

CHOO CHOO EXPRESS

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

WOW! January has flown by with no real snow. The children however got to experience snow with their imaginations and hands as they played in our faux snow in Big Centers, had snowball fights with paper or made snow angels in the packing peanuts. Here comes February. We have a lot planned for the month. We start off the month with Groundhog Day. Will he



see his shadow? Then Valentine's Day is just around the corner. We will be learning about loving one another just as Jesus loves us. Some of the things we will be focusing on are the colors red, pink, purple, and white. The shape of the month is the heart. A few of our letters are Y, O, U, L, and V. As the end of the month approaches we will focus on our health and good hygiene habits.



February is dental health month. We will be teaching the children about proper brushing



and care of our teeth. February will also bring the continent of Africa to our cultural center. We will be exploring the various animals that live there and we be learning about the people of the Bible that lived in Africa.



ODDS & ENDS

- Make sure you have a weather appropriate change of clothes in your child's tote. Please dress in layers and warmly on colder days as the children still go outside.
- If you will be attending Howard Hall Elementary School in the fall and are interested in the Spanish Immersion Program, there will be a parent information meeting



on February 3rd at 7 PM. The meeting will be held in the Cafeteria at Howard Hall. For more information call: 822-5100. Program tours are available February 10th at 9:30 AM.

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Important Dates:

- February 2nd
POPS Meeting 9:05
- February 4th & 5th
Staff Training
NO SCHOOL
- February 14th
Valentines Day
- February 15th
President's Day
NO SCHOOL
- February 25th
Chick-fil-A



POPS

A few quick notes from POPS...

As you all have heard by now, our annual Truck Touch Fundraiser is set for Saturday March 27th. **We are in need of volunteers for this event.** This year, we are including a Business Expo and Yard Sale during this event. Here are just a few of the businesses that will be available to purchase goods from at the event: childrens



clothes, SILPADA JEWELRY, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One Personalized Gifts, Wood crafts and paintings, Lia Sophia, kids accessories. clothing, little girl bows and crafts, Monogramming, Pampered Chef, hand painted canvas (acrylics), Celebrating Home

We have now opened up this option to the public (\$40/table). If you know of anyone who would be interested in promoting their home business, please contact Michelle Gailey (527-8114). Keep in mind that we will not allow duplicate services and tables are based on a first come fist serve basis.

TOY DONATIONS: We are currently

accepting any and all toy donations to be sold during our Yard Sale at our Truck Touch Fundraiser. Please place all of your items in the wagon in the entryway. We appreciate you donations. And, it's a great way to reduce clutter in your home!!!

HOME GOODS DONATIONS: As a reminder, we will also be accepting all home goods to sell at our yard sale, as well. However, we would like to wait until mid-March to collect these goods, as available space to hold these items is an issue.

BAKE SALE DONATIONS: In the near future, we will be providing a list in the entryway as to the items we will need for the concession stand during Truck Touch. In order to cover all areas that we will need donations (e.g. soda, snacks, etc.) we will be putting together a list with pull tabs for all items needed. Please keep a watch on the POPS bulletin board for this and donate what is convenient for you. Thank you!!!!

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Although *we will not be* selling clothes at our Truck Touch Fundraiser...WE WILL BE ACCEPTING CLOTHING THAT WILL BE SOLD AT THE TWICE IS NICE MOPS CONSIGNMENT SALE AT



NORTHWOOD TEMPLE MARCH 19-20 . We will receive 70% of all sales. So, feel free to clean out your closets! Spring is right around the corner, so this is a great time to downsize!

Just Claying Around Fundraiser: Again this year, Just Claying Around Pottery will be making a visit Monday and Tuesday, March 29th & 30th. Order forms will be going home and displays will be set up in the entryway in the coming weeks. These make great Mother's Day gifts!! And benefit St. Andrews Academy, so please take a minute to see what they have to offer!



Our next Chick-fil-A night will be Thursday February 25th. As always you can go any time throughout the day just remember to turn in your receipt so the Academy gets credit. Spirit night activities will be from 5-8. Join us for a fun night out.

The next POPS meeting is February 2nd at 9:05. Hope to see you. Contact the office for childcare needs during this time.



LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Bread 'N Bowls, is a benefit fundraiser for Operation Inasmuch.

