



TINY TALES



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY, 2020

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK:

Dear TCDS Families,



Happy February! I truly hope that this month is full of warmth and love for all of you. January brought us frigid weather outside but warm and exciting times inside here at TCDS! The children have been learning about the winter season through books, activities, and play. Many classes have learned about Arctic animals that live in cold places and have discovered how camouflage helps them in their habitat. And we all got to experience snow and ice first-hand! Such is life during a winter season in Maryland!

The cold temperatures are expected to stick around this month, so please continue to send your child to school with hats, mittens, and heavy coats. We understand the importance of outdoor play, and will try to get to the playground even when it is cold (but never when it is below freezing). Also, keep an eye out for chapped lips and skin on your child's face. We are not permitted to put lip balm or lotion on your child during the school day, so please moisturize before coming into school. Per MSDE regulations, children are NOT supposed to apply their own lip balm or lotion in school, so please do not send it in book bags or coat pockets!



The Day School had a fantastic January Open House and Registration went extremely well. We still have some space available for next year, so if you have any friends or neighbors looking for a preschool family, please send them our way. If you have not registered yet, and intend to do so, please stop by the office. **As a reminder, your last tuition payment was due February 1. Your child's placement for next year cannot be finalized until we receive that payment. Thank you for your cooperation.**

On Thursday, February 20, we are excited to offer another Extended Day Music lesson with Ms. Sue. This integrated lesson, called "Musical Snow", will involve new songs, parachute games, and so much more fun. The cost of the afternoon (12-3) is \$24 and your child must be potty-trained to participate. All students will need a peanut-free lunch on that day. Be on the lookout for permission slips to come home soon!

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about planning for the summer! We have started organizing Trinity's Summer Nature Program and are excited to offer this program again this year. We will offer four weeks of our summer program beginning June 1 through June 26. Each week will be dedicated to a different exciting theme including Safari, Under the Sea, STEM, and Cooking and Nutrition. Please check out our school's website, www.trinitychurchdayschool.com to find a flyer, an application, and even a savings coupon. Paper copies will be coming home next week. The program is open to the community, but our students will be given the first opportunity to register. Registration will be open for the Summer Nature Program on March 2.



The Parents' Club Spring Barn Bash is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at Grimmel Farms. It will be a wonderful social event filled with good food, drink, dancing, and fabulous auction items. Mark the date on your calendar, schedule a babysitter, and please plan to attend. All money raised will be used to purchase new instructional materials and playground equipment! Tickets will be on sale soon.

All of the children will participate in Trinity Church Day School's "Read To Me" reading incentive program during the months of March and April. The children will create a bookmark with their teacher at the start of the program and will receive a gift book at the conclusion. Look for a packet of information about the reading program to come home at the end of this month.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK *continued...*

With winter weather upon us and the cold and flu season in full swing, please refer to our school handbook for guidelines regarding school policy and illnesses. Additionally, please note that if your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness such as strep throat or pinkeye, they may not return to school until they have been on an antibiotic for 24 hours.

Mark your calendar for our annual Grandparent's Days on March 3, 4, 5 and 6. These days provide opportunities for Grandparents or special friends to interact with your child in the classroom. This year, we must spread visitation over four days so that the classrooms do not become overcrowded. Please keep an eye out for an RSVP form to come home in the coming weeks. The schedule will be as follows :

Tuesday, March 3	2-day and 5-day classes	Last Name A-L
Wednesday, March 4	3-day classes	Last Name A-L
Thursday, March 5	2-day and 5-day classes	Last Name M-Z
Friday, March 6	3-day classed	Last Name M-Z

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please stop by the office. Our door is always open. Stay warm out there!

Take Care,
Chrissy

FROM OUR RECTOR:

Dear Friends,

On Feb. 2, Puxataney Phil will probably see his shadow and so tell us that we have six more weeks of winter. Easter, that traditional harbinger of spring (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) will not arrive until the middle of April. Nevertheless, the days are growing noticeably longer. As someone who doesn't mind the cold but really HATES winter's lack of sunshine, I appreciate every extra minute of daylight.

The time following Christmas in the church year, called Epiphany, draws spiritual parallels with the lengthening of days we now enjoy. Beginning with the Star of Bethlehem, the church turns its attention to the various ways in which God brings spiritual light into our lives. We refer to Jesus as the "light of the world." During the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday and Lent, our gospel readings on Sunday come from The Sermon on the Mount. The teachings included in this "sermon" show us how we can live so as to be lights to the world. During chapel services (when not cancelled because of winter weather!) one of the ways in which we can bring light into the lives of others is through acts of love and kindness. How wonderful that Valentine's Day, a day honoring love, falls during Epiphany. What a great opportunity to teach our children about the power of our words and actions of love.

Let God's light so shine in your life that your life may be a light to the world.

