

SEPTEMBER 2019

NEWS FROM WSYC

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
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School Happenings!

School has begun...

We welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year here at Westminster. We have been preparing all summer for the start of school and are so excited that September has finally arrived. If you are returning from last year, it's good to have you back. If you are new to us, we are happy to have you here!

Tuition & Activity Fees

Tuition and activity fee amounts were published in the August 2019 newsletter. If you have not paid your September tuition and activity fee, please plan to stop by the school office to pay on Tuesday. We do not send tuition bills. However, a late fee is charged for tuition not paid by the 10th of each month. If you are planning to use Lunch Bunch, please include \$8.00 per hour for any Lunch Bunch days that you intend to use.

Permanent Lunch Bunch Spaces

If you wish to have a permanent space in Lunch Bunch for your child, you may fill out the form that you will find in your information packet that you will receive on the first day of school. Just drop it by the office. If you sign up for a permanent space, and decide not to use it, you must mark your child's name off by 9:15 am or be charged \$8.00 for that day.

A Look at September and October...

2019 Welcome & Walk-Through

Tuesday, September 3rd

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Ladybugs, Fish, Squirrels, Turtles, Ducks,
Awesome Owls, Cool Cats, Pony Pals

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Caterpillars, Bumblebees & Bear Cubs

Plan to visit your classroom, and then stay for a while to visit with new friends, enjoy the playground, meet our Advisory Board and church staff members, and learn about plans for the school year!

September 26th & 27th

No School – Staff Workdays

Tuesday, October 1st

7:00 – 9:00 pm

“A Westminster Evening”...

...Just for Parents!

Come join us to explore and experience what your children do at school every day!

October 5th & 6th

Tile Art Days (see page 3)

October 7th, 8th, & 9th

Optional Parent Conferences

October 10th & 11th

Individual school pictures will be taken. You may also sign up to have sibling photos made.

At WSYC - Safe Driving is a MUST!

We all know that change can be very, very exciting...and we are in the midst of exciting changes on the Westminster campus. A new, and much improved Fellowship Hall space is being built. This is a space that we use every day. Although we will miss having it for our uses this year, we will all watch it being built from the ground up. This will be so exciting for the students! **Those of us who drive through the parking lot and escort our littlest ones into the school have increased responsibilities.** Go slow. Learn the new traffic patterns. Be watchful at all times. Hold your child's hand when walking through the lot. If you need help, call the office. One of our staff will come out to help you.

We can do this. We're a team - and will help each other! **And...**it will be an exciting time!

Reminders from the Office

HEALTH FORMS

A new health form must be in the office by the first day of school. If you have not returned this form, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Our medical form can be found on our website under Admissions.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER VERIFICATION FORMS

You will receive a copy of our Volunteer Driver Verification Form in your information packet.. Remember that you must complete and sign this form in order to drive our students on any school sponsored field trips. This year, it is required that a criminal background check is run on both our drivers and our regular substitute teachers.

- only our 3 year-olds and Pre-K students leave our campus on field trips.

Playground Safety Tips

In order to use Westminster's playground equipment safely, we ask that all students wear athletic shoes, or shoes with non-skid soles. Shoes with slick bottoms, sandals, and crocs are not safe to wear on the equipment.

Also, be sure that there are no long laces or ties on your child's clothing or outerwear. . These can get caught in unexpected places creating choking hazards.

ARRIVAL TIME

Classroom arrival time is between 8:55 AM and 9:00 AM. We do not open our classroom doors prior to 8:55. Our teaching staff depends on that time to prepare for the day. Our doors automatically unlock for you to enter, and then relock at 9:15. Ring the doorbell if you need to enter after 9:15 AM.

GOOD-BYES

Say your "good-byes" at the classroom door. Once you have said good-bye to your child, please do not remain in the classroom. We offer a loving, nurturing morning, filled with discovery and excitement for your child. We will call you if we see a separation problem. You are also welcome to come and wait in the school office for a few minutes, if needed.



Parent Scoop

News to use from the Westminster Advisory Board

Celebrate! **2019 = 50 years of Westminster**

The start of school offers so many reasons to celebrate. The return of routines, reuniting with old friends and making new friends and the fresh smell of new school supplies!
Welcome back to school!

The start of the 2019 school year is extra special for Westminster School for Young Children! Our beloved school has been helping families and serving the Durham Community for 50 years!!

50 years of smiling teachers and staff welcoming and loving students.

2609 weeks of laughter, learning and play.

18, 262 days of support from parents and the community.

Happy 50th Westminster School for Young Children!

Help us continue our legacy!

At the start of school this year, you will receive a letter and donation form for our
\$50 for 50 years fundraising campaign.

We are asking for a tax-deductible donation of \$50 and in return, you will be forever remembered in a commemorative tile art project that will line our school hallway. Your family or child's tile(s) will be unique and will showcase

Why Westminster is Important to You!

You will have the opportunity to create your artwork at school on one of
2 community tile art days:

Saturday, October 5th at 10am or Sunday, October 6th at 3pm

Thank you in advance for your generous support. Through fundraising and your donations, Westminster is able to continue operating at the level of excellence that we all expect and love about our school.

Be sure to reference the bulletin board outside Kathy's office for more news from your School Advisory Board.