

# Lower School Newsletter from Wade Putnal

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*Our mission at First Presbyterian Day School is to educate and equip students to change the world for God's glory.*

**SAFETY FIRST!!** Parents, please be aware that baseball season has started. Before, during and after school please remind children to stay away from batting cage areas and baseball field house.

**TECHNOLOGY TIDBITS:** As parents and teachers, our biggest challenge with technology and children is to keep them safe, and to stay current in researching how to use technology with respect to a child's developmental stages. Here is a link to a great book and wonderful resource if you want to direct your child's technology experiences to be good and appropriate as they develop. "*The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place*" by Andy Crouch

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/0801018668/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_other\\_apr\\_K8iLyb79A154W](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0801018668/ref=cm_sw_r_other_apr_K8iLyb79A154W)

You may also be interested in reading: [12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You.](#)

**Parental Controls**~~Apple's I-phones do give parents the ability to control many aspects of their child's or teen's cell phone use- Installing apps, in-app purchases, content for music, news, movies, TV, apps, websites, etc. -select G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17, don't allow, allow all, show content in the cloud, changes to contacts, and more. To access these controls, go to *Settings*, then go to *General*, then go to *Restrictions*.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all Viking Parent Ambassadors (VPA) who helped with the "Teacher Appreciation" luncheon. Those who planned, cooked, donated, and kept classes made it a great success. FPD is a great place to be!

**DID YOU KNOW???** ... **2018 Spring Class Guide for FPD's CENTER for DISCOVERY** is out. Grab a friend and sign up!

NEW classes: The Carpenter Shop(K-2nd),  
Elementary Cross Country (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>),  
Garden to Table Cookies (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>),  
Theater Workshop~Cinderella(PK-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Building Leadership and Character (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
Babysitting-American RED CROSS course(6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)

... all kinds of Music lessons and much more!

Spring class registration is underway! Open to the community, classes are available for 3K through adults. Pick up a program guide and registration form in the Elementary Office or online at: [www.fpdmacon.org/center-for-discovery](http://www.fpdmacon.org/center-for-discovery)

Please **label all jackets, coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, lunchboxes, etc.** If you are missing something, please check Elementary "Lost & Found."

**BACKPACK NEEDS:** Immediate needs: fruit cups, Vienna sausages, Capri Sun, and Jello cups.

### \*\*\* COMING UP \*\*\*

- Chapel - Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:05
- Cleaning Out?? Save items for **April 14-22** for our **Goodwill Donation Drive** competition! FPD Elementary will compete with other area schools to see who brings in the most donations.
- Class Pictures are Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ***"The Music Man"*** – Performed by FPD theatre students in grades 6-12 – is March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be available online.
  - Grandparent's Day is Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>– Invitations will be in signed papers on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to mail them out! We will be *Jammin' in the Jungle*. All students 3k- 5<sup>th</sup> need to wear a **solid green shirt** and blue jeans.