+ Fran



THANK
YOU
SO
MUCH

A great big shout-out to
MRS. BARB MACEACHERN
She is the grandmother of
one of our students in the 2's
program and has kept us
supplied in pretzels
this year (and last)! You are an angel
Mrs. MacEachern!



The TCDS Parents' Club
will be selling Dutch Mill Bulbs for this
year's spring fundraiser. It's a great way to
beautify our community and fund the
purchase of new playground
equipment. TCDS will earn at least 50%
profit on every package of bulbs sold.
Economically priced and guaranteed by Dutch Mill Bulbs to
grow and bloom, it's an easy sell. Don't have a green thumb
and still want to participate? Bulbs can be donated back to
the school to be planted in our gardens.



MUSIC & MOVEMENT NOTES

We've gotten into the wintry spirit with snowmen and icicle songs! All the classes learned a poem with hand movements, "The Chubby Little Snowman"; a song, "Snowmen Riding on a Sled"; and a finger play with body movements, "Five Happy Snowmen on a Cold Winter's Day". Perhaps your child has told you about the "Snowkey Pokey"?

In honor of the Martin Luther King holiday, the 4s learned a poem about Martin Luther King and a song, "Freedom, Freedom, Let it Ring".

The 3s and 4s classes have started rehearsing songs and dances for our spring musical, "A Celebration of Mother Goose". Stay tuned for more details!

In February, we will be learning songs about Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day. We will also begin preparing songs for Easter Chapel.

Just a reminder for Movement Classes on Friday: To prevent falls, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear... no boots or long dresses.



Two musical events will be happening in February:

Sunday, February 2: Trinity Church Day School Sunday - Trinity students are invited to the Church's 10 a.m. service. We will be representing the School and singing two hymns. I invite all the children to come and sing with me!

Thursday, February 20: I will be leading a special musical Extended Day - Musical Snow. We'll be building a musical snowman with rhythm instrument improvisation, skating with the parachute, and showing off our creative dance moves with colorful snowflakes, aka scarves! I'm looking forward to a fun afternoon with many friends.
Snow date: Thursday, February 27.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Musically,

Sue

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

Warm up to February's chill at Extended Day with good friends and a cup of hot chocolate. It's the time of year for flowers, candy and hearts. Come help us spread the love of Valentine's Day with sparkling crafts and sweet treats.

Our Valentine's Day celebration will be held on Friday, February 14th. Please plan on joining us. As a reminder, your child may attend Extended Day any time, not just on their scheduled school day.

Mrs. Vicky,
Ms. Mindy
Ms. Olivia



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our Trinity friends celebrating birthdays in February:

Connor Geraghty
Caroline Schueler
Elliot Ali
Maria Dengler
Sophia Gunby
Michael Hirsch
Tata Kalashnikova-Luby
Finley Graczyk
Mrs. Jean Carder
Benjamin Gregory



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:
TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL

GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY
TUESDAY — FRIDAY
MARCH 3RD—MARCH 6TH

See Director's Message for more details on dates and times

Invite your child's grandparent/friend to come spend the morning with them and see what they do at TCDS!
More info to follow...



NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, February 17th
In observation of



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS



DUE: FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Order forms
can be picked up in the lobby.

If you would like to order online and
use your credit card, please go to:

www.scholastic.com/readingclub
And use our code: **MHKGK**

**GROUNDHOG
• DAY •**

2nd FEBRUARY



Hey!

*Trinity Long Green
Parish Hall*



Let's go to the movies!

Friday, Feb. 21
@ 6:30 pm

Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like!
Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's free.

And
FROZEN 2
in
MARCH !!

UPDATED 2019-2020 CALENDAR

February	1 2 10 17	Tuition payment #4 due TCDS Sunday Service – 10:00 a.m. TCDS Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Presidents' Day – TCDS CLOSED
March	3-6 20	Grandparents' Days 4's Field Trip to Goucher's Arts on Stage
April	3 4-13 14 15 22 & 23 24 28 & 29	Easter Chapel Spring Break – TCDS CLOSED School Reopens TCDS Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. 3's Field Trip to Ladew Gardens 4's Field Trip to Marshy Point Class Pictures
May	tbd 7 & 8 11 13 & 14 2's & 3's 20 22 25	Hearing & Vision Screening (all 4's) Spring Musicals Conference Day – TCDS CLOSED for students - Extended Day Open 9-3 Zoomobile Visit Last day of Enrichment Last day of school for students Memorial Day – TCDS CLOSED
June	1-5 8 8-12 15-19 22-26	Week 1 – Summer Nature Program TCDS Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Week 2 – Summer Nature Program Week 3 – Summer Nature Program Week 4 – Summer Nature Program

Inclement Weather Policy for TCDS



In case of inclement weather, listen for information concerning Baltimore County Public Schools.

If Baltimore County Public Schools are **delayed one hour**, Trinity Church Day School will **open at 10am**.

