



MID-ATLANTIC EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Renew your MAESA Membership

MAESA Matters October 2017

Greetings!

Welcome to this edition of MAESA Matters...We hope that MAESA will be a conduit to share news and inspiration from our talented member schools. Check out *Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria, VA* in this month's *Spread the Word* feature. In addition, next month we begin a feature asking teachers and administrators "Why do you teach in an Episcopal school?" We'd love to feature one of your amazing staff. [Contact us](#) to be included.

November 3rd MAESA hosts the **Early Childhood Conference *Supporting the Young Child: Developmental Professionals Weigh In***, explores a variety of issues for early childhood educators and administrators. **Dr. Dan Shapiro, MD** will be the keynote speaker at the Falls Church Episcopal Day School. Use the link to [register](#).



Visit Our Website

Early Childhood
Conference Registration

What's Up Next:

[Episcopal Schools Day Celebration](#) on Oct 11th at Washington National Cathedral, hosted by Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School. MAESA will welcome nearly 800 students from MAESA member schools.

[MAESA Early Childhood Conference](#) on November 3rd hosted by the Falls Church Episcopal Day School. We plan to welcome educators from more than 25 early education programs.

"Spread The Word"...news from our members

"Begin with Grace" Nurturing Core Values

At Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria, VA what does it mean to *begin with Grace*? At our school, each day begins with a handshake and morning greeting with the Head of



School. This tradition sets the tone for our nurturing community that believes in the character keys of respect, responsibility, honesty, courage and compassion. The handshake with both student and parent represents a shared investment in the well-being of our students.

To *begin with Grace* means a student will receive a strong foundation on which to grow and prosper. We educate the whole child intellectually, spiritually, physically and socially. We focus on the elementary years of preschool through grade 5 with small class sizes, developmental curriculum, and dedicated teachers. Our recent VAIS Accreditation team commented, "While many schools seek and claim a sense of community, GES goes beyond, having formed a family."

Pictured: Head Patti Culbreth on the first day of school.



Grace
Episcopal
School



The 2017 MAESA Members Meeting Last month at Washington Episcopal School MAESA welcomed more than 40 guests from among our 43 members schools.

Pictured left, The Rev. Daniel Heischman, Exec. Director of NAES, facilitated a panel of Heads of School: Jalene Spain Thomas, Lower School Head at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Julia Berry of St. Columba's and Danny Vogelman of Washington Episcopal School.

This year's program allowed not only heads of school and chaplains, but division directors, directors of admission and communication and others to discuss how adults who work in our Episcopal schools can leverage one another to share best practices and promote our Episcopal identity as a point of differentiation. MAESA hopes to look for meaningful ways in the future to connect our member schools' faculty and administrators.



Share Your Blessing of the Animals Pictures



Does your school celebrate St. Francis of Assisi Day & Blessing of the Animals?

Many of our member schools celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals service. We'd love to share your pictures with our MAESA community. **Share them with us by sending to maesaschools@gmail.com**

Meet The MAESA Board

Let us hear from you!

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