

It's a New World at WSYC November 2020

Westminster School for Young children
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School Happenings

You might have noticed that the "Back to School" flag is still flying outside the school entrance at Westminster. Finally this week, Tuesday, November 3 to be exact, we will welcome the Bumblebee Class of 10 Toddlers to the 2020-2021 school year! Can't wait to have them with us and begin watching them learn and grow. We're excited to have all our students for the year "present and accounted for"!

WELCOME BUMBLEBEES!

A WORD OF THANKS TO ALL OF YOU...

The Westminster School Staff and I just want to thank all of you for the extra measure of patience and flexibility that you are offering us this year. We've had to ask you to adjust your arrival and dismissal times, enter the exit driveway, have patience as we learn to use a car line and perform health screenings and refrain from ever entering the school building. On top of all this, we ask you to trust us as we attempt to be the very best preschool staff that we can be, meeting all the needs of your precious children during an unprecedented time. I feel that, at this point in time, we are experiencing success! Hopefully, we will continue to do so. Thank you!

And to the Westminster School staff - THANK YOU!! Thank you for your patience and flexibility, also, as well as for your dedication to this school and its students and families.

A Look at November

Tuesday, November 3

Welcome to the Bumblebee Class of Toddlers as well as to their teachers, Katherine Alvarez and Dana Jones!

November 3 - All Day!

Our First Spirit Day

Visit Jersey Mike's on MLK Parkway to support WSYC
Your flyer is attached!

Monday, November 16

Registration for Toddlers will begin for the 2021-2022 school year.

Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27

No School

Thanksgiving Holidays 2020

Monday, November 30

Return to School

LOOKING AHEAD -

Wednesday, December 16

Last day of school before Christmas break!

School Photos!

We had a successful picture day with our photographer, Jeannette Durrett. She has sent each of you a link to your online photo gallery. Be sure to look at your child's photos and consider ordering some. Remember, these photos will make fantastic holiday gifts for friends and family! Jeannette will also give a percentage of the sales back to the school. Ordering some photos is a great way to support WSYC!

Just a Reminder....

...About Registration for Next Year's Toddler Classes!

Registration for fall 2021 will begin on Monday, November 16, for next year's Toddlers that have completed our Future Enrollment form. If you have younger children, please go to our website, complete and submit the form. This ensures that the child will be considered for a space. Tell your friends about this registration period, also. The future enrollment form replaces our Waiting List form. There is no charge to submit the form.



Parent Scoop

News to Use from the Westminster Advisory Board

November News from the WSYC Advisory Board

We are excited to welcome back our youngest WSYC students - The Bumblebee Class! All of our 20-21 students are now back at school and we appreciate your continued support as we navigate this "unusual" year together.

As you know, 2020 has presented our school with challenge after challenge and we have worked hard to meet those obstacles with a deep desire to offer a welcoming, safe and healthy space for our students and staff. The measures taken to meet all of these necessities come at an expense and we need your support.

This year, the WSYC Advisory Board is hosting an **Un-Fundraiser!** This simply means, there are no tickets to buy or raffles to enter, we are just asking for you to consider donating to your child(ren)'s school. Any amount from 5 dollars to 500 dollars will make such an impact and is all greatly appreciated.

The Un-Fundraiser flyer, with information on how to donate is attached to this email as well. Any donation of \$50 or more will receive a newly designed WSYC car magnet. There will also be a weekly drawing for families. Every family that donates, will be entered to win a weekly prize - be sure to get your donations in early.

Week 1 (Nov. 9-13) we will give away a WSYC swag bag

Week 2 (Nov. 16-20) we will give away 1 week of WSYC 2021 summer camp.

Week 3 (Nov. 23-27) we will give away a Pizza Press Family Meal Deal

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT.....

**GETTING TO KNOW THE DUCK CLASS
TEACHERS...MRS. PYLE AND MRS. ALDERMAN!**



An Interview with Mrs. Pyle:

1. How long have you been at Westminster?

**I've been at Westminster for 20 years!
Started in the kindergarten class ,
then 2year olds and 3's**

2. What's your favorite color? Green

3. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I want to go to Bora Bora (celebrating 30 year wedding anniversary next summer)

4. Tell us a little about yourself.



I have two sons, Tyler (26) he works for a sports/tennis analytics company in Colorado. My second son, Cameron (23), (Westminster grad) is in flight school and lives in Charlotte . Both are App State grads. I enjoy tennis, skiing, and traveling!

5. What do you like about working at WSYC?

I like working at Westminster because everyday brings new developments , new challenges and something funny! I love the little things the children say, it always puts a smile on my face. At this age they are so innocent and just down right honest!



An Interview with Mrs. Alderman:

1. How long have you been teaching at Westminster?

This is my 14th year!

2. What is your favorite color?

I love all colors

3. If you could go anywhere in the world,
where would you go?

Everywhere...I love to travel. Next trip: Greece (hopefully) in the spring...



4. Tell us a little about yourself.

I grew up in Virginia. Moved to Durham in 1993 with my husband and planned to live here for only a year. :) I have 2 boys (20 and 17), who attended Westminster, and a sassy cockapoo named Robbi. My favorite things to do are spending time with people who make me laugh and taking long walks on the beach.



5. Why do you love working at WSYC?

The sweet children



About the "We Care" Rules

(Rules that never go out of style at WSYC!

THE WESTMINSTER STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE ADOPTED FIVE "WE CARE RULES" FOR OUR SCHOOL. EACH RULE REVOLVES AROUND THE THEMES OF RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY.

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THESE RULES POSTED AROUND THE SCHOOL OR YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE SHARED THEM WITH YOU. PLEASE HELP US BY REINFORCING THEM AT HOME AND IN YOUR DAILY LIFE.

**WE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER.
WE USE OUR HANDS FOR HELPING, NOT HURTING.
WE USE WORDS THAT SHOW WE CARE.
WE CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS.
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE SAY AND DO.**

WSYC NEWS AND NEEDS

Thank you for responding so quickly to our request for needs that we have at WSYC. This space in our monthly newsletter will be used to communicate those needs to you. If you find something that you might be able to help with just let us know!

Many thanks to Kelly Jones, Dad to our Pony Pals, Audra and Everett! Kelly repaired the roof of the little house on the Westminster playground last month. Thank you, Kelly! We appreciate you!

Thanks, also, to those of you who donated weather proof children's tables and chairs. They are so valuable to us as we spend more and more time outdoors.

Visit our Amazon Smiles Wishlist! These are items that we will continue to need - and you can help if you wish to donate.

Here is the link for Westminster's Wishes & Needs:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/J9PQEIWZKQVU?ref=wl_share

Both the wipes and alcohol are important to us this year, and hard to find in the marketplace! We use tons of both of these products, so they will always be a need.

Thank you!