

ECS Update

February 2012



Special Congratulations ...

Two Engleside students have been selected to represent the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools in the national AACCS annual Poetry and Essay Contest on the elementary level.

VA 1st place Elementary Poetry – Kiara Mathis (5th grade)

VA 1st place Elementary Essay – Caitlin Davis (6th grade)

We congratulate these two students for their fine writing accomplishments! Their entries have been forwarded to the national competition for evaluation later this year.

School Year 2013 Enrollment

ECS will accept re-enrollment forms for the 2012-13 school year beginning February 1. ECS has released re-enrollment information by mail – if you do not receive this packet by February 1, please check at the school office. ECS offers a discounted registration rate of \$50/student for current ECS students who re-enroll during the month of February. This year's deadline for the special \$50/student re-enrollment rate is at the end of business on Wednesday, February 29.

Procedural Adjustment

It has become necessary for ECS to limit playground use after school to its official extended care program. Effective immediately, ECS asks students and parents not to linger on the playground during/after dismissal.

Legislative Information from ODACS

ODACS provides ECS much more than sports and Bible, Fine Arts, and Academic competitions. One of the primary functions of ODACS is to monitor legislation on the state level that impacts Christian education. During the legislative season, ODACS releases briefs on such items as school choice initiatives, tax credits for Christian education, vaccination requirements, school van use, etc. ECS strongly encourages you to visit the ODACS website (www.vaodacs.com) to see how their work directly impacts you. If you wish to receive regular email updates from ODACS, please notify ECS (secretary@ebcecs.com) to be added to their contact list.

Calendar Events

Class Picture Day – Feb 8

Splendid Portraits photographers will photograph class pictures on Wednesday morning, February 8. If we have an inclement weather delay or cancellation, photos will be taken on Wednesday, February 22. Picture order information is being released separately.

ECS Game Night – Feb 10

Plan to join us for a home-made sloppy joe meal and an exciting evening of games on Friday, February 10. ECS has released a separate information sheet and meal order form. Meal orders must be placed by Monday, February 6. Don't forget to bring a dessert to share. Even if you can't join us for the meal at 5:30, please come for the game time at 6:15! We will wrap up the evening's activities around 8:00 pm.

Spirit Dress-up Day – Feb 17

We invite all of our students to show their patriotism on Friday, February 17, by wearing red, white, and blue. Participating students must report to school in ECS dress code; non-participants must wear school uniform.



January Crazy Clash Day Winners!

Deremy Araujo, James Grant, Kaylee Janysek, Madison Janysek, Grace Marrone, Hannah Marrone, Isaiah Marrone, Savannah Mason, Trinity Owusu, Jady Rosado

Presidents' Day – Feb 20

ECS observes the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 20. Classes will not meet and extended care is cancelled. Engleside Baptist Church and School offices will be closed.

Deadline for Yearbook Orders – Feb 29

Don't miss the opportunity to order your child's SY12 Impressions yearbook. Order forms are available at the ECS office. The cost is \$15 per book. Yearbooks will be released in September. Please return your completed order form along with payment to the school office before the end of business on Wednesday, February 29.

Elementary ODACS Competition & Related Class Closings – March 2

ECS students in grades 3 through 6 will participate in the annual ODACS Bible, Fine Arts, and Academic competition on Friday, March 2. Participating students will receive detailed information about the day's activities by mid-February. **Classes and extended care will NOT be provided for STUDENTS IN PREK THROUGH GRADE 2 on Friday, March 2.** Extended care will operate on its normal schedule for students in grades 3-6.

Inclement Weather Procedures

When Fairfax County Public Schools announce a cancellation or delay due to inclement weather, ECS adjusts its schedule as follows:

Delayed Entry

Extended care opens for regular users at 8:30 AM. Other students will be billed at the daily drop-in rate.

Doors open for student entry at 10:00 AM with classes starting at 10:15.

School Cancellation

No extended care or classes will meet. School office will be closed.

Early Dismissal

ECS will serve an early lunch to students and close at noon. PM extended care will be cancelled. Parents may pick up their children without penalty any time after the FCPS decision has been announced.

Students must be picked up by 12:30 PM. ECS encourages parents to find emergency contacts near ECS who can pick up your children in the event that the weather or work schedules will not allow you to pick up your child before ECS closes.

ECS will notify WTOP (103.5FM and wtop.com) of its inclement weather closings.

ECS does not observe FCPS calendar adjustments relating to inclement weather.

Thank you!

The ECS staff thanks all of you for the generous Christmas offering you gave at our Christmas program.

