

*"No Child Left
Sitting" at the*

EDUCARE KIDS IN MOTION PROGRAM



Educare Learning Center

Calendar of Events Winter 2012
(January-March 2012)

Educare Calendar of Events



January 2012

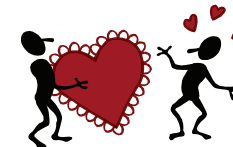


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Monthly & Preschool Tuition Due	2 ELC CLOSED (New Year's Day) FCPS CLOSED	3	4 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) EFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	5 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	6 <i>National Bean Day</i> Discovery Walk (Rm 1b)	7
8 <i>National Bubble Bath Day</i>	9 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Cooking Fun (Rm 1b) Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	10 Cooking Fun (Rm 2) Discovery Walk (PS3)	11 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	12 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	13 Cooking Fun (PS4) Discovery Walk (Rm 4)	14
15 <i>National Hat Day</i>	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> ELC CLOSED (Staff In-Service Day)	17 Monthly Early Bird Tuition Due Cooking Fun (Rm 4) FCPL Bookmobile Discovery Walk (Rm 2)	18 <i>A.A. Milne's Birthday</i> (Author of Winnie the Pooh) Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	19 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Discovery Walk (Rm 1a)	20 <i>National Penguin Awareness Day</i> Cooking Fun (Rm 3) FCPS Dismiss 2 Hrs Early	21
22	23 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Center-Wide Special Guest Entertainment (EFA Sponsored) FCPS/PS4 Closed Discovery Walk (SA)	24 Cooking Fun (PS3)	25 <i>National Opposite Day</i> Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	26 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	27 Discovery Walk (PS4) Popcorn Trolley	28
29 <i>National Puzzle Day</i>	30 Cooking Fun (SA)	31 Parent Orientation 5:30 p.m.	A Night Out of the Kitchen Date TBA (EFA Sponsored)	DISCOVERY WALKS will be held on our upper grounds	Unit of Study: <i>Winter Wonders!</i>	

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February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Unit of Study: <i>Friends Forever</i>	<i>DISCOVERY WALKS</i> will be held on our upper grounds	Parent's Night Out Date TBA 4-9 p.m. (EFA Sponsored)	1 Monthly & Preschool Tuition Due Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) EFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	3 Discovery Walk (Rm 1a)	4
5	6 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	7 Cooking Fun (PS3) FCPL Bookmobile	8 <i>National Kite Flying Day</i> Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) Discovery Walk (Rm 4)	9 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Discovery Walk (PS3)	10 <i>National Umbrella Day</i> Cooking Fun (SA)	11
12 <i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 Cooking Fun (PS4)	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Pizza and PJ Party (EFA Sponsored)	15 Monthly Early Bird Tuition Due Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) Discovery Walk (Rm 2)	16 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	17 FCPS Dismiss 2 Hrs Early Cooking Fun (Rm 2) Discovery Walk (PS4)	18
19	20 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due <i>President's Day</i> <i>National Cherry Pie Day</i> FCPS/PS4 Closed Cooking Fun (Rm 1b) Discovery Walk (SA)	21 Cooking Fun (Rm 3) Parent Orientation 5:30 p.m.	22 <i>George Washington's Birthday</i> Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	23 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Discovery Walk (Rm 1b)	24 Popcorn Trolley	25
26	27 <i>National Polar Bear Day</i>	28 Cooking Fun (Rm 4) FCPL Bookmobile Parent Workshop (CSEFEL), 6:30 p.m.	29 <i>Leap Year Day</i> Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)			

Key: **PINK**—Center-wide Events **ORANGE**—Family Events **GREEN**—Discovery Walks **BLUE**—Closures/Early Dismissals **BROWN**—Individual Classroom Events

