

Day School News

Field Days This Month



Field Day Preparations!

Let me begin by saying what fun it has been having your children in gym class this year!

We have been working on different age-appropriate skills throughout the school year, and I hope your children have been having a good time in class. So now it is time to put all the skills they have learned to the test in a FUN-filled day!

Wednesday, May 13th and Thursday, May 14th are the field days this year. I would like to go over a few things with all of you so we can have a fun and safe day.

- ◆ **SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN BY ALL CHILDREN.** Please make sure your child is wearing sneakers that tie or have Velcro fasteners on the day of the field day.
- ◆ **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Closed-toe sandals with rubber soles, water shoes, and plastic Crocs are just not safe! I have a variety of games and activities for them to do - climbing, running, hopping, jumping, etc. I do not want anyone to get hurt.
- ◆ **Sunscreen**—please apply it before school on that day, no matter if it is cloudy or sunny. The teachers may not have time to do this.
- ◆ Hats and sunglasses are permitted—please label **EVERYTHING.**
- ◆ Water bottles are not necessary—I have a huge water cooler and the boys and girls kids will have plenty of water breaks.

Your child's teacher will confirm what day their class is scheduled for Field Day. We will take plenty of pictures and videos and the teachers will post them.

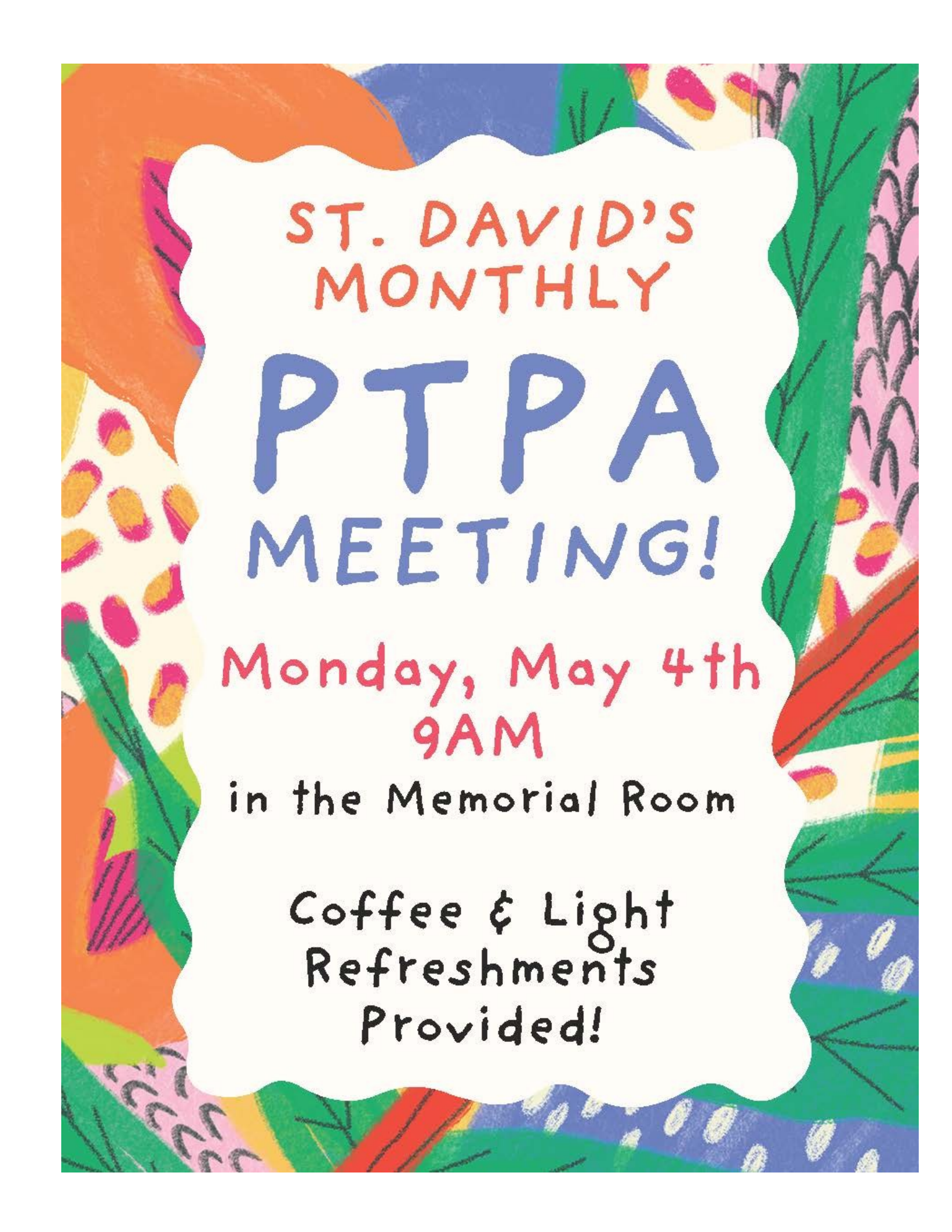
Every child will receive a participation ribbon and a cool treat at the end of their field day!

