



CCEP Newsletter

A Great School Year Comes to an End



Here we are at the end of another wonderful school year. For me, it flew by! This eleventh year of the school's existence has been marked by some wonderful events, a great deal of learning and growth, opportunities to worship and serve together, and deep bonds of friendship started or strengthened (for both adults and children). Thank you for entrusting your children to our care, for your support of our amazing faculty and staff, and your many ways of helping us meet our mission.

We will observe the end of our school year with two special events next Wednesday. First, the Stars students will all be honored at a special end-of-year chapel. We will

celebrate their completion of our Pre-K program and present them with a necklace made of beads and a wooden cross that reminds them how to pray. They will sing some of their favorite chapel songs for the guests and we will take a final photo of this amazing class and their teachers. The chapel will be filled with Stars' parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and friends. This service begins at 4 p.m. and will conclude by 4:30 p.m. This is an occasion for which some children like to "dress up." (Stars' parents—don't forget to order your DVD of the service with a photo montage of all your children at OK Video.)

For all families, the picnic follows the chapel and we are hoping for good weather so that we can be outdoors and enjoying our beautiful campus. Stars' homeroom parent, Christine Ulrich, is in charge of organizing

the event, but we need lots of people to step up and help. Food is provided by Pat's and by parent volunteers. In addition, we need a few volunteers to help with set up, table décor, and clean up. Because the Stars' parents will be upstairs in the chapel during the food setup, we particularly need parents of Lambs and Lions to help with this. Please use this Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer: [End of Year Picnic](#)

Please note that after-care ENDS AT 4:00 P.M. that day. All children must be picked up by that time so that teachers can attend the Honor-the-Stars Chapel.

Panicking at the idea of school ending? Sign up for summer camp! A few slots are open in the early weeks—more in the later weeks.

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Points of Interest:

- ☺ Honor the Stars Ceremony
- ☺ York Lyn Day on Sunday

JUNE DATES

JUNE 7, 2017

Last Day of School

Honor the Stars
Chapel

End-of-Year Picnic

JUNE 12-16, 2017

Summer Camp Week 1

JUNE 19-23, 2017

Summer Camp Week 2

JUNE 26-30, 2017

Summer Camp Week 3



HAPPY
SUMMER

A Star Ending fosters a Great Beginning

It never ceases to amaze us how quickly a school year comes to an end. We have enjoyed teaching new skills, being creative, modeling proper social behavior and having good ole' fun.

The end of the school year is a bittersweet time for us. While we look forward to relaxing and embracing summer, it also means saying goodbye to our precious Stars. We have given them love and encouragement and watched them grow throughout the school year.

We are so very proud of all their accomplishments!

We recognize that this can be an anxious time for you and your children also. Here are a couple of suggestions from the National Association for the Education of Young Children:

- ♥ Encourage expressing feelings and share your own.
- ♥ Revisit events/accomplishments of the past year. Celebrate what they have learned.

- ♥ Visit the new school/classroom.
- ♥ Plan play dates with new classmates.
- ♥ Read books about starting a new school.

Thank you for the opportunity to educate and nurture your wonderful children. We wish them well on their next phase of life. They will always hold a special place in our hearts!

Mari Schubert, Janet Spring,
Annie Williams
Pre-K Teachers

O.K. VIDEO

Honor the Stars Chapel Official DVD/Blu-ray

Chapel Service & Photo Montage:

DVD \$22* / Blu-ray \$32*

Includes USPS Shipping and Handling
Orders arrive by August 1st

Order online at www.okvideode.com

*Prices increase July 17th

This DVD of the chapel service includes a lovely photo montage. The ceremony is one you will treasure for years. Priceless memories! Submit the order forms sent home a few weeks ago with payment or order online by clicking the link provided.

iKeeping Busy with Spanish Crafts This Summer!

Language University is offering to help keep your little ones busy with their four-craft summer package. These crafts will feature all of the children's favorite characters and covered vocabulary. You will find pictures of these crafts and all information in a PDF attached with this newsletter. The cost is \$20. Cash or checks payable to **Paul Calvarese** are accepted. Crafts will be delivered June 6th and parents can pick up their craft packets on the last day of school!



