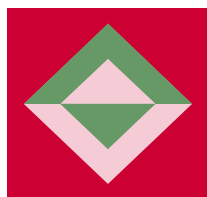


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Magnificent Melodies

This October 28th (Saturday) at 3:00 PM several members of the ECMS community will be hosting a benefit recital. Performers will include teachers, parents, as well as alumni of the Early Childhood Music School. A reception will follow the recital. Feel free to bring children. There will be trick or treat goodies available for them in the Fellowship Hall.

Admission is free, but we will be accepting donations to go towards Elliot's Song.

*Thanks,
Anthony Williams*

November Performance!

WUMC Performance Sunday, November 19th

Mark your calendars! On November 19th our ECMS students have the opportunity to perform at a WUMC service. This year ECMS students as well as WUMC's children's choir will be performing a composition I wrote. The song entitled "Bless you" and will be a part of our Thanksgiving service. Another exciting feature about this event is it will be one of our first fundraisers. On November 18th when the two choirs rehearse together, we

will create a professional recording of their performance that will be available in exchange for donations. Please let your instructors know if you are interested in participating.

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Thank you,

Anthony Williams

November 18th: Rehearsal 9:45-11:00 AM

November 19th: Curtin Call 10:15 AM, Performance at 11:00 AM service

Calendar Reminders

- Monday, Oct. 9, Columbus Day Classes as usual
- Monday, Oct. 16 2nd tuition installment due; Submit form for your child (3 and older) to sing in worship November 19th
- Saturdays, Oct. 21 Parking for W&M games
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 Halloween No evening classes
- Friday, Nov. 3rd Make-up classes for Tuesday Oct. 31st
- Monday, November 6, 7:15 PM ECMS Advisory Board meeting in Conference Room 352
- Tuesday, November 7, Election Day Classes as usual

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From the Mouths of Babes

At the end of Ms. Kathy's class, she announced to the children that it was time for their stamps. One of her students let her know that he wanted a "pteradactle" for his stamp.

In Mr. Anthony's adult guitar class one of his students coined a new term. She said "I am very much enjoying the Second Childhood Music School."



In Ms. Kathy's class the Musical Explorers were visiting the farm. When they got to the chickens Ms. Kathy asked them "What do chickens give us children?" One student replied Broccoli!

In one of Mr. Anthony's Musical Explorers classes during the Mr. Microphone activity, the children were learning the Gordon Rhythm language. When Mr. Anthony asked one child his echo his "do da di do da di" the child replied "That's a lot words!"

New School Year, New Goals

Another summer has come and gone. We have already gotten our first month under our belts. Last year we did some amazing things together in class, had fun with new events, and helped raise more money than we ever had for Elliot's song. There are many things we can continue to do to have another great year.

With every new year comes new classes with new challenges. For some families that might be getting a child to go into class alone. For others it might be establishing a practice routine for the keyboard. What ever the challenge is remember all things take time.

The best thing we can do to meet our goals is be consistent. Be consistent doing home fun assignments or engaging your children musically. Be consistent with attendance and being on time. Some children might have a more challenging week. That's ok. The key is to keep at it.

ECMS is once again hosting a multitude of events that are entertaining and fun for the entire family.

Magnificent Melodies, our bi-annual concert series first concert this year will be Saturday October 28th at 3:00 PM. If you don't think your child can make it through an entire recital that's alright there will be Halloween goodies in the fellowship hall if they need a break!

On November 19th, once again ECMS and the WUMC children's choir will be singing a composition that I have written. On November 18th when they rehearse we will be making a professional recording that will be available to families.

Also returning this year is the ECMS Winter Carnival. We had a blast last year with our dinner, games, instrument petting, and much more. This year the carnival will be on January 19th. Be sure that you don't miss this event.

Spirit nights at several local area restaurants. Be on the look out for these events in the newsletters, emails, facebook, and on the bulletin board.

Lastly, this year we are reaching more Bright Beginning and Head Start children than we have ever taught before. I personally would like to thank all of you for your donations, time, and talents. Last year was a true blessing getting to know the ECMS community and I can't wait for what the future has in store.

