

The Discoverer

Open Door School's Weekly Newsletter
Week of December 12, 2011

The great gift of family life is to be intimately acquainted with people you might never even introduce yourself to, had life not done it for you.

~Kendall Hailey

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Open Door News

This is the last Discoverer of 2011. We hope everyone has a warm and wonderful Winter Break!

Don't forget to use the For Small Hands catalog and write in the school code 147337 if you are looking to purchase for Montessori-based toys, activities, or books for your children. ODS will received credit towards materials that we absolutely love. If you need another catalog, we have some in the office.

Priority Registration for the 2012-2013 school year for currently enrolled families will begin Monday, January 10. Registration forms will be sent home on that date. Currently enrolled children and their siblings may participate in Priority Registration.

A request about the "church side":

As many parents have experienced, adults are not allowed to use the children's bathrooms at Open Door during school hours. Therefore we must go over to the "church side" to use the "grown-up bathrooms." What you may not know is that those bathrooms are right across the call from Minister Jay Leach's office. It is not uncommon for him to have someone in his office discussing a sensitive situation. It is also very common for Alesia, the Administrative Assistant that sits at the front desk, to be on the telephone. Please respect their professional environment by keeping your children with you and encouraging them to be calm & quiet, as well as refraining from talking on your cell phone while in that area.

On Thursday, January 12, 2012 the Parent Council will host An Evening with Connie Glass @6:30 p.m. in the UCC Sanctuary.

In her book *I Wanted to Marry Emma* (a collection of anecdotal stories from years of teaching at ODS), our Educational Consultant Connie Glass captured the words and ideas of the children along with their delightful spontaneity. Her observations are not only cute and humorous, they are filled with an underlying wisdom and understanding of how children see the world.

This will be a festive occasion, with wine and snacks, and is open to friends and family as well as the ODS community.

Reminders

If you haven't linked your **Harris Teeter VIC card**, please do so! **Our number is 2752.** Also, don't forget there are always car **magnets & bumper stickers** on sale in the ODS office for \$5 each (check or exact change only please!)

If you were at the Saturday Family Photo Shoot, don't forget to swing by the office to pick up your \$10 deposit!

ODS Winter Break Schedule:

Half Day is closed December 19-30.

Full Day is open on the abbreviated schedule (7am-2pm) on December 19-22.

Full Day is closed on December 23-30.

The office will be open on December 19 & 20 from 9am-2pm.

You can always check our calendar at www.opendoorschool.org if you are unsure of important upcoming dates.

Community Events

Items in this section are not affiliated with ODS.

Community Charter School is offering affordable childcare for children age five and up during winter break. If you are interested in finding out more, call 704-377-3181.

La Leche League of Cotswold

Providing free breast-feeding support

Meets every 3rd Wednesday @ 10:30 am

Scottish Rite Masonic Temple Library: 4740 Randolph Road

Erin Bailey cert. LLL Leader since 2007 and Mom to Isadora . erin@fencepbt.com

Mark your calendar: Sunday Fun Day at the Mint Museum UPTOWN

at Levine Center for the Arts, 500 S. Tryon Street

704.337.2000, www.mintmuseum.org

Enjoy family-friendly craft projects, tours, healthy living activities, artist demonstrations, and more!

Monthly on 3rd Sundays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All ages

FREE FOR CHILDREN AND MINT MEMBERS, HALF-PRICE MUSEUM ADMISSION FOR ADULTS

January 15 - Think Big! The Art of Jun Kaneko

Discover an exhibition, Jun Kaneko: In the Round, that explores an artist who works on a grand scale, from building massive ceramic sculptures to designing sets and costumes for operas. Try out super-sized sumi-e ink painting, learn the art of karate with instructors from ATA Karate, enjoy the big sounds of Opera Carolina performing from Madama Butterfly, and craft a geometric butterfly puppet.

Keep It In The Family

Businesses listed here are not necessarily endorsed by ODS.

Passion Food Catering (Camille Ellis, mom to Livia)

www.passionfoodcatering.com

We are a full service catering company with a passion for clean healthy food. We specialize in Ethnic cuisine and dietary restrictions including food allergies and intolerances.

704.620.2303, passionfoodcatering@gmail.com

JBP Entertainment (Isadora attends here)

Does your child dream of being on the BIG STAGE? Dance lessons make a fantastic gift!

Jena Burgin Peters brings over 20 years of professional dance experience to her Charlotte area entertainment company. Her classes, ranging from ages 3 to adult, offer everything your performer needs in order to succeed within a noncompetitive philosophy that seeks to engage, excite, enlighten and inspire! The season culminates with a sensational mixed age show that promises to have you thoroughly entertained and practically standing in your seat!

NOW ENROLLING for Classes Starting in December and January!

Ballet, Acrobatics, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theater

Easy DROP-OFF at our Spirit Square Studios Location! (No Parking Required - 2 blocks from Imaginon)

345 North College Street

980-333-2933, www.jbpentertainment.org

Mutual of Omaha Financial Advisors (Nicholas Licare, dad to Stella)

www.nicholaslicare.com

Providing insurance, investment and financial advisory services to individuals, families and small businesses.

704.685.1165, nicholas.licare@mutualofomaha.com

Massage by Megan (Megan Oakley, mom to Jacob)

Megan offers therapeutic massage sessions, tailored to the needs of each individual client. Specialties include deep tissue, sports massage, prenatal and fertility massage.

301.801.5659, meganoakley@hotmail.com

Sheridan Mechanical Contracting Company (Doug Sheridan, dad to Grayden)

www.sheridanmechanical.com

Electrical, Heating and Air Conditioning installation and repair.

704.641.4173, doug@sheridanmechanical.com

On the Road Movers (Jerry Ellis, dad to Livia)

We are a licensed and insured moving company that can move you down the street or across the country.

We also do deliveries. We pride ourselves on careful handling of your stuff.

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