

2017



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

Finley M.	08/02/2016
Violet J.	08/03/2014
Krista C.	08/06/2011
Addison H.	08/08/2014
Evan V.	08/17/2015
Evelyn F.	08/18/2013
Nora H.	08/19/2014
Amelia G.	08/22/2012
Sawyer W.	08/25/2014
Matthew B.	08/26/2009
Nicholas O.	08/28/2005



Ms. Nicole	08/16/????
Ms. Caitlin	08/25/????

August



Ms. Melinda 08/31/2005



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

August...already? Why does summer have to go so fast it's my favorite time of the year at Park's Edge Preschool? **Wednesday, June 14th** we kicked off our summer program on a roll...two, three or four wheels rolling that is, for our annual **bike blessing! Friday, August 18th** we are requesting every child bring a wheeled toy from home again for another special day of wheeled riding at PEP. It is so much fun to see the wide range of wheeled toys and the children's bike riding abilities. This summer we have the bonus in getting to see their riding abilities at the beginning and the end of summer. I look forward to sharing the progress the children have developed in their bike riding skills over the summer!

Our annual summer highlight which is becoming a family favorite is AugustFest. **This year's family fun event for all ages will be held from 11am to 4pm on Sunday, August 6th.** AugustFest is a collaboration between Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool. Last year we added a 'Car Show' and this year's new addition is a 'dog show' too! Our inflatables this year is a 3 Lane Derby and a 4 -in-1 Toy Story. The carnival-like games are for all ages big and small and I include; Old favorites: A Fishing Game, Bean Bag Toss, Tic-Tac-Toe, Duck Pond and Dino Egg Dig to name a few. Adult/Family games added this year...Backyard kerplunk, Giant Jenga, Backyard Twister, Sponge Bombs and everyone's favorite Pie-in the teacher's eye! AugustFest wristbands for the children are sold in advance at PEP or will be available at

AugustFest. Unlimited games, inflatables and a children's meal (hot dog, chips and a pickle) all for only \$15.00 wristband. Another new feature is a photo booth with props for \$1 per family mini photo!

AugustFest is an intergenerational community event sponsored by Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool that you won't want to miss! There will be plenty of fun and food for all age groups..AugustFest wouldn't be the same without...music with DJ Mike Breitbach, raffle baskets and a tug of war between Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool lovingly named the John Farina Memorial Tug of War in his honor! (Remember last year Park's Edge Preschool won two out of three matches! We look forward to this year's challenge!) Let's not forget the food wonderful food...roasted Oktoberfest chicken, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, coleslaw, beans, popcorn, pretzels, a variety of desserts and beverages (beer, wine, soda and water). Come one, come all, and of course, please bring grandparents and cousins too!

One of the highlights for me this summer is experiencing our program firsthand in the parent/guardian role. Oliver, my cousin's six-year-old, has been living with my husband Craig and I since late April after his mom ran into complications giving birth to a healthy baby boy. Elizabeth, his mom, was in the ICU for over 2 months and is slowly recovering in the hospital. **Life with Oliver has given me a whole new perspective on our wonderful 5-star quality rated program. Our loving staff and the Christian environment has been very**

supportive for this little guy. I appreciate all the prayers and encouragement the entire family has received through this very difficult and unforeseen time and transition.

'Noah Was a Good Listener' will be performed for all the children by our school-age group. The older children are very enthusiastic about the opportunity to demonstrate God's message and share our Christian philosophy. The performance is on **Wednesday, August 23rd at 4 pm.** Hope you'll come...we need an audience to perform for...**\$3 tickets popcorn included!** The proceeds go to the Pizza Party on Thursday, August 24th! This is an open invitation to neighbors, friends and extended family members.

Summer 2017 has been very memorable! I am sad to say 'farewell' to some of my departing friends. Please stay in touch and have a happy and safe school year. The staff and I are happy to welcome new friends and families to PEP for the upcoming schoolyear. Watch for the communication introducing our beloved PEP teaching faculty for 2017-2018 school-year. You will have an opportunity to learn more about each teacher and why we chose them to complement our high-quality program. They make all the difference in the world at Park's Edge Preschool!

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Kvalheim



Love Bugs

Happy August! We can't believe the end of the summer is near already and school is right around the corner.

Please continue to bring your child a summer hat for our daily walks. We are going to make the most of the weather before it changes.

