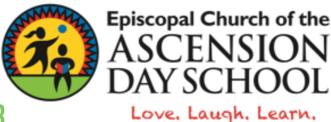
FEB. 2024, PARENT NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 31 - All About Animals Live @ 10 AM Parish Hall,

TTH students come join us! (flyer attached)

Feb. 4 - Ascension's Family Prom & Dinner, Parish Hall 5-7PM, please RSVP (flyer attached)

Feb. 5 - 10 AM Summer Camp Registration opens when enrolling for ALL sessions of the summer (flyer attached and link will be sent via Brightwheel)

Feb. 5-8 - Virtual Book Fair

Feb. 5-8 - Community Helpers Week - Info below!

Feb. 7 - Tour and Open House for prospective families @ 10AM

Feb. 7 - Spirit/Pizza Day & Bring a Stuffed Animal to School

Feb. 13 - Parent Council Information Session @ 9:10AM Parish Hall

Feb. 13 - Family Chapel @ 10AM & Celebrating February birthdays

Feb. 14 & 15 - Valentine's Day Parties

Feb. 15 - Early Release @ 12:30 & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Feb. 19 - President's Day/Student & Teacher Holiday

Feb. 20 - Early Release @ 12:30 & Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb. 22 - Spirit/Pizza Day

Feb. 26 - Summer Camp Registration opens when enrolling for SESSIONS

COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK

We are excited for our wonderful community helpers who volunteer their time and talents to visit ADS. Our students will have the wonderful opportunity to hear from an anesthesiologist, a veterinarian, and a dentist (along with the tooth fairy!). All two and three-day students not enrolled during these presentations are welcome to come with a caregiver to the Parish Hall at 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 5th - Dr. Rick J. Simpson, Anesthesiologist, and ADS Grandpa

Wednesday, Feb. 7th - Dr. Chandler Borth, with Starkids Pediatric Dentistry, and ADS mom.

Thursday, Feb. 8th - Dr. Lauren Mauritzen, Veterinarian, and previous ADS mom. Kids are invited to bring a stuffed animal to school this day!



VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

The ADS book fair will be open online from February 4th-9th and will offer the same high quality books and learning materials from our vendor, Usborne/PaperPie. Every purchase earns free books for the school! Scroll down to pages 6&7 for more information. .

FEBRUARY THEMES

Feb 5-8 Community Helpers Feb. 12-15 Love One Another Feb. 19-22 God Bless The USA! Feb. 26-29 Rhyming/Dr. Seuss Week (see flyer below for dress-up days)







EARLY RELEASES & PARENT CONFERENCES

Early releases are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on February 15th & 20th for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be available from 12:30-2:00 p.m. and are scheduled through your child's teacher. They will be in touch with sign up information. The teachers cannot wait to share information about your child's progress in school! Please remember that your child will need a packed lunch as our students eat lunch

at noon. PARENT COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Parent Council will be holding an informational meeting on February 13th before Family Chapel. Please come! This meeting is primarily to plan for our ADS Family Spring Picnic & Fundraiser and to add a few parent volunteers to our committee as we gear up. We could really use some extra help, especially a few dads that can help on the day of the picnic with set up. If your child does not attend school on a Tuesday, feel free to bring him/her along.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

Class Valentine's Day parties will be held on February 14th and 15th. You should be hearing from your child's Room Parents with opportunities for donations and party supplies.

REMINDER: SPRING PIZZA AND SPIRIT DAYS

Please save the dates for our Spring Pizza/Spirit Days! As a reminder, **current participating students will have their brightwheel accounts charged** at the end of January, with payment due on Feb 7th. Please email adsadmin if you want your child added to our pizza day roster or if you do not want your child to participate this next semester. **Spirit Days: 2/7, 2/22, 3/21, 3/27, 4/11, 4/17, 5/2, 5/8; \$20 for 2-day students, \$40 for 3 & 4-day students.**



OUR FAMILIES!



2/22 Saylor James "SJ" H.











"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn. " ~ O. Fred Donaldson 1

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

Ms. Kelly

Ms. Kelly's ultimate goal for her students to gain a LOVE of learning. She goes above and beyond to design her classroom in such a way that they can do this through play. She "loves three-year-olds because they are funny, creative and naturally kind-hearted. They have moved past the baby and toddler stage and are growing in independence and learning so much. It is such a fun age!"

Ms. Kelly was raised in Texas and married her high school sweetheart in 2002. She has 3 amazing kids: one finishing 6th grade at MHE, one at LHHS, and her oldest is a freshman at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA. Ms. Kelly has 13 years of experience and, if you can believe this, has a walk-in closet at home dedicated to preschool curriculum! It's full of theme-based books & learning tools, games, fine motor manipulatives and more! Another fun fact: Ms. Kelly was a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader from 2000-2004 and has been able to return during their reunions to perform at the AT&T stadium with her alumni.

