

# Early Learning News

CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR CHILDREN, Families & Staff!

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February 2018

Center is CLOSED on Monday,  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for Staff  
Training!

## Important information about school closings and delays:

*All delays and closings will be posted on the website and emailed to you. If you are afraid that you are not on our email list, please send an email to me at: [childcare@stjamesgettysburg.org](mailto:childcare@stjamesgettysburg.org) so I can add you to the listserv.*

Dear Friends & Families,

As the month of January is ending, many of us are trying to chase our winter blues away. On Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we invite families and students to join us for our Annual Fitness Fair for Healthy Hearts including our first Step – A - Thon! As I mentioned recently, when the Pennsylvania budget passed this summer, all merit funding was eliminated. This covered the cost of all our classroom supplies, equipment and staff training. As we look for additional ways to compensate our funding loss for these items (some has been worked into our General Operating Budget), we thought a fundraiser to benefit individual classrooms would not just be fun, but promote health and fitness during the winter months when we spend way too much time indoors.

Classrooms will be walking in small groups up and down the various stairwells in the church, down hallways and through the worship area. This is approximately 500 steps! Sponsor sheets are attached, but you will find some in your children's cubbies in the very near future.

Our school – age program will plan activities to celebrate at the end of the day that would not only improve our hearts physically but emotionally as well for the Heart Fair. Children will participate in activities such as meeting some animals from the SPCA to see how they can make our hearts happy, creating a heart healthy snack, heart bean bag and other fun activities. It is our hope that you will join us and your child on Valentine's Day from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to have a day learning how to make our hearts healthy and happy!

Looking forward to the months ahead:

- April 16 – April 20, 2018      The Week of the Young Child Celebration.  
*We are planning special activities all week to take place at the center.*
- May 7 – May 11, 2018      Teacher Appreciation Week

Finally, a gentle reminder, the center is closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 for professional development. This year, the staff will participate in a disaster and safety training with the Adams County Disaster task force, as well as a training on Planning Social and Emotional Learning through Child Observation and Assessment presented by certified trainer Krista Girard from the Capital Area Early Childhood Training Institute. I hope you will all join me in thanking the staff for their continued commitment to learning and professional development.

Looking forward to spring and the warm weather it brings!

 - *Suzan* 