

# Kid Konnection



St. Peter's Episcopal School  
Since 1969



April 2018

## Message from Rev. Bert Baetz

Much has changed since the beginning of the school year. Our children are taller, smarter, and even more vocal.

If you have ever joined us for St. Peter's School Chapel, you know what I mean. It is a joy to hear our children sing their songs in chapel. They sing with such confidence and joy! Over the course of one academic year, we know these children have developed in mind, body, and spirit, and you can hear it in their voices.

A few months ago, we introduced a chapel song to the children: *This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made*. This particular song is an "echo" song which means that one half of the students in chapel sing a line and then the second half of students echo by singing the same line. Well, our children are quick learners, and before we knew it, we could hear the beautiful exchange of young and happy hearts. This might be one metric of the children's spiritual development.

This year, we have learned amazing stories from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. We have learned *The Lord's Prayer*. We have prayed for our family members and those in need. We have learned wonderful songs that we know by heart.

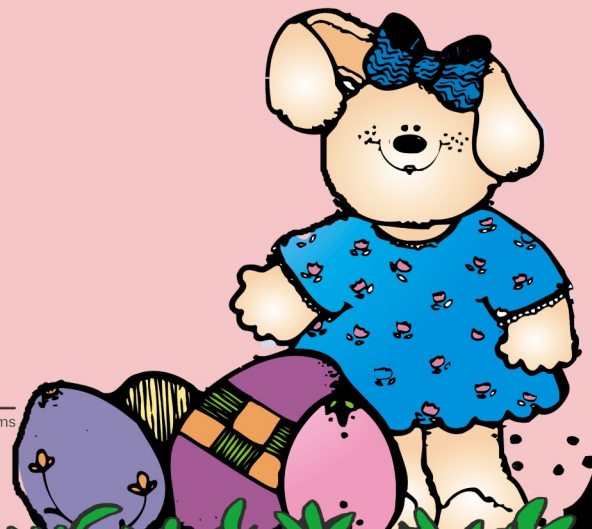
Springtime and Easter invite us to receive the message of new life, and we can see it and hear it in our children. Their spirits blossom and rekindle in us the meaning of this time of year. We can see signs of this new life with the wildflowers in bloom, and Easter brings the message of new life and a new day.

In our *Jesus Storybook Bible*, we learn that Mary met the risen Jesus on the first Easter Sunday, and on that day, the sun was shining brighter than she could ever remember in the clear, fresh air. We can hear it in the voices of our children; it is the faith that springs from the children in our care. We are blessed by our children and invited to echo their voices. In our hearts, we can sing with them: *This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made*, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Faithfully,  
Father Bert



Early Childhood Higher Education Programs



# Important Dates



**SCHOOL CLOSED:** MONDAY, APRIL 2ND FOR EASTER BREAK.

**PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING:** FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 12:15 PM IN TUCKER HALL.

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY:** FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH. CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:** MONDAY, APRIL 9TH.

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN:** APRIL 9TH - MAY 9TH.

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:** TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH.

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD:** APRIL 16TH THRU APRIL 20TH. CELEBRATE EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS.


**SKYSCRAPER DAY:** MONDAY, APRIL 23RD. ALL THE CLASSES WILL BE BUILDING SKYSCRAPERS AND TOWERS FROM RECYCLED BOXES.

## PLANNING AHEAD

**SPRING FLING:** THURSDAY, MAY 3RD STARTING AT 6:30 P.M. AT CAILLOUX THEATER. SILENT AUCTION OPENS AT 4:30 P.M.

**MOTHER'S DAY CHAPEL:** WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH AT 9:00 A.M. MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS PLEASE JOIN US.

SEE OUR 2018-19  
CALENDAR ON THIS WEBSITE.



## Message from the Parent Association: Becky Watkins, President

Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. is Spring Fling. This is our year-end celebration in which our children do a short performance and we host a Silent Auction. Make plans to be at the Cailloux Theater at 6:00 p.m. to check in your child. We will open the Silent Auction at 4:30 p.m.