Ms. Amanda

Ms. Amanda is on her ninth year teaching at ADS. She "loves teaching three-year-olds because they are full of personality, curiosity, and energy. Each day is different from the next." Ms. Amanda is a master at crafting and creating both inside and outside of the classroom. She is known to create an entirely new play center in her classroom when the weekly themes change.

Her and her husband are Texas transplants who grew up in Colorado, met at Colorado State University (Go Rams!), and got married near the end of college. They have two children, one at Forest Meadow Junior High and one in 6th grade at Moss Haven Elementary. Ms. Amanda is very active at both of her children's schools and is the current PTA president at Forest Meadow Junior High. When she's not busy with her work and volunteering duties, she loves spending time watching her kids do activities they enjoy, and spending time at the lake boating and doing water sports with her family.







Ms. Kelly & Ms. Amanda's class combining for gross motor activities.

"Every day, in a 100 small ways, our children ask, 'Do you hear me? Do you see me? Do I matter?' Their behavior often reflects our response." ~ L.R. Knost

> Tax Receipts: If you need a tax receipt for anything not shown in brightwheel, please let us know at adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org

IN-SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO... THE ZOO!

"All About Animals Live" is visiting ADS on Wednesday, January 31st @ 10AM! All T/TH students are invited to attend with a caregiver. **Ascension Presents**

'A Night To Remember'

FAMILY PROM NIGHT

4 FEBRUARY 2024 5 PM -7 PM 8787 GREENVILLE AVE DRESS CODE: GLAM \$10/PERSON - 4TH TICKET FREE! DINNNER INCLUDED EMAIL EVA.BARRAZA@ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG TO REGISTER!





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ADS BOOK FAIR Feb 4th - 9th

Mrs. Wendling Recommends



Toddler & 2s Don't Tickle The... Series That's Not My... Series

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Lift & Look... Series Never Show a T-Rex a Book Finger Trail ABC

4s & 5s

Shine-A-Light Series Phonics Readers Nibbles the Book Monster My First Reading Library

tinyurl.com/ADSBookFair24

FEB 26-29 DR. SEUSS WEEK

M : Wear something silly or mismatched T: Wear a wacky hat or crazy hair W: Wear stripes or polka dots TH: Wear pajamas

Ascension Day School

has openings in the

Toddler Class

Monday/Wednesday 9:00AM-2:00PM (extended hours available) Must be 15 months by 9/1



Visit our website to learn more https://www.ascensiondallas.org/about-ads Email adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org to inquire SUMMER CAMPS

Session 1: May 20 - 23

Session 2: June 3 - 6 June 10 - 13 June 17 - 20

Session 3: July 8 - 11 July 15 - 18 July 22 - 25 July 29 - Aug 1

Session 4: Aug 12 - 15* *current Toddlers - 3s

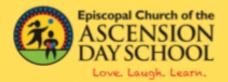
Ages 2+ M-Th 8:30-12:30

> MORE INFO COMING SOON!

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Priority enrollment begins February 5th and is given to current ADS families signing up for ALL sessions. A discounted price will ONLY be given to ADS families when enrolling for ALL sessions: \$1300 for Toddlers-3s (9 weeks), \$1150 for our Pre-K students (8 weeks), and \$960 for our Kinder-3rd grade students (7 weeks). Beginning February 26th, registration will then open for current ADS families who are signing up

for sessions. If spots are available, registration will open for individual weeks on March 18th. Summer camp tuition is nonrefundable.

Dates	Themes		Pricing
Session 1: May 20 - 23	Summer Fun		Session 1: \$165
Session 2: June 3-6 June 10-13 June 17-20	Sea Creatures Space Fairy Tales		Session 2: \$495
Session 3: July 8–11 July 15–18 July 22–25 July 29–Aug 1	Rainforests Around the World Summer Olympics Creative Art		Session 3: \$660
Session 4: Aug 12-15* * only current ADS Toddlers - 3s	Sensory Fun		Session 4: \$165
Summer Camp will include Daily Art Theme-based Lessons (subject to change) Story Time Hands-On Learning Sensory Exploration Gross & Fine Motor Play	:	-If spots are is or	-For ages 2 years old and up -Camps are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. d your child with a large water bottle, snack and lunch available, enrollment for individual weeks hly available during sessions 2 & 3 and the pricing is \$175 per week
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For Preschool Camp questions, please email adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org