



# Episcopal Church of the ASCENSION DAY SCHOOL

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 31 - Ascension's Egg Hunts (see March newsletter)
- April 1 - Easter Monday/Student & Staff Holiday - Church & School Offices are closed
- April 2 - Family Easter Chapel (celebrating April birthdays) & Egg Hunts @ 9:10AM (see below)
- April 3 - Tour for Prospective Families @ 10 AM
- April 8 - Solar Eclipse & Early Release @ 12PM (see below)
- April 11 - Pizza/Spirit Day & Early Release @12:30PM
- April 17 - Pizza/Spirit Day & Fire Engine Visits @ 10AM
- April 18 - Fire Drill at 9:30 AM & Final Scholastic Online Book Order due by 6 PM
- April 23 - Chapel with "Dudes" @ 9AM (see page 2)
- April 24 - Sparky the Firedog Puppet Show ages 4+ @ 10AM
- April 26 - Family Picnic & Auction 4:30-6:30PM (see page 2)
- April 29 - Butterfly Guy In-house Field Trip @ 10:30AM

## EASTER CHAPEL/EGG HUNT

You should have dropped off 12 pre-filled eggs (taped closed) to your child's teacher for our Easter egg hunts. (If not, please bring Tuesday morning!) Family Easter chapel and egg hunts will be held on April 2nd. Easter chapel will begin at 9:10 a.m. with egg hunts following. At the conclusion of chapel, we will celebrate our students with April birthdays. Families are welcome to attend. MW students please join us! **Parents, bring a picnic blanket if you are attending chapel. Twos classes and up, please send your child with an Easter basket.**

Want to help hide eggs before each hunt? Please email [adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org](mailto:adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org) to volunteer.

The Easter bunny is also making a visit!

Egg Hunt location and times:

Toddlers - Small playground 9:30 a.m.

Twos - Courtyard 9:30 a.m.

Threes - Courtyard 10:00 a.m.

PreK - Big playground 9:30 a.m.



## MONDAY APRIL 8TH SOLAR ECLIPSE

As many of you know, the full eclipse is scheduled to occur during our normal 2:00 pm dismissal on April 8. After careful consideration and to ensure the safety of our students, we have made the decision to close at NOON on April 8th for students who dismiss at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Please see the email on 3/26 for more information about students who participate in Stay & Play.

## APRIL THEMES

- April 2 - 4 Easter Fun
- April 8 - 11 Dinosaurs (wear Dino clothes!)
- April 15 - 18 Things That Go
- April 22 - 25 Our Wonderful Earth
- April 29 - May 2 Bugs & Butterflies



### May 2024

- 5/7 @ 9 AM - Mother's Day Celebration/Chapel with Ma'ams
- 5/13 - Extended Day Program Ends
- 5/14 @ 1PM - PreK Graduation
- 5/15 & 16 - Splash Days & Early Release @ 12PM

## SPRING PICNIC & AUCTION



**JOIN US!**

**FAMILY PICNIC**

APRIL 26 FROM 4:30-6:30 PM

PIZZA & KONA ICE FOR PURCHASE,  
FREE SNACKS & BEVERAGES,  
GLITTER TATTOOS,  
BOUNCE HOUSES, TRAIN, A DJ,  
& SILENT AUCTION

ASCENSION DAY SCHOOL  
@ THE PLAYGROUND

### Family Picnic Details-

Please join us for the ADS Annual Picnic and Auction on April 26th from 4:30-6:30. Children can enjoy glitter tattoos, have their face painted, jump on the bounce houses, dance with a DJ and go for a train ride! Full-sized, hot pizzas will be available for families to purchase. Adult beverages and drinks for the kiddos will be provided, along with a few snack choices. Kona Ice will also be on site where you can purchase a sweet treat. Proceeds from the Auction items will benefit our sweet school. Hope to see you there!