Thank you!

Wendi Mako



Bike helmets will remain here at St. David's if your child is here this summer or returning in the fall!



ST. DAVID'S
MONTHLY

PTPA
MEETING!

Monday, May 4th
9AM

in the Memorial Room

Coffee & Light
Refreshments
Provided!

Curriculum Coordinator's Column—Gina Zarrilli

Continuing Your Child's Learning All Summer Long!

As summer approaches, we encourage you to continue supporting your child's and learning in fun, simple ways at home. For preschoolers, learning happens best through play, exploration, and everyday experiences. Here are some easy and engaging ways to keep your child's education going all summer:

Outdoor Learning and Exploring

Take nature walks, explore parks, or spend time in your backyard. Collect leaves, observe bugs, or plant vegetables or flowers together. These experiences build curiosity and encourage questions.

- Visit a local farm, like Ramsey's, for strawberry picking
- Explore your neighborhood park and playground, or the state parks; like Can Do Park or Kids' Dream Playground
- Bug and animal watching - talk about what you and they see, ask them questions.

Early Literacy (Reading and Writing)

Read together every day, even for just few minutes - there are things to read aloud everywhere you go. Encourage your child to talk about what you read, to recognize letters in their environment, or to practice writing their name using chalk, sand, or paper.

- Visit your local library for story time and/or pick out new books
- Practice story retelling - have them tell the story in their own words
- Go on "letter hunts" - find those letters EVERYWHERE
- Singing songs and saying rhymes builds language and memory skills

Early Math Skills

Incorporate counting into daily routines - count toys, steps, or snacks. Let your child help in the kitchen - measuring is fabulous. Sort objects by color, size, shape.

- Look for patterns and help them create patterns in their various collections
- Puzzles, puzzles, puzzles and blocks, blocks, blocks!

Creativity and Fine Motor Skills

Provide opportunities for drawing, painting, playdough and clay. Have a variety of paper on hand - a great way to recycle. Activities strengthen fine motor skills.

- Do activities outside, inside, while on vacation - so many art materials are portable.
- Ask your child's teacher for that homemade playdough recipe!
- BE sure to have child-safe (or left-handed) scissors
- Use a variety of blocks - wooden, plastic, Legos® or Magna-Tiles®

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Curriculum Coordinator's Column (cont.)

Rainy Day Ideas

Even on rainy days, learning and fun can continue indoors. On vacation, visit the local children's museum or look for those "factory tours" like Herr's, Smucker's, or Turkey Hill.

- Paint on recycled boxes or build a fort with them
- Make those yummy, child-friendly recipes like oatmeal raisin cookies or "dirt."
- Play dress-up
- Listen to audiobooks or take advantage of Scholastic TV for children's books and Watch Danny Go on YouTube for some movement music

Looking Ahead

As the school year winds down, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a joy watching your children learn and grow this year. I wish you all a fun, relaxing, and safe summer filled with special moments and meaningful time together. If you have any questions or would like more activity ideas, please feel free to reach to me anytime via email

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Warmly,

Gina Zarrilli



SUMMER 2026

There is still time to register for the summer program - if you need another form, please stop in the office and pick one up.

If you already registered, thank you. You will soon receive some additional forms to complete - like a summer emergency card, permission to pick up, and photography/video permissions. The sunscreen form you completed for school will carry over to the summer (as long as we keep the sunscreen you signed in! And, if your child is registered for the summer, his/her bike helmet will stay here!

Summer will be here VERY SOON!

Chapel - An Engaging Worship Experience

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Many thanks to the Bishop of Delaware, Rev. Kevin Brown for joining us at our April 29th chapel. I hope he enjoyed his time with us. Many thanks also to Sandy Pierce for all her years with several generations of Day School children!

Parents, grandparents, and other family members are always welcome - those **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** are especially important occasions!