Speaking of changes, our Love Bugs are really growing and developing. Claire is crawling and

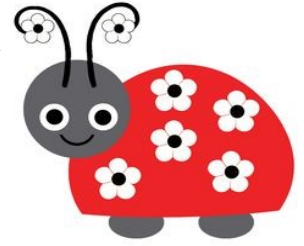
pulling up to her knees and Amelia is working on using a sippy cup. Fletcher is rolling everywhere and trying to get up on all fours. Our Love Bugs will be on the go before we know it!

Just a few reminders: please make sure you let the office know if your child will not be here by 9 am on the day of attendance. Don't forget to join us on Sunday, August

6th from 11am-4pm for Augustfest. We will have lots of fun games, activities, music, food and a car show.

Does your child have a favorite activity they like to do? We would love to have you write it down and bring it in to share. We hope everyone enjoys the end of their summer.

Ms. Nicole &
The Love Bugs



Beautiful Butterflies



We can't believe August is here already! The summer has been fun filled, with lots of learning and growing as usual in the Beautiful Butterflies room. The children grow as rapidly as the seasons change and it's amazing to experience.

Colin likes to read books and take walks and Sadie is really moving about with the army crawl. Karyn is talking and confidently

walking. Justin works his large muscles often by throwing balls and Matilyn enjoys creating art and playing on the playground. Finley is our child of the month so feel free to stop by and say "hi."

Our themes this month will include: *Rocks Rock; Volcanos and Dinosaurs and More, The Nature that Surrounds Us, Summer Luau*, and one of our favorites, *Wacky Week*.

Sunday, August 6th at 11:00 am is our annual Augustfest. We hope everyone can join us for food, music, games and fun.

This month, we are asking families to let us know about your favorite family summer activity and maybe bring in a picture to share.

We hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carla

Darling Dragonflies

Happy August! We can't believe it's already here. Our weekly themes will be *Rocks Rock; Volcanos, Dinosaurs and More, The Nature that Surrounds Us, Summer Luau*, and *Wacky Week*.

We will be keeping busy with fun books to read and art projects planned.

Our child of the month is Sawyer. He is always goofy and likes going down the slide on the playground. Sawyer also loves to read stories.

We hope everyone had a great 4th of July. It was a great day for watching parades and enjoying other fun outdoor activities. In our class, we worked on manners, please and thank you.

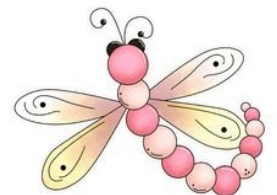
Sunday, August 6th from 11am-4pm is Augustfest. If you plan on attending, please RSVP at the front desk. There will be lots of fun with games, raffles, tug of war and more. We hope you can come!

We would like to wish Evan a happy birthday on the 17th as he will be turning 2.

If you have not already, please remember to bring a swim suit and towel for your child to have here daily. We're hoping to get a few more impromptu water play days in before the end of summer.

We hope everyone has a great August.

Ms. Terri, Ms. Mary
and Ms. Ruslana





Busy Bees

We had a wonderful July learning about the 4th of July and sports. We enjoyed playing outside and we are hoping to have some water play days in August. Please make sure your child has a swim suit and towel on hand in their cubby. The children enjoy splashing in our sensory table outside. We would like to welcome our new friend Vincent and his family to our Busy Bees family. We are looking forward to getting to know them and seeing how

Vincent grows in our room. As we look forward in August, our themes include; *Rocks Rock; Volcanoes, Dinosaurs and More, The Nature that Surrounds Us, Summer Luau and Wacky Week*. We can't wait to have some more fun learning about these exciting themes. Our child of the month this month is Jacob. He enjoys playing with cars, sliding down our classroom slide and exploring the outdoors. Please stop in and say "hi," to Jacob.

Calling all families! During our Rocks Rock week (8/7-8/11), we are asking that all families bring in a rock that your child picked from outside. It will be fun to examine and explore the different rocks we have in our world.

We hope everyone has a summer August and we hope you can make it to our Augustfest celebration on Sunday, August 6th from 11am-4pm.

Ms. Beth & Ms. Emily

We have been having a fabulous summer in the Sunshine Room! The children really enjoyed special art activities for the Fourth of July, playing different sports games, and exploring the animals in the ocean!

In the following weeks, the Sunshine Room looks forward to playing spectacular Circus games, experimenting with volcanoes, and collecting exciting items from nature on nature hunts. Please make sure to check your mailboxes for

Sunshine Room

more specific information about Wacky Week and have fun dressing-up in wacky things! We would also like to welcome a new friend to the Sunshine Room, Parker and his family family. The children are excited to see a new face in the room and get to know him.

