

NOVEMBER 2019

NEWS FROM WSYC

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
KATHY STICKLEY, DIRECTOR



School Happenings

Halloween Fun!

Parade! Songs! Stories!

Our students and staff had lots of fun last Wednesday at our annual Halloween celebration. We paraded, sang, and helped our friendly witch tell a story. Hope you were able to enjoy this special time with us.

Thanks so much to our Advisory Board for scheduling the coffee truck visit and providing tasty treats for all of us! That made waiting for the princesses, pirates and superheroes to appear a little more delicious and fun!

It's Registration Time...for Toddlers and Twos for 2020-2021!!

It's hard to believe, but the time is here! We will register children for our toddler and two year old classrooms beginning on Tuesday, 11/12. Our incoming toddlers must turn one by March 31, 2020. Our incoming twos must turn two by August 31, 2020.

If your child is currently a student in our Toddler program, you will be given a registration form by your child's teacher next week. Those forms will be accepted in the school office beginning on Tuesday, 11/12. Children in our present Two and Three year old programs will register in February.

Please let your friends and neighbors with young children know about this early registration period.

A Look at November & December...

No School - Staff Workdays

Thursday, 10/31

Friday, 11/1

Tuesday, 11/12

2020-2021 Registration Begins
for Toddlers, and Twos

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

11/27 - 11/29

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, 12/17

Last day of school before Christmas Break
for Bear Cubs, Caterpillars and Bumblebees
These three classes will dismiss at 11:00 am
No Lunch Bunch will be held for these children.

Wednesday, 12/18

Christmas Celebration
Westminster Sanctuary
9:30 am

Last day of school before Christmas Break
for Ladybugs, Fish, Squirrels, Turtles, Ducks,
Awesome Owls, Cool Cats, & Pony Pals
All classes dismissed at 11:00 am.
No Lunch Bunch will be held.

Thursday, 12/19 & Friday, 12/20

"Just One More Day" Fundraiser
(Sign up Genius coming soon!)

Thursday, 12/19 - Friday, 1/3

No School - Christmas Break

Monday, 1/6

Return to School

Health and Wellness at WSYC

The cold and flu season is here, and the staff and students of Westminster School are working hard to use good hygiene habits!

- Please notify the school office if your child is sick or absent for any reason.
- We will isolate any child who becomes ill at school and call the parents to come and pick him up as soon as possible.
- Keep your child home after receiving a throat culture until you have the results, or antibiotics have been administered for 48 hours.
- If any of the following has occurred during the previous 24 hours, a child should not attend school: fever, vomiting, continuous coughing, heavy/discolored nasal discharge, diagnosis of conjunctivitis.
- If your child is diagnosed with Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease he must stay out of school as long as he has fever and as long as new rash or other symptoms (evolving rash, sores in mouth, diarrhea) develop

Parent Scoop



News to Use from the Westminster Advisory Board

Gratitude is a memory of the heart.
~Jean Baptiste Massieu

The month of November is often a time to reflect and remember all that we have and all we are thankful for. As I reflect on the start of our school year - my heart is full! I am grateful for each preschooler's smile, each family and their support, each dedicated teacher, and each volunteer currently serving on the Advisory Board.

The school year started with a continuation of our school's 50th anniversary. The Advisory Board "kicked off" a \$50 for 50 years fundraiser and collected artwork that will create beautiful tile columns. These columns will decorate our school's hallways for years to come and will serve as a reminder of all the years of WSYC's service to the Durham community. The generosity of our Westminster community is overwhelming and to date, \$5500 has been collected. The tile artwork is beautiful and a portion of the artwork is currently on display in the hallway. Part of the money raised will be used to create a permanent school sign that will be placed at the driveway entrance. All fundraisers allow the school to enhance classrooms, support the office technology, maintain our playground and so much more. Thank you.

I hope that this season of gratitude fills you with joy and peace.

With sincere appreciation,
Katie Donoway, WSYC Advisory Board Chair

*Donations and artwork will be collected until Friday, January 10, 2020. At that time the artwork will be mailed off and turned into the tiles.