.

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

NOTE: If you would like to have immediate FCPS weather closures sent directly to your phone/e-mail, please sign up for "News You Choose" online at www.fcps.edu. Scroll nearly to the bottom of the page and click on the blue box to enter your contact information. Then click on "Weather Closures" or other info you'd like to receive.

It is the parent's responsibility to stay abreast of changing weather conditions throughout the day during inclement weather. A late fee will be assessed for any tardy pick-ups on early dismissal days which will accrue for each 10 minute period past dismissal time. Please stay tuned to local TV or radio, or go to www.fcps.edu during changing weather.



WPS & ELP also have an **Emergency Notification System** in place through remind.com. If you are signed up, you will automatically receive notices of school closures, delays, or

early dismissals (as long as electric power or cell service is available for the sender!). If you have not yet signed up, you may register to receive emails at remind.com (register as a **WPS & ELP Parent**), or you may text the message **@wps-elp** to **81010** to register to receive text message alerts.