

# IT'S A NEW WORLD AT WSYC JANUARY 2021

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN  
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## School Happenings

A warm, welcome back to everyone! Our entire staff here at Westminster School wishes you a very **HAPPY and HEALTHY** 2021!

Thank you for all you did for us in the days leading up to our Christmas break. We appreciate all your kindnesses, and we look forward to the last half of this school year. It will pass quickly!

## "MEGAN'S WISH" UPDATE

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed non-perishable food items and monetary donations to the Durham Rescue Mission through "Megan's Wish". We were quite overwhelmed by your generous donations.

Representatives from the Durham Rescue Mission were extremely appreciative, and also send their thanks to you for your generosity.

## A Look at January & February

**Monday, January 4**  
Return to School

**Monday, January 18**  
No School – Martin Luther King Day

**Thursday & Friday,  
January 28 & 29**  
No School

**Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences**  
You will receive a link to a Sign-up  
Genius in mid January.

**Monday, February 1**  
Registration begins  
for currently enrolled students  
for Fall 2021

(See page 2 for Registration details.)

**February 15**  
One Month's Tuition Payment Due  
(to be applied to May 2022)



## The Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund

Many thanks to those of you who have made donations to our Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund. It's now time to submit financial aid applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Please come by the school office and pick up an application if you would like to be considered for financial assistance. Applications for the upcoming school year must be received by our review committee by Wednesday, January 27.

***Please remember that donations may be made to the Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund at any time.***

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

During the next few weeks, our teachers will gather information to share with you at our annual Parent-Teacher conferences. As they work with the children each day, focus is given to each student's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. In order to make the most of your time at the conference, please be ready to share your specific concerns and observations. Bring your questions as well. We want to work with you as a team in planning for your child's future.

Beginning **Monday, January 19**, you will be able to sign up for a virtual Parent-Teacher Conference. A link to a Sign-Up Genius will be sent to you on that day. The conferences will be held on Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29. You will receive a registration form via email for the 2021-2022 school year when your conference is completed.

#### **Note:**

**Registration begins February 1 for currently enrolled WSYC students. The nonrefundable registration fee and one month's (May 2022) tuition fee is due by February 15 in order to hold a spot for your child(ren). After February 15 enrollment is open to the community.**

### 2021-2022 MONTHLY FEES

In addition to the registration and tuition fees, a one-time PPE fee will be due in September. This fee will cover additional health and safety needs that we anticipate needing to operate in the fall of 2021. You will receive more information regarding this fee before the beginning of the school year.

Please understand that there may be some changes to our class configurations for next year. An update on necessary changes will be coming soon.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TUITION FEE</u>
TODDLER CLASSES	Tue & Thur	\$235 per month
TWO YEAR OLD CLASSES	Tue & Thur	\$235 per month
	Mon, Wed, Fri	\$285 per month
	Mon - Fri	\$380 per month
THREE YEAR OLD CLASSES	Mon, Wed, Fri Mon - Fri	\$285 per month \$380 per month
PRE-K .	Mon - Fri	\$380 per month





# Parent Scoop

News to Use  
from the WSYC Advisory Board

## Happy New Year!

Hoping you had a healthy and happy holiday. Here's to the hope that 2021 brings.

Thank you for shopping our One Stop Holiday Shop! We appreciate our friends at Chapel Hill Toffee - their donation of 25% of Holiday Shop sales totaled \$460! Our Boon Supply donation was over \$190. These moneys directly support our Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund!

The WSYC Advisory Board is creatively working on new and fun ways to encourage community, to support staff and families and to help offset the school's expense of being open during a pandemic.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to navigate this unprecedented school year.

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# LET'S GET TO KNOW THE FISH CLASS TEACHERS!

## KATIE HICKEY



### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF:

I HAVE BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOMS AT WSYC FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS! FIRST AS A PARENT, THEN A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND NOW ON STAFF. MY HUSBAND, TODDLER AND I MOVED TO DURHAM FROM CALIFORNIA 16 YEARS AGO AND ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY WE FOUND. THE TODDLER FROM CALIFORNIA, DILLAN, IS NOW A JUNIOR AT JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL AND OUR BOYS, BODE AND CARSON, ARE IN 8TH GRADE AT IMMACULATA. THEY STILL TALK ABOUT THEIR TIME IN SUMMER, CAMP, AND THE DUCK AND PONY PAL CLASSROOMS. WHEN I'M NOT PLAYING IN THE FISH CLASSROOM, I'M MOST LIKELY WALKING IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD OR SPENDING TIME IN MY YARD.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK?

ALL CURIOUS GEORGE BOOKS!

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?

GREEN

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SNACK?

CHEESE AND CRACKERS

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WORKING AT WSYC?

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT WSYC IS LAUGHING WITH THESE LITTLE PEOPLE AND SEEING THEM GROW EVERY DAY.



# KATIE DONOWAY



## TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF:

I GREW UP IN DURHAM AND AM A GRADUATE OF WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL! AFTER MARRYING MY HUSBAND MARK, WE LIVED UP AND DOWN THE EAST COAST MOVING WITH HIS USAF DENTAL CAREER. WE MOVED BACK TO DURHAM 8 YEARS AGO AND WAS IMMEDIATELY DRAWN BACK TO WSYC AS A PARENT. MY DAUGHTER, LILY IS NOW A SOPHOMORE AT JORDAN, MY OLDEST SON (FORMER PONY PAL), GRAHAM IS IN THE 6TH GRADE AT GITHENS AND YOUNGEST SON OLIVER (FORMER MOUSE, SQUIRREL AND COOL CAT) IS IN THE 1ST GRADE AT FOREST VIEW. I JOINED THE STAFF 5 YEARS AGO AND HAVE SERVED AS THE WSYC ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY, READING, BEING OUTSIDE AND SPENDING AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE AT MY FAVORITE SPOT, THE NC COAST!

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK?

THE CARROT SEED BY RUTH KRAUSS

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?

PINK

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SNACK?

CHEESE-ITS!

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WORKING AT WSYC?

I LOVE THE COMMUNITY AND CAMARADERIE WITH THE STAFF AND WSYC FAMILIES. BUT MY MOST FAVORITE THING IS THE LOVE, LAUGHTER AND LEARNING THAT TAKES PLACE EVERYDAY IN THE CLASSROOM!

