



DECEMBER 2011

RHCS Deep Creek Elementary



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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Nov 30 Wed. Lunch Orders Due

Dec 2 Fri. **Parent's Night Out**
Red Hill Campus
6-10 pm

Dec 7 Wed. Christmas Program
for Frederick Menn.
Community Residents
10:30 am—11:30 am

Dec 12 Mon. The Holiday Goose
Play
10:00 am
Christmas Program
and Pageant at
Frederick Mennonite
Community Auditorium
6:30—7:30 pm

Dec 23 Fri. Christmas Parties
10:30 am
Early Dismissal 12 pm

Dec 24-Jan 2 Christmas Break
School Closed

Jan 3 Tues School Resumes

Open Line Adopt-A-Family

At our last chapel, the students met Pastor John who is a volunteer at the Open Line ministry in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. We are collecting hats, scarves & mittens and canned goods and other food items listed on the brochure you have received. Collection will take place through Friday, December 16. Now is the perfect time of year to help teach our children to be generous to those in need.

Christmas Program & Pageant

6:30—7:30 pm

Monday, December 12
Please arrive at 6:15 pm

- New location: Frederick Mennonite Community Auditorium
- What to wear: children wear white shirts, nice pants or skirts
- Friends and family are invited
- No offering will be collected—*see Dr. Klein's letter posted on our website.*


Frederick Community has generously opened their facility to us for an evening performance for our families. The children will be performing for the residents on Wednesday, December 7th during the school day.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, December 2
6:00 pm—10:00 pm

*Go shopping
Have some dinner
See a Movie!*

If you have already registered, you will be enjoying a night out while your children are cared for at our Red Hill location.



"I bring you good news today, in the town of David a Savior has been born unto you."
~ Luke 2:10 & 11



Kindergarten and Elementary will enjoy a production of The Holiday Goose held at the Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe on Monday, December 12. We will be leaving school at 9:15 am. Cost is \$12 per student.

2012 OPEN HOUSE

Week of January 30—
February 4
9:00 am —12:00 pm

Sustaining Quality

As a 501(c)3 independent, nonprofit, board operated organization we accept gifts, especially at this time of year. We are a donor recipient of United Way of Southeastern PA (donor # 12766), as well as other foundations & charitable organizations. Please pray about how God might direct you to help us.
See Dr. Klein's letter posted on our website.











CHRISTMAS: A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND MEMORIES

Try one or more of these ideas to establish traditions and strong family memories



-  Keep the focus on Jesus birth by having a birthday cake for dessert on Christmas day.
-  Have several story books about the events of Jesus birth in your home during the Christmas season.
-  Read aloud the account of Jesus birth directly from the Bible on Christmas morning.
-  Make Placemats: Using 12"x18" construction paper, help children design and make placemats for the family. Old Christmas cards can be used to cut out pictures and verses to be pasted to the placemat. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper when complete!
-  Invite Nativity Dinner Guests: Place a different figure of the nativity in front of each family members place at the table. Ask each person to share what the character might have felt at the birth of Christ. Ask what each character gave out of love for Jesus. Encourage conversation about ways each can show love at Christmas because of Jesus great love for us.



-  Make an Advent Wreath: This is a tradition that will help us understand the events & rejoicing surrounding Christ's birth. Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas eve. To make an advent wreath use a base (try styrofoam) that will hold four 8" red candles & one 10" white candle (for the middle). As you light one advent candle each week talk about:

First Sunday- The Prophets rejoiced. I saiah 9:6, Galatians 4:4,5


Second Sunday- John the Baptist rejoiced. Mark 1:1-7, Malachi 3:1


Third Sunday- Mary and Joseph rejoiced. Luke 1:26-35, Matthew 1:18-25, I saiah 7:14

Fourth Sunday- Angels, shepherds and wisemen rejoiced. Luke 2:1-20. Matthew 2:1-11

Christmas Eve- Reflect on the meaning of Christmas. I saiah 9:6, John 3:16, II Cor. 9:15



-  Visiting: As shepherds and wisemen visited Jesus and his family, make Christmas a time of visiting friends and family members, especially those not often seen. Involve children in making some small gift or greeting card to bring as you visit.

-  Photo Memories: Don't let the Christmas season go by without taking pictures of your family. Each Christmas you should plan to take photos in the same location such as in front of the Christmas tree or sitting around the table ready for Christmas dinner. A yearly set of photos focused on the same events and locations provides many opportunities to build happy memories and recall Christmas celebrations year by year.

Remember... the key is doing some of the same things EVERY year.

This builds family traditions that may last a lifetime...or more!



"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift."

II Corinthians 9:15 NIV



Winter Weather Watch



In case of hazardous weather conditions, please note the following:

1. If Upper Perkiomen School District OR Boyertown School District is CLOSED, our elementary classes are CLOSED. *In most cases, child (day) care at the Red Hill Campus will remain OPEN, but may begin an hour late.*
2. If Upper Perkiomen School District OR Boyertown School District is 2 hours late, our elementary school will OPEN 2 hours late for Full-Day Kindergarten and Grades 1—5. Morning Kindergarten will be canceled. All sessions end normal time.
3. For closing/late opening information on inclement weather mornings, call Deep Creek Elementary School at 215-234-0440 beginning at 6:00 am.
4. If a storm begins during the school day . . . families will be called if we are dismissing early due to weather.
5. **Reminder: Your child's bus transportation follows your school district's closing/late openings.**