Gala Update

Our Cinco de Mayo Gala was a wonderful festival, attended by over 150 people, and we enjoyed a lovely evening of great food and drink from Caffe Gelato (thanks, Ryan!), music from a super DJ who got folks up and moving, some competitive stalking of silent auction items, and the always-fun live auction that was a great contest of wills among determined parents. Our own mom, Tricia Sullivan, led the fun and encouraged the competition, while being selectively blind to the man in the front row madly waving his bid number. The Fund-a-Cause auction raised \$6,000 for the purchase of a set of Outlast Building Blocks for our outdoor classroom. I happily forfeited my parking spot for the winter months to benefit our school, and was amazed at how many people were willing to pay for the privilege of not walking down the hill with kids, bags, and

strollers in tow. All in all, we raised approximately \$29,000 at the gala. Hats off to our chairs and volunteers!

For all who attended, it was a great occasion for fellowship and fun. It reminded me once again of the strength of our community. We had many alums dating back to the first year of our school, as well as current parents, sponsors, grandparents, board members, parishioners, faculty, friends, and church staff in attendance. How many preschools can boast this kind of supportive community, where children's classmates' parents remain connected long after the children have moved on to other schools? We know that this kind of community doesn't happen by chance and that we must always nurture and care for it. Thank you for doing your part to support each other and for making CCEP an institution that ministers to adults and children alike.

A Healthy Environment

From an article by Victoria Prooday:

A healthy environment for children looks like this:

- ♥ Emotionally available parents (not distracted by devices)
- ♥ Clearly defined limits and guidance (Saying no is okay; in fact, it's your job!)
- ♥ Assignment of responsibilities (Children need chores.)
- ♥ Balanced nutrition and adequate sleep (wide variety of foods and an

early bedtime)

- ♥ Movement and outdoor time (the more the better!)
- ♥ Creative play, social interaction, and opportunities for unstructured times (including boredom!)

Some ideas to help you provide this environment:

- ♥ Play outdoors at least an hour each day.
- ♥ Allow no devices during mealtime (including your own).

- ♥ Play one board game every day.
- ♥ Let your children help with simple tasks: folding laundry, making beds, setting the table
- ♥ Set bedtime at a consistent hour; for preschool children, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. is ideal.
- ♥ Impose natural consequences: Examples include not delivering a forgotten item (backpack or lunch) to school; not peeling a banana for a 5-year old.



What's wrong with this picture?



Summer Camp



Have you signed
up for summer
camp yet?



Annual Fund Update



We have had a very successful Annual Fund drive this year. Our participation level is high from most all groups and we are so grateful for this generous support of our school and its mission. Although our Leapfrog Challenged ended long ago, I thought you might be interested in seeing the updated percentages of participation from our constituent groups. As of today, here are the numbers:

Vestry - 65%

Board of Trustees - 100%

Faculty - 68%

Current Parents - 46%

Grandparents - 54%

We have a number of other faithful donors as well, including alumni parents, alumni grandparents, family foundations, parishioners, and friends. Donors to date are listed on the next page.

Our fiscal year ends on June 30, so if you'd still like to make a gift to our Annual Fund, you may do so until that date. To donate online, use this link: www.ccepde.org/annual-fund. Thank you so much for all the gifts you make to CCEP; although many are monetary, your other gifts of time and service to our school are equally appreciated.

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May & June Birthdays!



Sadie B.—May 13
Hunter M.—May 15
Christian P.—May 21
Max R.—May 23
Kate S.—May 23
Finn D.—May 25

John S.—May 25
Emily F.—May 27
Mallory H.—May 27
Grace F.—May 29

Arden S.—June 2
Sam W.—June 6
Libby C.—June 8
Ren S.—June 20

JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	No Camp — School and Offices are Closed					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Summer Camp — Week 4					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Summer Camp — Week 5					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Summer Camp — Week 6					