



March

Typing the month of March makes me hopeful that the snow, ice, and frigid temperatures will soon be a distant memory! We are also VERY hopeful that we will start having outside recess much more frequently. We are certainly thankful that we have a large gym to play in, but we are looking forward to seeing your kiddos run and play on our playground. With this in mind, please remember to send your child in clothing that allows them to play comfortably while also staying warm. This is also a

good time to make sure that your child has an extra set of clothing that fits them. They've been busy growing!

We have some exciting plans coming up over the next few weeks. Be sure to check these out below!

Blessings,

Tiffany Lehman
CUMC Preschool Director





- **March 6th: Ash Wednesday Mini Church Service 12:40**
- **March 11-22 La Braid Fundraiser**
- **March 11-12 Free Vision Screenings**
- **March 29-April 7 Spring Break**
- **April 8-12 Week of the Young Child Celebration**
- **April 16-18 School Portraits**
- **April 19th Good Friday No School**

VBS

To Mars and Beyond VBS, Explore Where God's Power Can Take You. Galaxy voyagers journey from their galactic outpost on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Everyone enjoys the amazing space theme, fantastic VBS music, daily appearances of the life size robot 'Captain 2Beyond', and this year's puppet EP3-20. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory tags to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Closing Program that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned

To Mars and Beyond is for kids from 3 years old (if parent is in the building participating as a volunteer and potty trained) to 5th grade (current 2018-19 grade) and will run from 6pm to 8:30pm each day. For more information, email us at kids@carmelumc.org

This fun-filled week is a FREE 5-Day experience: Sunday, June 23 - Thursday, June 27 from 6-8:30pm each evening. On the Sunday after VBS, kids are invited to help lead the church service on June 30 at 9am to celebrate an amazing, God-filled week!

Registration is required and will close when we reach 300 kids. T-shirts and cd's are available for purchase at \$10 each.

To register, please complete the registration found at: <https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/203/responses/new>

Spring Cleaning Donation Drive

Did you know that many folks who use our food pantry are not able to purchase cleaning supplies to keep their families healthy and clean? As you are getting ready to clean your house, please consider picking up an extra mop, roll of paper towels, sponge, bathroom cleaner, toilet bowl brush, etc.... If you need it to clean, our friends at the Food Pantry will need them too! Donate items beginning April 8– May 8, to the Children’s Ministry box in the Preschool Hallway.





We are excited to have a week long celebration in honor of all of our preschoolers! This celebration will include spirit themed days, a carnival, animal show, science show and a few other surprises that we have planned. Please mark your calendar for these exciting events and be sure to dress your child according to our themes on the days that they are with us. Every child will have the opportunity to participate in the carnival, but if your child is not here on Tuesdays, please plan on attending the magic show with them! Please ask your child's teacher for the time of show that you will be able to join.

April 8th:

THEME: Pajama Day- Come dressed in your favorite pajamas, but leave your slippers at home so that you can play at recess.

April 9th: Hedgehog Hannah- the kids will get to experience this cuddly, slimy, and unique animal show as a class!

THEME: Crazy hair or hat day! Wear your hair in a crazy fashion or find a funny hat.

April 10th: School Carnival-Enjoy popcorn, games, and a bounce house today with your class!

THEME: Go team! Come dressed in your favorite team gear.

April 11th: School Carnival-Enjoy popcorn, games, and a bounce house today with your class!

THEME: All of the COLORS of the World! Wear as many bright colors as you can find. Rainbows, tie-dye, Hawaiian or just put them all together. Clashing colors are encouraged!

April 12th: Miss Liz the Science Wiz-Classes will get to participate in a hands on experiment to learn about how and why snakes molt!

THEME: Superheroes and princesses! Dress as your favorite hero or princess (real or make-believe).

Week of the
Young Child:

A Celebration of
God's Youngest
Children!

April 8-12th



Free Vision Screening
Monday March 11th & Tuesday March 12th

On the dates shown above the Carmel Lions Club will offer *free vision screenings* for all children from 18 months to 6 years of age.