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March 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EFA Spring Fundraiser TBA	Unit of Study: <i>Going Places!</i>	<i>DISCOVERY WALKS will be held on our upper grounds</i>		1 Monthly & Preschool Tuition Due Music Class (Rm 2 & 4) FCPS Open 4 hrs late No PS3	2 FCPS Dismiss 3.5 Hrs Early	3 <i>National Peach Blossom Day</i>
4	5 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due	6 Cooking Fun (PS3) Discovery Walk (Rm 1a)	7 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) EFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3) Discovery Walk (Rm 3)	9 Cooking Fun (PS4)	10
11 <i>Johnny Appleseed Day</i>	12 Cooking Fun (Rm 2) Discovery Walk (Rm 4)	13 <i>National Earmuff Day</i> Discovery Walk (PS3) Cooking Fun (Rm 3)	14 <i>National Potato Chip Day</i> Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	15 Monthly Early Bird & Quarterly Tuition Due <i>Ides of March</i> Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	16 Cooking Fun (Rm 4) Discovery Walk (PS4)	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18	19 Bi-Weekly Tuition Due	20 <i>International Earth Day</i> Cooking Fun (Rm 4) FCPL Bookmobile	21 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4) Discovery Walk (Rm 2)	22 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	23 FCPS Dismiss 2 Hrs Early Cooking Fun (SA)	24
25 <i>National Waffle Day</i>	26 FCPS/PS4 Closed Cooking Fun (Rm 1b)	27 Discovery Walk (Rm 1b) Parent Orientation 5:30 p.m.	28 Music Class (Rm 1a, 1b, 3 & PS4)	29 Music Class (Rm 2, 4 & PS3)	30 Popcorn Trolley	31

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Key: SA = school-age, PS = preschool hours only program, 1a = Room 1a/Infants Room, 1b = Toddlers, Room 2 = Two's program, Room 3 = Three's program, Room 4 = Pre-K/Four's program, EFA = Educare Family Association, FCPS = Frederick County Public Schools, FCPL = Frederick County Public Library

Mission Statement

Educare Community Mission Statement

We are dedicated to promoting positive development in children by:

- Providing dedicated staff who engage children in the joy and excitement of learning;
- Offering a quality curriculum using innovative and research-based teaching strategies;
- Building caring relationships through positive discipline offered in a safe and enriching environment;
- Establishing strong partnerships with parents/guardians; and
- Nourishing spiritual growth through modeling love and respect for each other and the world around us.

“Kids in Motion,” ELC’s School Year Curriculum Enhancement Program is in response to the “*Let’s Move*”* campaign and will offer a multifaceted experience in learning about nutrition and getting physical on our 22 acres. Activities will include fitness fun outdoor experiences, discovery walks on our extensive nature trails, nutrition and cooking activities, and on-site moonbounce days. Our 22-acre, wooded campus contains four nature-enriched playgrounds, nature trails leading to Catocin Creek and Broad Run Creek. At Educare Learning Center kids are *moving all year long!*

The Let’s Move! Campaign: This campaign was started by First Lady Michelle Obama, has an ambitious national goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight. *Let’s Move!* will combat the epidemic of childhood obesity through a comprehensive approach that will engage every sector impacting the health of children and will provide schools, families and communities simple tools to help kids be more active, eat better, and get healthy. For more information www.letsmove.gov.

Glossary for Winter 2012 Calendar of Events (alphabetical)

Bookmobile

FCPL brings the bookmobile to Educare on regular cycle throughout the year. Our 3 and 4 year old classrooms hear a story and select books from the bookmobile. The program also selects teacher resource materials and Unit of Study books for each classroom to use.

Brunswick Senior Center

We have established a community connection with the Brunswick Senior Center. On specified dates, Senior Citizens play Bingo with our school-age children and collaborate with ELC for the Alex’s Lemonade Stand and the food bank community service projects.

Center Wide Events

- Special Guest Entertainment—A musician or magician will be at ELC to provide some entertainment to all ages (EFA Sponsored)
- Pizza & PJ Party—Children are invited to wear their PJ’s and enjoy a pizza lunch to celebrate Valentine’s Day (EFA Sponsored)

Cooking Fun Days

Each classroom will be participate in a weekly cooking activity to promote health and nutrition throughout the school year.

Community Outreach Activities

During the school year, several community projects are enacted to provide children the opportunity to participate in the experience of giving support to those in need. Examples of projects include: food bank donations (non-perishable food items are collected to take to local food banks), and Alex’s Lemonade Stand (children sell lemonade to support the cure for children’s cancer).