When: Friday, February 26

Where: Hay Street United Methodist Church

Time: Lunch service—11:30 am-2:00pm

Dinner service—4:30-7:30pm

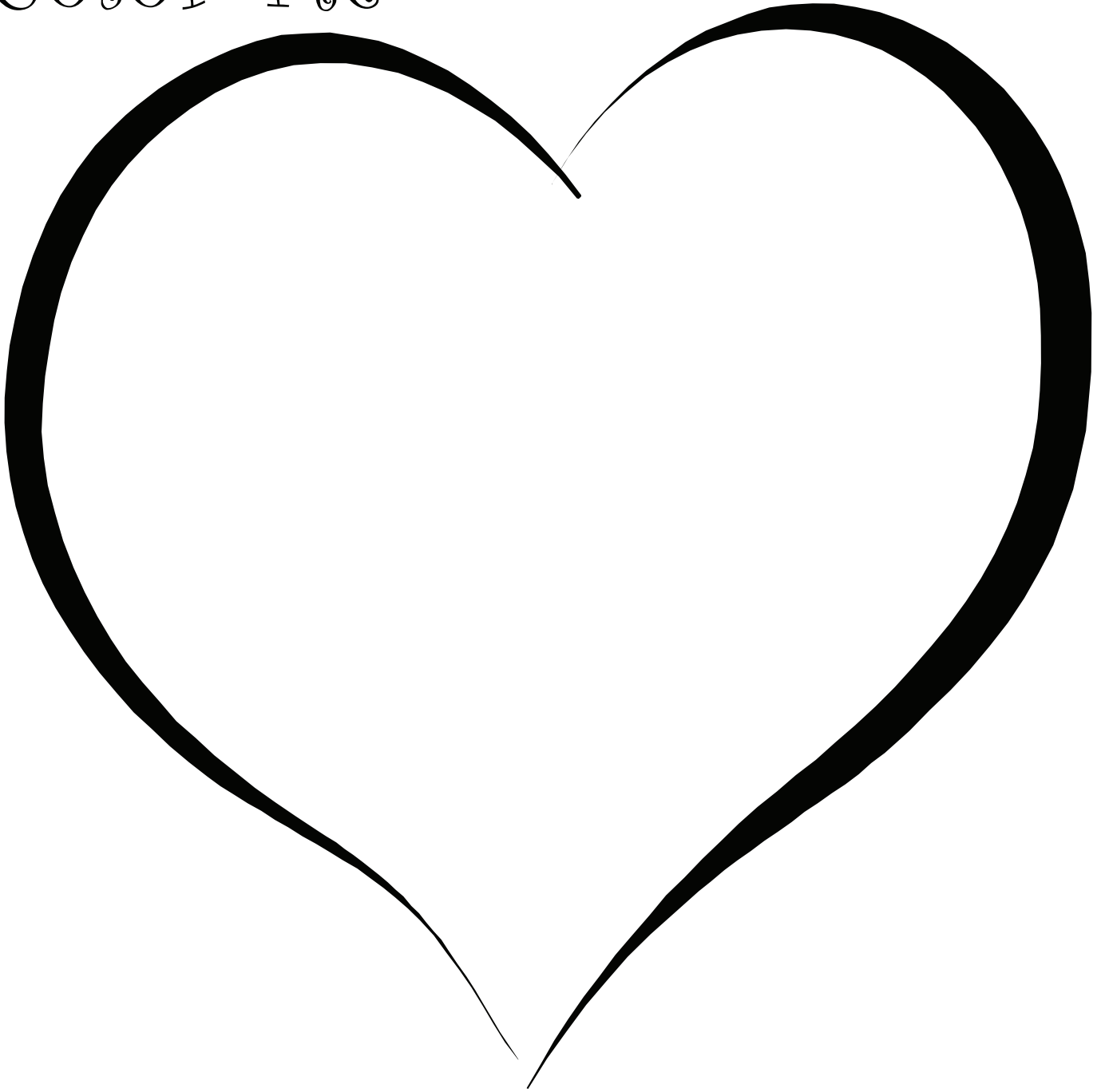
Cost: \$15.00/meal served in pottery bowl

\$5.00/meal served in a bread bowl



Enjoy a hot bowl of Soup and help support the breakfast program of Operation Inasmuch. They feed approximately 145 people breakfast 5 mornings a week. Either way—in a handmade NC Pottery Bowl (yours to keep) or in a bread bowl—the soup is good, it's hot and you will be changing someone's life.

Color Me



Please color this heart and return to school for
our bulletin board.

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"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not stray from it." Proverbs 22:6

Happy Valentine's Day



John 3:16



REGISTRATION



All families currently enrolled in the Academy should have received a registration intent letter. These are due back in the office **by 12 noon on February**

3rd. You will receive your registration packet by February 16th and have until March 5th to pay your registration fee & secure your slot for the 10-11 school year. It is our goal to give our returning families the classes

they want without having to wait in a line to register. Registration for church members & former families will be held on Thursday, March 11th & open registration for the community will be held on Friday, March 12th.