Attached is an Operation KidSight Consent Form. This form must be completed and signed in order for your child to be screened. Below is information that may help you in deciding whether to have your child's eyes screened.

- ✓ Check out the website: <https://www.visionfirst.org/operationkidsight>
- ✓ Watch a video of the results with other children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLvJb67DYFU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNIOfSc3vEQ>
- ✓ The screening process entails the child simply looking at the PlusOptix Vision device. No physical contact is made with your child.

Remember to bring your completed and signed Consent Form prior to the screening.

Complements



*** Do not complete form if child is currently under care of an eye doctor***

Child's Name (First Middle Initial Last) _____

Child's Date of Birth: Age _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone () _____

E-mail: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The local Indiana Lions Clubs in your community will offer free eye screening to your child. The screening may pick up the presence of eye disorders

including farsightedness and nearsightedness, astigmatism, strabismus (misaligned eyes), anisometropia (unequal prescriptions) and media opacities (i.e.

cataracts). No physical contact is made with your child and no eye drops or medications are used.

I, the undersigned, hereby give permission for my child to participate in the eye screening event. I understand the following regarding this program:

1. The information obtained from this vision screening is preliminary only, and does not constitute a formal eye exam. Not all vision

problems will be detected by the vision screening process.

2. There is no charge to participate in the vision screening process.

3. I will not hold the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc., the Lions Club organizations, their sponsors or Operation KidSight accountable for any errors of commission, omission or other inaccuracies of the reported screening results.

4. This form and your child's screening results will be forward to Operation KidSight for review.

5. If my child fails the eye screening, he/she will be referred to an eye care specialist and I will receive a "Parent-To-Do Packet" along with the results of the screening. I understand that I am responsible for arranging a full eye exam if my child has been referred as a result of the vision screening.

6. You are giving consent for the employees and volunteers of Operation KidSight to: (1) Record and store the results of your child's eye screening in a computer database; (2) Contact you with the results of the eye screening; (3) Contact your eye care doctor with the results of the eye screening; (4) If your child is a participant in a county Head Start or Community Action Program, to release the results of the screening to the manager of

the Head Start/Community Action Program to assist in follow-up; and (5) If your child fails the eye screening, you are also giving consent for your eye care doctor to share the results off your follow-up comprehensive eye examination with Dr. Daniel Neely, Operation KidSight Medical Director, and the staff of Operation KidSight who will enter that information into the computer database. All information you or your eye care doctor give to Operation KidSight will be kept confidential. Any information that could identify your child or family will not be used without your permission.

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_____ **Parent or guardian will be notified in the event the results of this screening indicate the child is at risk for an ocular problem. Initial here to OPT OUT OF FOLLOW UP CALL OR E-MAIL. *If your child participates in a Head Start/Community Action Program, we are required to follow up and this option is not available to you.***

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The result of your child's vision screening is as follows:

_____ **Pass** We are unable to detect a vision problem at this time. The screening is not a substitute for a complete eye exam. Consult your eye care professional if you suspect a vision problem.

_____ **Refer** Your child should be examined because he or she may have the following condition that has the potential to cause poor vision in one or both eyes. Please take your child to see an ophthalmologist or optometrist in your area. **If you have any questions about your results please call Operation KidSight at (317) 220-8486**

_____ Strabismus (Crossed or misaligned eyes)

_____ Anisometropia (Difference in need for glasses between eyes; can cause poor vision in one eye)

_____ Astigmatism (Results from unequal focusing of light rays as they enter the eye, causing a blurring of objects)

_____ High Farsightedness (Can contribute to eye crossing)

_____ High Myopia (Severe near vision)

_____ Anisocoria (Inequality in size of pupils)

_____ Automatic referral when child is cooperative and no refraction obtained

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PASS _____

REFER _____

If it is a referral, attach label here if refraction is obtained.

X **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

LaBraid Fundraising

March 11th-March 25th



Students will have an order form for LaBraid butter braids in their backpack soon! If you enjoy this product, then we encourage you to place an order and ask others as well. The school will receive a percentage of sales, which will be used for special programming and equipment. However, please know that participation is never required! LaBraid products will be delivered on April 17th, which is just in time for Easter!