

## Happy 2020!

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We hope everyone had a nice break. The children will be settling back into their school routines and we are looking forward to a fun filled month here at First School. We are celebrating 2020 with many fun events over the next months! Please read more about them below. Thanks!

### NEW STAFF MEMBER!

Please welcome Mrs. Seema Yadav to our staff. She is the mother of Aavya who is in Mrs. Wright's MWF AM class. Mrs. Yadav is helping us out with our Monday and Friday Lunch Bunch classes and is also handling the Mighty Ninja lunch classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January. Mrs. Yadav is an Engineer by profession. She received her degree in India where she worked in the profession for a while before moving to Albany New York with her husband. She worked in Albany as an engineer until having her children. She has a 6 year old son in addition to Aavya. Her husband Ajay is a software engineer. We are so excited to have Seema on our staff. Please welcome her next time you are at school.

### JULIA'S JAMMIES REPORT:

A HUGE Thank You to all of our families who participated in this worthwhile collection. We received 150 pair of jammies which were delivered to Julia on Dec. 19. She was overwhelmed with gratitude and will be sure to tag us on FaceBook when they are delivered to the various Children's Hospitals in the region.

### SNOW DAYS:

Please remember that if Centerville closes due to bad weather, we will close also. If Centerville has a two hour delay, we will have a one hour delay, opening at 9:40 and closing at the normal time of 11:10. Watch the TV, TV weatherapps, or FaceBook for details. Hopefully we will continue to enjoy this mild weather throughout the rest of the winter. :)

### YAMAHA VIOLIN CLASS

Give your child the gift of music to last a lifetime! Sara Morgan is a Certified Suzuki Violin Teacher who is currently accepting new students. Contact her at SDSViolins@att.net or look at the website at www.SDSViolins.org.

**2019 TAXES:** I will be sending out a 2019 Tuition payment receipt for those who like to claim childcare on their taxes with your next statements around Jan. 15.  
Stacey

### Dates to Remember:

- January 6: School resumes
- January 7: 8 session Mighty Dragons Ninja class starts (Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January)
- January 14 & 15: Spirit Days
- January 15: Young 5's & Kindergarten Info Session 11:30 a.m.-12:15 pm
- January 20: MLK Day NO SCHOOL
- January 23 & 24: Crazy Hat days
- January 27-31: International Showcase



### INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE WEEK

We will study and discover our world at First School from January 27-31 during International Showcase Week. We are hoping to have two different countries to learn about each day. **If you have visited or lived in another country we need you.** We would like to have two displays set up each day. The display can have a variety of things: games, pictures, items kids can touch and play with, etc. We would love to have a representative stay at the table and talk with the different classes that come to visit. The morning classes would be from 9:00-11:00 and the afternoon classes would be from 12:00-12:45. Please let your teacher know or Mrs. Schroeder at [Shayna@firstschooldayton.com](mailto:Shayna@firstschooldayton.com). We hope you can help us with this wonderful experience for the children.



## **YOUNG 5'S & KINDERGARTEN READINESS INFORMATION DAY IS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15 FROM 11:30-12:15.**

Are you wondering about the transition from pre-school to Kindergarten? Is your child ready? Wondering what kinds of things you can do to help you child have a great year? Are you wondering what the advantage of First School's Kindergarten might be? Would a Young 5's program be appropriate? We will discuss the following at this informative meeting:

- What children are expected to know going into Kindergarten
- Young 5's programs vs. Kindergarten Programs
- The process of transition from pre-school to any Kindergarten
- What you can expect in a typical Kindergarten class – both curriculum and schedule
- What things you can do with your child to assure a great start in any program

A Question & Answer period will follow the presentation. This meeting is open to current AND prospective families. **Child care will be available** (Please call us at 937-433-3455 to RSVP so we have enough staff available.)

*\*Kindergarten class must have at least five students enrolled to occur.*

*A special thank you to Mrs. Danielle Hilgeman who will be our Teacher Appreciation Week school Coordinator this year. She is looking for helpers and suggestions for a fun May 4-8 week. Please see Stacey if you'd like to be a part of the festivity planning.*



Looking Ahead...FEBRUARY and MARCH Explorer's Club class will be DRUMS ALIVE taught by Dorie Phillips, MT-BC Drums Alive Certified Instructor on Wednesdays from 12:00- 12:40 p.m. This evidence research based program, combining rhythmical drum and dance choreography to motivate movement is what Drums Alive is all about. Each class is designed for whole-body and brain development to encourage children to have fun and get healthy. Fitness balls, drumsticks, manipulatives, drums, instruments and more will be included in each class. Registration forms for the class will be coming home the week of January 13th. **Limited space is available in this class. Sign up early! This class was wildly popular last year!!!**

### **2020-21 ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

We love our First School families and hope that you plan on enrolling with us again (if applicable) for the 2020-21 school year! Please look for your enrollment packet around January 17, 2020.

If you have questions, concerns or advice, please see Stacey or Shayna. Our goal is to have 100% re-enrollment. We will open enrollment to the public starting on February 1.