If Baltimore County Public Schools are **delayed two hours**, Trinity Church Day School will **open at 11 am and conclude at 1pm** for our morning session. If Baltimore County Public School System is **closed** due to

inclement weather, Trinity Church Day School will **close as well**. If Baltimore County Schools **must close early** during the day due to inclement weather, **the afternoon session and Extended Day will close at noon**. Children should be picked up as soon as possible. If Trinity Church Day School is closed for more than 10 days due to inclement weather we will make up days as follows: April 6,7, and 8, 2020.

TCDS' ILLNESS POLICY



If your child is sent home or stays home with a fever or vomiting, please do not send your child back to school until he/she is without fever or vomiting for at **least 24 hours**. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness such as strep throat or pinkeye, please be aware that your child may not return to school until they have been on an antibiotic for at **least 24 hours**. Additionally, if your child has a cold with cough and running nose, please use sound judgment about not sending them back to school too soon.

Illness During School Hours

Please check your child each morning before bringing him/her to school. You will be called to pick up your child immediately should your child:

- * Have a temperature of over 100 degrees
- * Have vomiting or diarrhea
- * Have unidentified spots
- * Show signs of conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- * Be uncomfortable in the extreme (i.e. sore throat, stomach ache, or ear ache)
- * Have yellow/green nasal discharge

Your child and the parents of other children in our programs will appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



Happy February! With registration for next year underway at Trinity, or taking that next step into Kindergarten, I wanted to take a second and say how much I appreciate this community. You are what makes Trinity such an amazing school. Your support not only helps your own child(ren), but provides a network for our teachers and community. You all are amazing!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the **Barn Bash**, is set for **Saturday, April 18th from 6-10pm at Grimmel Farm**. Our chairs (Kara and Sarah) have been busy planning to make sure this event is spectacular, but we need your help! We need help in soliciting businesses and getting silent auction items. We're looking for gift cards (grocery stores, restaurants, shops, salons, groomers, etc.), experiences (birthday parties, car detailing, paint nights, date nights, etc.), new items (get anything for the holidays that's just not you, but maybe someone else would love? Send it in! It will help raise money and clear out some space in your house). If you can help in any way, please email karamsnnyder@gmail.com or srosenbergcrnp@icloud.com. Should you need a donation form, they're located on the table in the lobby, or can be obtained through email.



Flower and Plants are currently on sale and all order forms are **due by February 28, 2020**. Plants are coming from Pennsylvania and will be delivered based on the start of our growing season (mid April). From flower bulbs to strawberry plants, there's something for even the most entry level gardener, plus a potted plant makes a great gift and adds warmth and color to any décor (inside or out!). Please contact Kristen Callihan at kristen040281@yahoo.com with any questions. ,



Box Tops – donation box located in the lobby and can be dropped off at any time, but be sure to download the app and scan your receipts and they are going digital!

We fundraise to get the needed items not covered by grants (learning rugs, tables, chairs, etc), add to our scholarship fund, support our community, and help improve the school. On top of the “normal” things we fundraise for, this year we have another goal. While the final product hasn't been selected yet, we're hoping to be able to purchase new, more age appropriate and useful playground equipment. Good quality equipment isn't cheap, so please reach out and help us meet our goal in any way that you can. From buying fundraising items, to helping collect items for our silent auction, even the smallest actions help us meet our goal.

Thank you!!

Cari Santiago, Parents' Club President (TCDSPCPresident@gmail.com)

Colleen Castle, Parents' Club Vice-President

Brian Johnson, Parents' Club Treasurer



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!!

Tuesday, Feb. 25,

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Wear your costumes!

Trinity Church Parish Hall



Shrove Tuesday originated in the Middle Ages. Lent is a time of prayer and fasting, and rich foods like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were restricted. Not wanting to waste food, families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, to use up items that would spoil during the next forty days.

The English tradition of eating pancakes came about as a way to use up as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Lent. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.

For more information please call the church office.

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COME JOIN THE FUN!
TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL'S
SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM 2020

June 1 - June 26
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Register March 2 for Trinity's Summer Nature Program. Each week will feature a different fun and engaging theme. Our schedule is as follows:

- Exploration/Arrival Activity
- Morning Meeting
- Snack Time
- Singing and Movement
- Outdoor Activities
- Craft Activities
- Story Time
- Lunch
- Clean-up and Closing Meeting
- A Water Play Day (1x per week)
- Organized Game Day (1x per week)

Themes:

- Week 1: Safari
- Week 2: Under the Sea
- Week 3: STEM
- Week 4: Cooking and Nutrition



Afternoon Extended Day is available (June 1-5 and 8-12 is guaranteed, June 15-19 and 22-26 will be available if enough students sign up in advance) until 4:00 p.m. Bring your brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors! Program is open to all children ages 3-6, although children must be potty-trained to participate. Additional applications are available in the school office or online at www.trinitychurchdayschool.com.

Savings coupon available on our website (coupon expires May 1)