If you know of someone (yourself, family member, friend or business) who would be willing to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact the School Office. The SPPA is organizing the Live and Silent Auctions and would appreciate help in gathering donated items. Each class will be busy creating a group project. Please plan to support our auctions. If you have questions about Spring Fling, please let us know.

Our next meeting is Friday, April 6th at 12:15 p.m. in Tucker Hall. Please join us!



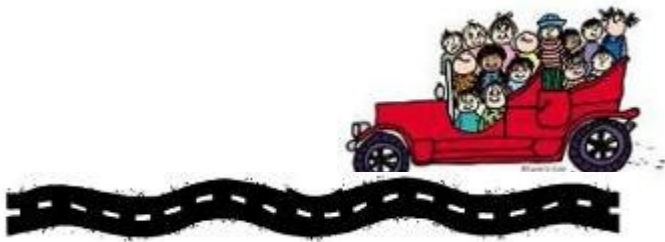
In October, I wrote a grant to help support our School's educational programs. I am proud to announce we were awarded \$4000.00 from the Armstrong Foundation.

We are very grateful,  
Janet Boutin  
School Director



## Parents we need your help!

Help keep our children safe.  
Please drive slowly  
in our parking lot, do not text  
and drive . . . and watch for  
**our little people!**



Please  
**do not send balloons**  
to school.

We realize they are  
a favorite at school  
parties but, they  
are a major choking  
hazard for  
preschoolers.

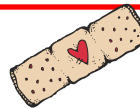


## "Health and Safety At School"

### Pets at school . . .

As spring approaches, students want to bring baby animals to school. All pet visits must be cleared with the Office. Animals must have proof of current vaccinations, be highly supervised and friendly.

Please remember that some of our students are afraid of animals or allergic to animals.

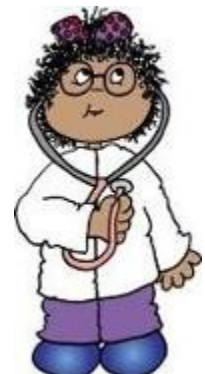


Please . . .



do not bring a sick child to school.  
Children must be "fever free" for  
**24 hours** in order to return to  
school.

Regular hand washing  
Keeps the germs away.





# Annual Spring Fling



**Be sure to mark your calendars!**



**Thursday , May 3rd**  
**6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Cailloux Theater (next to school)

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**Fun .. Fellowship .. Entertainment**  
The children will perform a short program.

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## Time Line:



4:30 Silent Auction opens for bids  
6:00 Students meet up  
6:30 Program begins



**See you there for some fun and entertainment.**  
**Your Parent Association**





## What early childhood research tells us about how young children learn . . .

### What you will find in our NAEYC classrooms

As adults, we are concerned with the outcomes or the product of our efforts. We want the report to look nice, the cookies to taste great, or the hedges to be perfectly straight. We participate in few activities just for the fun of doing them.

In part this is because we are not still learning how to do most of these activities. But do you remember when you learned how to play tennis or golf? Or use a new computer program? In the beginning you needed to do a certain amount of "messing around" - exploring what would happen if you did this or that.