Chapel dates:

Thursday, May 7 9:10

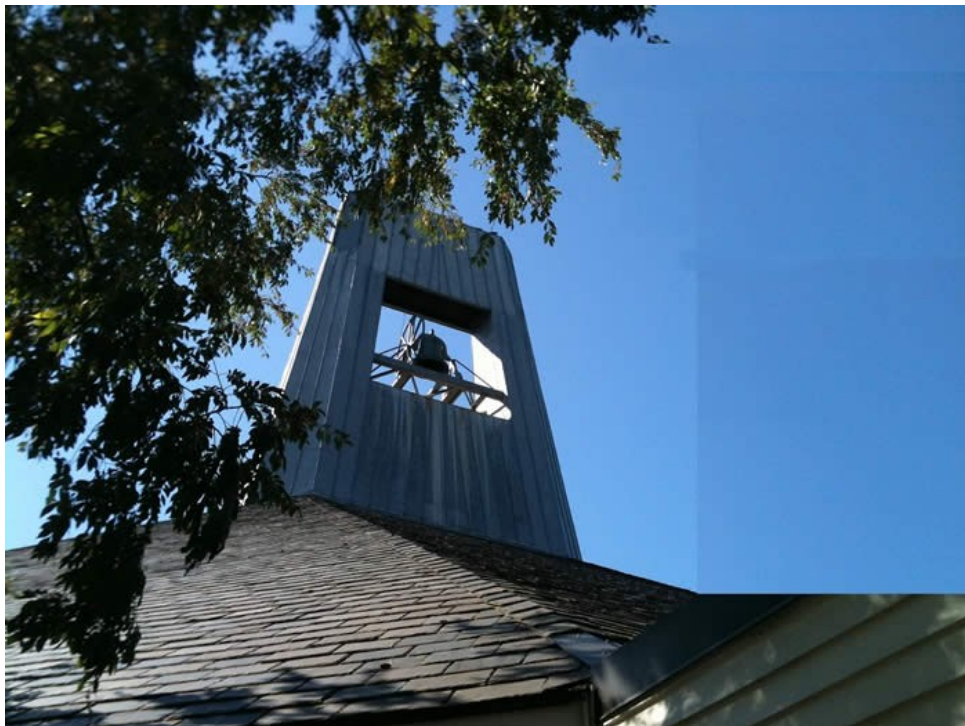
Wednesday, May 13 9:10

Thursday, May 21 9:10

Wednesday, May 27 9:10

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!





Parish Picnic at the Blue Rocks!

Get ready for a joyful summer evening as we gather for a fun-filled night of **baseball, fellowship, and food** at the Blue Rocks! This isn't just a game — it's a celebration of who we are as the **Episcopal Church in Delaware: one church, one family, together in the stands.**

Whether you're a lifelong baseball fan or just here for the laughter, connection, and all-you-can-eat picnic, this is a night you won't want to miss.

This is also the perfect opportunity to bring your church community together. Invite your parish—families, youth groups, choir members, neighbors, and friends — and let's **fill the stands with Episcopal spirit!**

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE:

All-You-Can-Eat Picnic, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Gather in our expanded picnic area and enjoy classic ballpark favorites (included with your ticket) while reconnecting with friends and meeting new ones from across the diocese. There's nothing better than good food and great company.


Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Cookies, Water, and Sodas

6:05 Baseball Game with Youth Jersey Giveaway to the first 1,000 fans under age 17.

Tickets: \$39 per person, includes game ticket, food, water, and soda. Children 3 and under are free but you need to make a reservation.

Registration Link: <https://delaware.church/parish-picnic-at-the-blue-rocks/>

May 2026-Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Final Day of Staff Appreciation Week	2
3	4 PTPA Meeting 9:00 EC Closes 5 Staff Meets	5 Quiver Farm Animals Visit	6 Music School 6,4,1,2 CPR 6pm	7 Chapel, 9:10 Room 5 Tea	8 Room 6 Tea Soccer Shots	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 4's to "Pout Pout Fish" Show	13 Chapel, 9:10 Field Day I	14 All School Sing Field Day II	15	16 All-In Auction Doors Open Noon
17	18 Day School Board, 7pm	19 End of Year Picnic 5-7 pm	20 All School Sing Rain date for Picnic	21 Chapel, 9:10	22	23 EDR Cooks
24	25 Memorial Day School Closed	26	27 Chapel, 9:10 Stars Celebration 5 pm 	28 All School Sing	29 Last Day of School CLOSE AT NOON Staff Meets 12:45 - 2	30
31 BSD Graduations	SCHOOL CLOSED—SUMMER PROGRAM SETUP!					

