

HOLY COVENANT ECDP

February 2018

REGISTRATION CELEBRATION: AND THE WINNER IS!

February Fun!

HCUMC Chili Cook Off	3rd @ 6pm
HCUMC Austin Street Shelter Food Donations	3rd @ 9am
HCUMC Children's Sabbath	4th @ 8:30 & 11 am
HCUMC Blood Drive	4th @ 9am
PreK Royal Feast	8th @ 11:30 am
Valentine Parties	13th & 14th
Winter Olympics Fun Friday	16th
President's Day Parade	20th @ 1:45pm
Red T-Shirt Days	21st & 22nd
Community Helpers Weeks	2/26-3/8
Bike Days	7th & 8th

Registration for 2018-2019 is underway. We started with a super fun Registration Celebration with a cameo appearance from Pete the Cat. He's so groovy! And he's all about Rockin' in His School Shoes which is what we'll be doing next year.

We are excited about every school year, and we're super-excited about learning and playing with your family next year! Thank you to all of you who have registered. The three prizes went to the Fullers, the Smiths, and the Nilis who were just a few of the families who registered



on our first day! We are so pumped about going to school with you next year!

We've Got Our Shots!

Denton Public Health came and audited our records. We did well with an average of 94% complete shot records. Thank you to all of you who checked on your shot records.

If your child's shot record is not up to date, you'll be getting a letter from Mrs. Dawson this week. She will let you know which shots were missing from your child's shot record. Then you can check with your doctor if your child needs the shot or if you just need a more current shot record. All paperwork should be turned in to the ECDP Office by February 15th.

ECDP'S WONDROUS RAINFOREST

ECDP's P&O is so amazing! They put together some excellent adventures for our students, like Rainforest Week! We had so much fun learning about the exotic animals of the rainforest, and making great crafts like beaded snakes & fork-painted anteaters.

The children loved the snacks and listening to stories in The Magic School Bus! The P&O makes learning at ECDP even

more magical!

Thank you to everyone who helped run the stations in the gym, who set up and cleaned up for us, and to everyone who prepped or donated items. It takes the whole school community to pull off such a rich learning experience!

The P&O also brought The Creature Teacher to ECDP to let our students see actual animals from the rainforest. She brought many excellent critters, but I think the favorite was the



kinkajou because we got to pet him, and he was so soft! Thanks to Lori Olive & Charlotte Alexander for organizing the week. Thank you to Clay Bonner for helping us with The Magic School Bus. And thank you to the de Manincor family for donating the photo booth! Those are such precious pictures! ECDP Parents ROCK!



Being a Good Neighbor

One of the greatest things about Holy Covenant is its spirit of service. This church is serious about serving others. You can join Holy Covenant in providing meals to the homeless through the Austin Street Shelter. You can donate 12 boiled eggs still in their shell, sandwiches individually packaged, or fruit. Donations will be accepted on February 3rd at 9 a.m. at the church. The meals will be delivered on February 4th, early in the morning. When we serve others, we teach our children how to serve others, and that is one of the greatest lessons our children can learn.

THINGS TO CELEBRATE

February is full of days to celebrate. For preschoolers, the best February celebration is Valentine's Day. We love our friends so much and want every chance to celebrate the friendships that make our school days so fun! Valentine Parties will be on February 13th & 14th. Check with your child's teacher for which day your class will be celebrating. Your child's teacher will also let you know how your class will exchange Valentines.



We will also be celebrating President's Day in February. It's a chance for us to teach our students about the greatness of our country and the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States. We will have school on February 19th, but our parade will be on the 20th at 1:45 p.m.! If the weather allows, we will do our parade in the back parking lot. If not, we'll march in the gym! Come cheer your child on!

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

"Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first."

- Anonymous

One of the neatest things we do every year is invite community helpers into our school to teach us about their jobs. Every year we are visited by the Carrollton Fire Department and Police Department. It's always exciting for the children to meet the protectors in our community and see the tools they use to do their jobs.

teach us about their very unique jobs. Operation Kindness, the Tooth Fairy, Waste Management, even Carrollton Public Works have visited us in the past. We are beginning to schedule this year's visitors, and it looks like we might have some superheroes visiting us. You and your child are welcome to come for each visit even on days that your child doesn't attend school.

tunity for our students to be community helpers through a service project. You'll be getting a note later in the month when the schedule is finalized to let you know when our different visitors are coming and what our service project will be. Don't miss the fun and the chance to help others!

We also like to invite other folks from the community to

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Face to Face

The most powerful educational tool for preschoolers is interactive social play which is why the American Pediatric Association advises parents not to begin screen time for children before 2 years of age. Just as you may set a limit for screen time in your home, consider also requiring a certain amount of outdoor play. God made us to move!

FUN FRIDAY: ECDP'S WINTER OLYMPICS

It looks like it won't snow for us this winter, but we won't let that keep us from enjoying Winter Olympic Sports. February's Fun Friday will have us playing ice hockey, doing the luge, and maybe even curling! It'll be a sports playday! We'll learn new sports, practice new movements and maybe do some artwork and outdoor playground time. There

is just so much to learn about winter sports.

Students who are potty-trained are invited to join the fun! It will be such a great experience. Fun Friday is 9-12. You don't need to pack a lunch, just a water bottle.

You just drop your child off, and we'll take care of the fun!