Please remember if you have any questions about any events or how you can be involved please do not hesitate to contact me at mranthony.ecms@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Anthony Williams

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New Babies

Every good and perfect gift comes from above.
James 1:17



We offer our congratulations to:

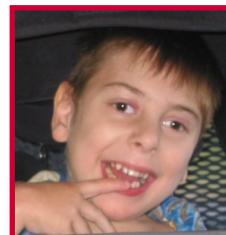
- ◇ Mallory & Matt Jaroma on March 27th gave birth to a son, **Bradley James Jaroma**. Bradley's brother, Connor, is a Musical Beginner.
- ◇ Kristin & Rob Bivens on June 27th gave birth to a daughter, **Piper Hallie Bivens**. Piper's brother, Nash, is a Musical Beginner.
- ◇ Sarah & Rick Holland on August 17th gave birth to a son, **Aden Gabriel Holland**. Aiden's brother, Owen, is a Musical Beginner.
- ◇ Jennifer & Michael Logan on September 9th gave birth to a son, **Cooper Alexander Logan**. Copper's brother, Parker, is a Musical Explorer.
- ◇ Nicole & Tuan Vu on September 20th gave birth to a son, **Cooper Dean Vu**. Copper's brother, Hixson, is a Musical Beginner.

Thank you to Donors

The ECMS family would like to say a special thank you to our recent donors. It warms our hearts that even in the hectic time of the beginning of the school year people remember to support these wonderful causes. We are also excited about teaming up with area restaurants for spirit nights for the Jessie Elizabeth Scholarship Fund. Our next spirit night is at Blaze Pizza in New Town.

Elliot's Song:

- The Liptak family
- The Barkus family
- The Webster family



Elliot Provoncha (1997—2005)

The Jessie Elizabeth

Scholarship Fund:

- The Kimberling family
- The Bullock family
- Moe's Southwestern Grill

Cindy Talks Church: Messy Church

Have you ever come to our Messy Church? As some of you may be new to ECMS and Williamsburg church, let me explain the Messy Church experience: lots of very active young children, many parents, happy and welcoming volunteers, and most importantly, an opportunity to play, pretend, discover and explore the Bible and God's world as a family. Each month we experience a different theme, and we really do get messy and play silly games - even during our Celebration Time (worship)! Our time concludes with a homemade meal that includes an especially delicious dessert because that is my favorite part of the meal! You and your family are always welcome to attend, and there is never a fee. Just come as you are! Messy Church is the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Our next Messy is October 10, and our theme is "The Ten Bridesmaids," from Matthew 25:1-13. Come and join us!

"The Village" in October

We invite you to join us on Sunday, October 15 for a new way to worship with your entire family! Beginning at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, come experience the uniqueness and unpredictability of The Village. This month, we will use art as a means of expression of our worship. We envision The Village as a place where people of all ages are able to worship together and connect with God. Questions, talk with Cindy Banek, Anthony Williams or Andy Glascott, 229-1771.

Reminders



- ⇒ **Mega Car Wash** (John Tyler Highway) Fund Raiser: Whenever you get your car washed, enter the code: 9023. ECMS will earn \$1.00 for the Jessie Elizabeth Scholarship fund, helping to replenish the fund for Semester 2.
- ⇒ The **Lost-and-Found** bin is located under the table in the lower level hallway (beneath the bulletin board). Please check it regularly.
- ⇒ **Daylight Savings Time** ends Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 AM . Remember to "fall back" one hour.

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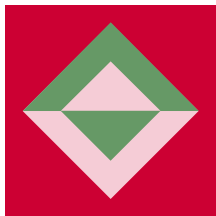
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◇ To **Maureen Howard, Jessie Shannon, Andrea Fegley-Pavlak, Kim Foster, Andrew Lund, and Susie McFatridge** for generously being our parent assistants this year!

**Thank
You**

◇ To the parents & board members who have agreed to park cars for William and Mary's home football games:

**Gerald & Tammy Bullock
John Steinliecht
Rita Welty
Erin Bermudez
Michelle Johnson
Tammy Kersey
Tamara & Don Carver
Rene Webster
Tim McPherson
Rachel Trichler**

◇ To all parents who took the time to attend a Parent Orientation. We know how busy you are, especially when everything starts up in September; and we sincerely hope you found the orientation sessions worthwhile.

◇ To the parents/grandparents who generously provided delicious refreshments for our Parent Orientations:

John and La Donna Steinliecht

George Thomas

Nissa Hillin

Caroline Bush



Save the Date!
Friday, January 19th,
2018

ECMS Winter Carnival