May 2026-Morning Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1% Milk Served	Water is Always Available	100% Fruit Juice Served	Food Served Is Peanut & Tree Nut Free	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Chef's Choice	2
3	4 Animal Crackers Fresh Fruit	5 Giant Goldfish Orange Juice	6 Mini Bagel "Pizza"	7 Gluten Free Snack Ranch Dip	8 String Cheese Craisins Crackers	9
10	11 Whole Grain Cereal & Fruit Milk	12 Breakfast Cookies Oranges	13 Field Day Or Chef's Choice	14 Field Day Or Chef's Choice	15 Yummy Hummus With Fresh Veggie "Dippers"	16
17	18 Do It Yourself Snack!	19 Taco Tuesday Snack	20 Apple Slices Honey Comb Cereal Milk	21 Strawberries Whipped Cream "Breakfast Cake"	22 Watermelon Wedges Vanilla Wafers	23
24	25 CLOSED Memorial Day	26 Blueberry Cheesecake Smoothie & Grahams	27 Parties or Fresh Fruit & Mini Muffins	28 Parties or Oranges & Cinnamon Grahams	29 End of Year Frozen Treat!	30
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May 2026 Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1% Milk Served	Water is Always Available	100% Fruit Juice Served	Food Served Is Peanut & Tree Nut Free	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Pasta Marinara Parm Cheese Salad, Roll Ranch Dressing	2
3	4 Pancakes Bacon, Syrup Apple Juice Bananas	5 Cinco de Mayo Lunch!	6 Lunchable Deli Meat Cheese Crackers Veggies/Dip Apples	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Fresh Veggies Potato Chips Oranges Cookies	8 Chicken Fries Smiley Fries Broccoli/Chz Applesauce Cookies	9
10	11 Slider w/ Cheese Fries Pickles Pineapple Dessert!	12 Waffles Bacon, Syrup Grape Juice Applesauce Go-Gurts	13 Cheese Tortellini, Marinara, Peas Garlic Bread Watermelon	14 Chef Salad Meat, Cheese Bacon, Eggs Dressing, Roll Peaches	15 PIZZA PARTY Pepperoni Side Salad Ranch Apples Brownies	16
17	18 FINAL Mac & Cheese Day! Bacon Bits Broccoli Roll Apples	19 Fish Sticks Tater Tots Cukes & Dip Bananas Chocolate Cupcakes	20 French Toast Turkey Sausage Syrup Orange Juice Bananas Yogurt	21 Chicken Fries Smiley Fries Green Beans Oranges Frozen Treat	22 DIY Sandwiches Deli Meat, Cheese, Mayo, Chips Mustard, Veggies/Dip Frozen ???	23
24	25 CLOSED Memorial Day	26 TACO TUESDAY Nachos, Beef, Corn, Salsa, Queso, Guac Yellow Rice	27 Pasta Marinara Side Salad Dressing Roll, Fruit	28 PIZZA Pepperoni Veggies, Dip Bananas Dessert!	29 NO LUNCH TODAY - CLOSING AT NOON	30
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May 2026 Afternoon Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1% Milk Served	Water is Always Available	100% Fruit Juice Served	Food Served Is Peanut & Tree Nut Free	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Frozen Chocolate Treat	2
3	4 1/2 Deli Sandwich Pretzels	5 Cinco de Mayo Treat	6 Fresh Veggie Cups Ranch Dip	7 Chex Mix Snack Apple Juice	8 Cheezits Grape Juice	9
10	11 Goldfish Lemonade	12 Frozen Treat	13 Jello Cups Teddy Grahams	14 Deli Meat Crackers String Cheese	15 Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies Milk	16
17	18 Rice Krispie Treats Milk	19 Cheese Sticks Pepperoni Pretzels	20 Fruit Slushies Vanilla Wafers	21 Oreos Milk	22 Homemade Pudding Grahams	23
24	25 CLOSED Memorial Day	26 Chef's Choice	27 Peel Your Own Banana	28 Watermelon Wedges Teddy Grahams	29 CLOSING AT NOON - NO SNACK!	30
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End of Year
St. David's Episcopal Day School

All School Picnic!

Tuesday, May 19th
5pm - 7pm
Fox Point State Park

Food,
Face Painting,
Ice Cream
& More!

(Rain Date 5/20/26)





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Start Here, Go Anywhere!

St. David's Episcopal Day School exists to provide a nurturing, Christian community where children can learn and grow. We do this through:

LLeading each child into caring relationships with peers and adults;

Offering each child a stimulating learning experience;

Valuing each child's unique growth; and,

Encouraging each child's awareness of God in the world.

Ours is a safe environment where children ages two through five are encouraged to grow spiritually, emotionally, cognitively, socially, and physically so their greatest potential may be realized.

On the website, you will find calendars, snack, and lunch menus. There are articles by Bev Igo, former Curriculum Coordinator, about a variety of child development topics (early writing, why play with blocks, math activities, so on). The 2025-26 Family Handbook is posted there.



On the June/July 2026 Calendar . . .

June 1-5	School Closed - Getting Ready for Summer Week
June 3	CPR/First Aid Class, 6pm
June 8	Summer Starts HERE
June 14	Flag Day
June 19	Closed for Juneteenth
June 21	Father's Day
21	First Day of Summer
June 27	Blue Rocks Baseball Game
July 1	Early Fourth of July Parade and Family BBQ Lunch
July 2-3	Closed for the Holiday Weekend