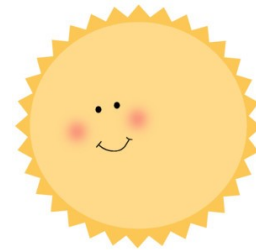
Finally, don't forget about Augustfest on August 6th from 11am-4pm. We hope to see you and your family there for some fun!

Please take a look in your child's bin and take home any

toys, clothes, or containers that have been left here. Some of the children need clothing that is more weather and size appropriate. Also, if you haven't been taking your child's blanket home weekly to wash, please do so.

We hope you enjoy the last few weeks of summer before school begins! We definitely will in the Sunshine Room.

Ms. Caitlin, Ms. Sandra & Ms. Kaylee



Fantastic Frogs



Look out August, here we come! Wow it is so amazing how fast the summer months go. We have so many fun activities planned. There are in-school field trips, water days, a pizza party, and an end of summer concert. Don't forget about Augustfest on Sunday, August 6th from 11am-4pm. It's your chance to throw a pie in Ms. Michele and Ms. Jenele's eye.

The children really had fun at McDonalds (GREAT JOB FROGS!!! Wonderful manners), the Mr. Kipley puppet show and the projects with older children.

We also had a fun time picking the green beans from the garden. Thank you Ms. Dora for cooking our green beans. We ate them for lunch and they were YUMMY!!!

Oh, What do you call a fake noodle??

An im-pastall! Once again keep notice for any postings for activities. Please be sure your child has spare clothes in their cubby along with a swimsuit and towel so we can take advantage of the summer sun while it lasts. Thank you, Have a great month.

Ms. Michele & The Fantastic Frogs



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July was so much Fun! We fit a lot into this month, it was busy. The children had a great time swimming at St. Ann's and having our morning outside for water days. Kids in Motion was a wonderful experience. As a parent and teacher this was my first time going and it was a blast. The different rooms they had and how the children explored each area was fun for me to see. The rooms were so interesting and kept the children very entertained. Mr. Kipley's puppet show was so funny the children (all ages) were so engaged. The fieldtrips to Discovery World and the Lighthouse were very educational but full of adventure.

In the classroom, we tried hard to work on learning the sight word "The", along with continual review of Letter sounds. In August, we will be working on the sight word "and". We haven't been working on counting by two's a lot, so we will be continuing that work. The fieldtrips should be fun, watch out for reminders on bring socks or swimsuits. We also will be having another bike day on Friday 18th. August Fest is also coming soon 8/6. It is going to be a fabulous festival with a lot of games music prizes raffles and food. Not to mention the amazing tug-o-war and the car show. Please put it in your calendars to come see our Glorious Concert August 23rd. at 4 p.m. The children and teachers are putting a lot of work into the show and it will be entertaining. Thank you for a great July and keeping up with all the signatures also bring in all the extra requirements. If you could check folders to take home art work and check cubbies to make sure your child has appropriate extra clothes.

Ms. Melinda & The Shining Stars

Safety Reminder:

It is our policy that ALL children must be walked into the building and to their classrooms by a parent or guardian. Please be sure the classroom teacher is aware when dropping off or picking up your child. If you pick up your child from the playground, you must come into the building and sign them out. This includes school age children. NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED IN THE PARKING LOT OR IN A CAR WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING.

Slithering Snakes

Where did the cow go on Friday Night?
To the mOOovies. – Cedric
Do you know what's really corny?
Corn (Which you can get at Augustfest)-Mya
We can not believe it is August Already! Our summer has flown by in a blink of an eye. Some of our favorite field trips during the month of July were: McDonald's, St. Ann's Aquatics, Discovery World and Kids in Motion. We are not don't yet!
August brings more field trips and extreme fun and we can't wait to get started. Please

continue to check in and out and sign all field trip forms as these are vital safety protocols. You guys have done great with this, keep it up! Don't forget to leave a swim suit and towel here so that we always have the option to have a water play day (which the children love). This month we have Augustfest on Sunday, August 6th from 11am-4ppm. We will have lots of fun games including Pie-in-the-Eye (featuring Ms. Jenele and Ms. Michele) , bounces houses,

carnival games, food, music and more! We hope to see you all there!
Also this month, we will have our summer concert, which the children are really excited about. We are also looking forward to our pizza party with the proceeds from our bake sales. It's going to be a blast and we can't wait to share it with you.