Curriculum Focus

Educare Learning Center uses The Creative Curriculum, a state approved curriculum published by Teaching Strategies. The focus of this curriculum is providing an environment that is predictable and supportive of children’s educational needs. Content areas of literacy, math, science, social studies and the arts are addressed through teacher-directed and child-selected activities.

Discovery Walks

Children will experience Discovery Walks throughout the school year. Children should wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Families are welcome to use the pathway by letting the front desk know when they are on site. If a walk is taken without a center guide, parents are requested to sign our disclosure form.

EFA (Educare Family Association)

The Educare Family Association (EFA) has the expressed purpose of supporting Educare Learning Center through planning activities that build a sense of community among families. Meetings are held at ELC the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:00. Child care is offered at no charge. EFA also oversees all fund raising activities and governs how the funds are used to enhance program offerings for children. All families are members of the EFA upon enrollment of a child in the center; EFA requires no fees for participation. For more information about the EFA, email efa@educatewithcare.com.

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Emergency Closings

Educare makes every effort to stay open for scheduled program hours. When it is necessary to close during the day of operation due to weather, emergencies, or world events, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up children. In the event of inclement weather conditions existing prior to the center's daily opening, parents/guardians may contact the center by 5:30 a.m. or check the website by 6:00 a.m. for information regarding delays or closures.

Family Events

Educare coordinates periodic family events exclusively for Educare Families. This fall events to include:

- A Night Out of the Kitchen (Date TBA)—Families will be invited to enjoy a night out together at a local restaurant (Portion of Sales Donated to EFA).

Fire Drills

The program conducts fire drills once a month. The fire alarm is sounded and children exit the building to the school-age fenced-in playground. Once roll is taken, children return to the building.

Fitness Fun A-Thons

Children will participate in special fitness focus activities such as walk-a-thons, jog-a-thons, and jump-a-thons. Families will be invited to support fitness at home by participating in the a-thons along with the children.

Funding Factory

EFA participates in a fundraiser entitled the Funding Factory. This program recycles ink cartridges and cell phones. Educare receives points from each item recycled and points are used to purchase equipment (such as flat-screen computer monitors and digital cameras) for the classrooms. Visit the link on our web site homepage

www.educatewithcare.com/Educare to learn more about the program.

Holidays and Early Closings

Educare is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July (Independence Day), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on Saturday, Educare will be closed on the prior Friday. If the holiday falls on Sunday, Educare will be closed on the following Monday. The day before Thanksgiving the center closes at 5:30 p.m. so that staff can enjoy the holiday with their families.

Parents' Night Out

The Educare Family Association coordinates a Parent's Night Out from 4-9 p.m. for Educare Parents/Guardians to enjoy a "night off" and leave the children with us.

Parent Orientations

New families are requested to attend a parent orientation meeting to learn more about policies and procedures and to network with other families. An orientation meeting is scheduled once a month; families only need to attend one orientation.

Parent Workshops

All workshops are held at Educare from 6:30—8:00 p.m. at no charge to parents. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. for families. Childcare is provided for \$5.00 per child.

Popcorn Trolley

Once a month, the popcorn trolley finds its way to the main hallway, filling the building with the smell of freshly popped popcorn. Bags of warm popcorn are available to children and families free of charge.

Staff Development/In-service Days

Educare is closed to children on Staff In-service Days in order to provide staff with opportunities to attend training, make enhancements to room environments, prepare for conferences, and hold staff meetings. The program is closed to children on the following days this Winter:

- **Monday, January 16, 2012 (FCPS CLOSED)**

Special Classes

Food Groupies by Ms. Mary is a nutrition awareness program, provide toddlers through preschool with information and experiences using the Food Pyramid/My Plate to make healthy choices for snacks and meals. A series of videos and mini-discussions help to support discussions on healthy development.

Music Class by Ms. Janice is provided as a weekly enhancement to the curriculum throughout the school year for infants-preschool.

Units of Study

Monthly units of study will be offered throughout the school year. **Winter Units of Study: *Winter Wonders, Friends Forever, Going Places***