## CALLING ALL DADS!

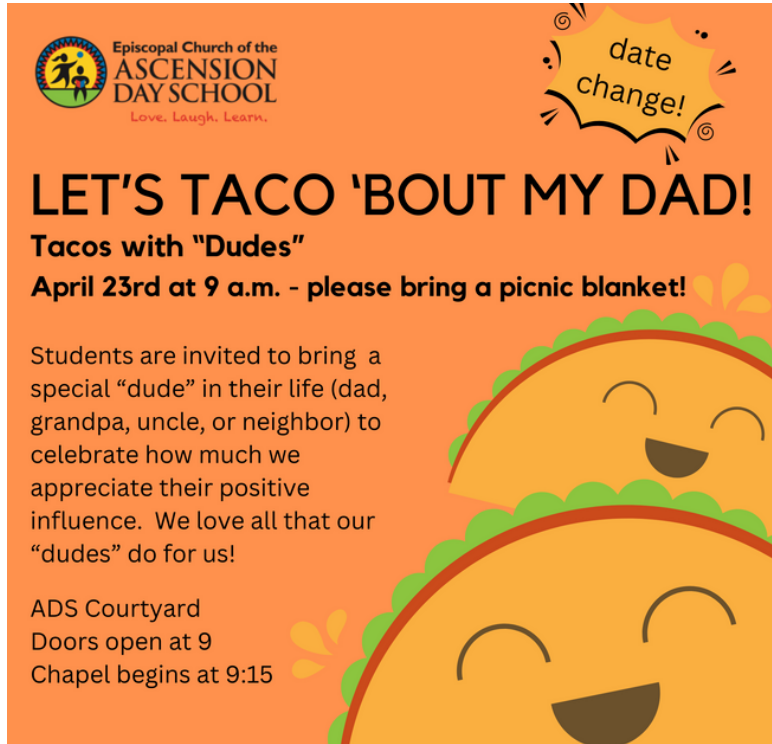
**We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up on the Family Picnic day.** Please catch Ms. Kate or Ms. Sarah in the courtyard or let your teacher know if you are available to assist. You can also reach out to [adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org](mailto:adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org) to let us know. Beta club and NJHS volunteers are also welcome and they can earn hours for lending a hand.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/10 Ms. Jana B.
- 4/16 Ms. Kate
- 4/19 Hallsten T.
- 4/29 Myles G.
- 4/30 Carver C.



## TACOS WITH DUDES



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**LET'S TACO 'BOUT MY DAD!**

Tacos with "Dudes"

April 23rd at 9 a.m. - please bring a picnic blanket!

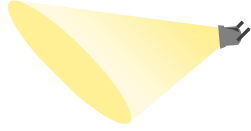
Students are invited to bring a special "dude" in their life (dad, grandpa, uncle, or neighbor) to celebrate how much we appreciate their positive influence. We love all that our "dudes" do for us!

ADS Courtyard  
Doors open at 9  
Chapel begins at 9:15

date change!



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS



### Ms. Laurie-

Ms. Laurie has been teaching all levels of preschool for a long time. In fact, this is her 25th year teaching preschool! This is her third year at Ascension. She loves teaching the toddlers because “they are brand new students. It is such fun to teach them to love learning and to love school. We get to introduce them to so many new experiences!” She is originally from New Jersey and received her Bachelor’s degree in Communications from the University of Virginia. She has been married to her husband, Brian, for 32 years and has two adult children: Valirie is 30 years old and lives in Washington, DC and Cole is 28 years old and lives in Austin. Ms. Laurie enjoys lap swimming, Zumba dancing, sailing and traveling. Ms. Laurie has an upcoming trip planned with her family to sail the British Virgin Islands later this spring.

### Ms. Suley-

Ms. Suley has been in education for 16 years. She has taught in Garland ISD, New York Public Schools, and Dallas ISD. This will be her 5th year with the Ascension Community. She loves teaching the toddlers because “they have such an eagerness to learn. Seeing them discover books, songs, and a love for learning is the best.” She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Dance from Texas Woman’s University and a Master’s Degree from SMU in Bilingual Education. She has been married to her husband, Fernando, for 11 years and has a nine year old son, Samuel, and a dog-son named Arnold. Ms. Suley loves to spend time with her family. She also loves baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves, reading, cooking and traveling.

### Ms. Besrat-

Ms. Besrat wears many hats at ADS. Her position shifts depending on where help is needed most (and some times that changes on a daily basis!). She assists Ms. Erin, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Amanda. This is Ms. Besrat’s fourth year at ADS. With each year she “appreciates more and more the values, nurturing environment and faith shared by the school and fellow teachers”. Two of her three kids attended ADS through preK and “their experience showed her just how special it is at ADS”. She was born in Ethiopia, but moved to the Netherlands as a child and lived most of her teenage and adult life in Amsterdam. She met her husband, Senay, there and they have been married for 16 years. They have three kids: Michael is in 8th grade at Forest Meadow Junior High, Zewdi is in 6th grade at Moss Haven and their youngest, Aaron, is in 1st grade at Scofield. Ms. Besrat and her family live close by in the Moss Farm neighborhood.