Ms. Jenele & Ms. Anna

August

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Important Dates:

<u>Tuesday, August 1st</u> – Marcus Theater– Captain Underpants	Younger-9:30am-12:00pm Older– 12:00pm-3:00pm
<u>Wednesday, August 2nd</u> – Puzzle Museum	Younger- 9:15am-11:00am Older– 12:15– 3:15pm
<u>Thursday, August 3rd</u> – Daddy Yo’s	Younger– 10:00am-11:30am Older– 1:00pm– 2:30pm
<u>Sunday, August 6th</u> – Augustfest 11:00am-4:00pm-Activity Wristbands \$15 ea. Include all games and prizes, bounce houses and a kids’ meal (hot dog, chips and drink).	
<u>Tuesday, August 8th</u> – Chuck-E-Cheese	Younger– 9:30am-12:00pm Older– 11:30am-2:00pm
<u>Thursday, August 10th</u> – Big Back Yard	Younger only- 9:30am-11:30am
<u>Friday, August 11th</u> – National Petit Ice Center	Older only– 12:30pm-3:00pm
<u>Monday, August 14th</u> – Altius Gymnastics	Younger– 9:00am-11:15am Older– 12:30pm-3:00pm
<u>Tuesday, August 15th</u> – PAC Meeting @ 5pm	Childcare provided
<u>Wednesday, August 16th</u> – Concert at Forest Ridge	Younger & Older– 9:30am-10:45am
<u>Thursday, August 17th</u> – St. Ann’s Aquatics	Swim Suit and Towel Needed Younger– 9:00am-11:30am Older– 12:15pm –2:30pm
<u>Wednesday, August 22nd</u> – End of Summer Concert– Ages 4 & up @ 4pm	
<u>Thursday, August 24th</u> – PIZZA PARTY!! Ages 4 & up	
<u>Monday, August 28th</u> – Tom Gill African Drummer	Younger 9:30am-10:30am Older– 10:30am-11:30am
<u>Tuesday, August 29th</u> – Ronnie, The Apache Storyteller	Younger (Ages 3-4) 9:45am-10:45am Older (Ages 5 & up) 10:45am-11:45am
<u>Tuesday, September 7th</u> – PEP Open House 5:30pm-7:30pm	

Parent Advisory Council



Dear PEP Families:

I want to extend an invitation to all family members who are interested in learning more about the Parent Advisory Council. We meet again after our summer break on Tuesday, August 15th at 5pm. Anyone that is interested in making a positive impact on Park's Edge Preschool's program is asked to come. If you can't make it on Tuesday and are interested in making a difference please let us know. August's meeting topic is 'PAC Goal Setting for the Upcoming School-Year'. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Ellen or Ms. Kristin.

Thank you,

Kristin Burr

NAC Nook

We are one step closer to our new cubby project for the preschool classrooms on the lower level. Late June we ordered two cubby units for you to view and they have (finally) arrived. They will be staged at our Annual Open House, Thursday, September 7th in Kurth Hall. The value the new cubby units will have impacts the quality of health and safety in the classroom. The children's clothing will no longer be touching each other as they do on the hooks. No longer will staff be hunting down black and pink snow pants and the mitten search should be minimized too. We are still accepting donations and looking for volunteers to help set them up in the classroom the Friday after Thanksgiving. Again, we thank you for contributing to the Cubby Units and look forward to putting them in place.

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

Upstairs Themes

7/31-8/04- Going to the Circus

* Shout out and praise, "God is Great!"

8/08-8/11- Rocks Rock; Volcanoes and More

* Jesus is our rock, our foundation

8/15-8/18- The Nature that Surrounds Us

* Through nature, God is able to teach us, speak to us and provide for us.

8/22-8/25-Summer Luau

* Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall, Jesus says to love them all. Rejoice in all seasons of our lives.

8/29-9/01 Wacky Week

* Sing to the Lord. Psalm 117

Downstairs Themes

7/31-08/04- It's Only Logical

* In the beginning, God created...Genesis 1:1

08/07-08/11- I Like to Move it Move it

*'The Coming of the Holy Spirit' parachute game

8/15-8/18- Community Adventures

*Love Thy Neighbor

8/22-8/26- Good Vibrations

*Jump and Praise for the Lord

8/29-9/01- Wrapping It Up

* Sing to the Lord. Psalm 117