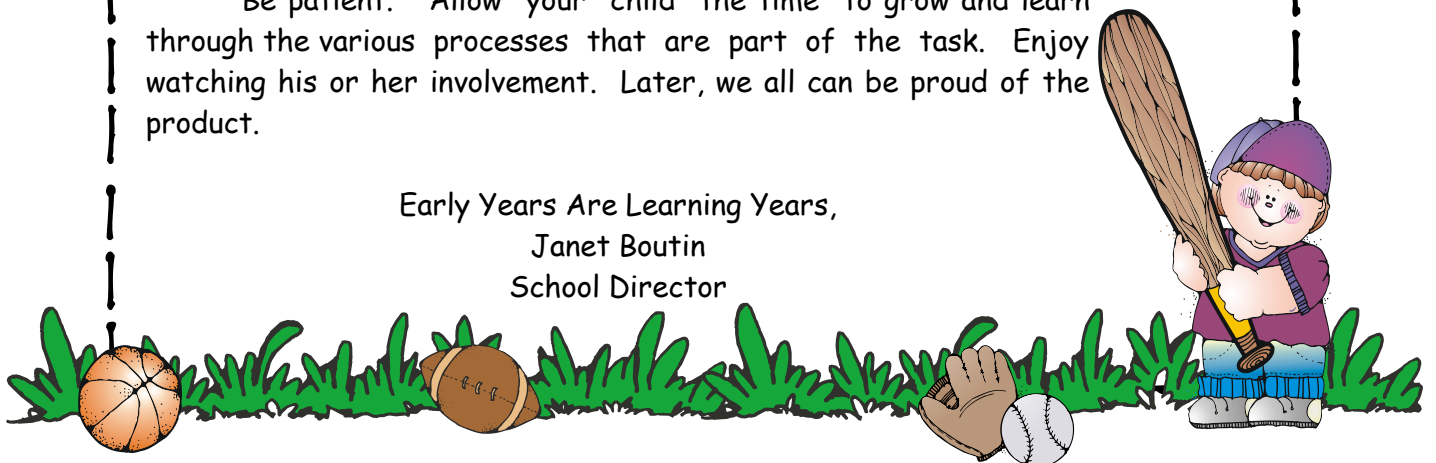
That is the way it is with your child. Kids are learning new things all the time, and they need the freedom to try things out without worrying about the product.

Luckily, young children tend to be more involved with the process or the doing than they are with the end product or results. That is why your child may draw all afternoon yet still not be able to tell you what they drew. And why one child can pour rice back and forth between pitchers all day long, and another will string and unstring beads every day for a week.

It is hard for us adults to look beyond the product of an activity and see what the child is learning from the process. Perhaps they're learning coordination or beginning writing skills or making discoveries about triangles or gravity. They are certainly finding out that doing for one's self is very satisfying — and that builds confidence.

Be patient. Allow your child the time to grow and learn through the various processes that are part of the task. Enjoy watching his or her involvement. Later, we all can be proud of the product.

Early Years Are Learning Years,  
Janet Boutin  
School Director



Flashlight Play Time



# Power of Play!

How many fit in the box?



"Play is the highest form  
of research"

Albert Einstein



Building Up!



Cowboy Day



Cat in the Hat Day





# Outside Play



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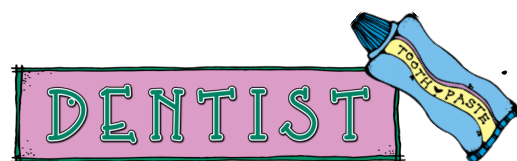




Preschool 3's Classes visit  
Dr. Brown and "Mr. Chompers"



In February, St. Peter's School celebrated **National Children's Dental Health Month** with important lessons to raise awareness of the importance of proper oral hygiene.



Public Health Nurses  
bring "Mr. Gums"  
to Pre-K 4's Classes

### Rules:

Brush twice a day  
Brush 2 minutes  
Visit your dentist





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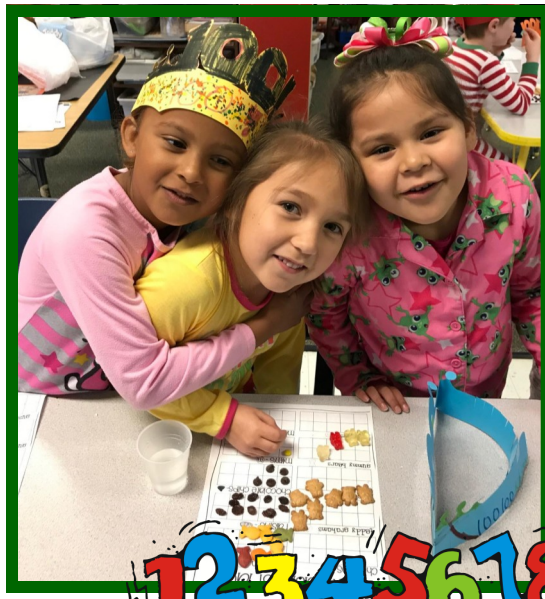


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Kinder celebrates  
100th day of school  
with a canned food  
drive for CAM and  
lots of fun ways of  
counting by 1's, 2's,  
5's and 10's.



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