

2017



# Park's Edge Preschool

## Put a little PEP in your life!

### A Letter from the Director...

#### Happy Birthday

Penelope F.	09/02/2014
Madison M.	09/06/2013
Sawyer P.	09/10/2015
Mason M.	09/11/2011
Ivy M.	09/14/2013
Alexa R.	09/15/2013
Violet N.	09/17/2013
Callie R.	09/21/2013
Vivian S.	09/22/2015
Jake C.	09/23/2012
Wyatt L.	09/30/2012



Ms. Julie	9/19/??
Ms. Kristin	9/23/??

September



Ms. Rhianna	9/08/11
Ms. Kristin	9/25/00



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

Thank you to the many families and visitors that attended Park's Edge Preschool's Musical 'Noah is a Good Listener', presented here on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The school-age children in the summer program created the entire program including set design and costumes; with a little help from their teachers! Another annual tradition in wrapping up the PEP summer program. Why do they have to grow-up and go so quickly?

Back to school already... where did the summer go? Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Dee, our beloved bus driver, will be back to her daily routine transporting children to and from school. Just a friendly reminder—please be careful when entering and departing from our parking lot, our mini bus is carrying 'precious cargo' safely to and from school. Sad farewell to our departing families...please keep in touch!

Thanks for coming to AugustFest! It was wonderful to celebrate summer together and make some new friends. The food, corn roast, entertainment, car show, games, bounce houses and more were a blast! One of the many highlights was the 'John Farina Memorial Tug of War' between Park's Edge Preschool and Emanuel Church. In case you haven't heard, the Park's Edge Preschool team won 2 out of 3 for the second year!! The

'powder (puff) blue' shirts worn by our competition was the team's claim to fame! I guess we have bragging rights until next year's match! As you can imagine, we're already gearing up for more fun next year! I want to say thanks to the entire team of staff and families who came or gave of their time, money and energy.

PEP loves summer-fun Thursdays! Both staff and children enjoyed the summer, fieldtrips and ice cream treats served here on Thursday afternoons, by 'Granny's Treats'. Our last serving was Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>...hurry back Granny's, fieldtrip fun and summer...sad to see summer 2017 come to an end.

Come one...come all...to PEP's Annual Open House on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 until 7:30pm. It is going to be another exciting school year and we want to 'show and tell' you more about it. This is an open invitation to extended family that are welcome to visit too. A nutritious, child-friendly, progressive dinner is served as your family progresses throughout the entire center. Families will have an opportunity to meet the faculty and tour the center during our annual open house. Two of the new preschool cubby units will be staged for you to view. Children's portfolios including the Portage Assessment Tool will also be on display. I look forward to meeting you and your family members. Please R.S.V.P. at the PEP front desk or call the PEP office staff at

(414)427-9561. Thank you.

'Rally Day' at Emanuel Church, United Church of Christ, is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend Emanuel Church's Sunday School Program (held during worship service). Children are included during the beginning of worship service until 'Children's Time.' 'Children's Time' is when Pastor Bill demonstrates Christianity to the children by telling a story with a lesson to be learned. (Adults usually learn a lesson too!) Ms. Jenele is Park's Edge Preschool's liaison teacher for Emanuel Church's Sunday school program. Professional child care for children under the age of 3 is available during Sunday worship. Parents can pray while their toddler plays! Emanuel Church welcomes all to Fellowship after worship! Hope you can come!

Have a happy and safe summer ending. Children go back to school on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, please drive safe. Park's Edge Preschool is closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day Holiday...enjoy your holiday weekend!

Sincerely,  
Ellen M. Kvalheim



## Love Bugs

Summer is over already! We welcome Natalia, Vincent, Phoebe, Maximilian, Hugh and their families to our Love Bug Family. We wish our friends Claire, Fletcher and Amelia a fond farewell as they graduate to the Beautiful Butterflies classroom. Thank you to all the families that came to Augustfest! It was a wonderfully successful event. Park's Edge will be closed on September 4th for Labor Day

weekend. Also this month, we have our **Open House on September 7th and Grandparent's celebration on September 15th.** We can't wait to see everyone there.

As the cooler weather approaches, please make sure to bring in socks/slippers and a jacket for your child everyday. We love to explore the fall season on our walks. Also, make sure to update extra clothing in your child's cubby. We ask that all items

be labeled including bottles and food. Food items need your child's name AND the date on them.

Have you ever tried finger painting with your child? If so, please let me know how they did with the experience. It's a great way to introduce sensory and work on hand-eye coordination skills. We hope everyone has a great start to their fall

Ms. Nicole



## Beautiful Butterflies



Welcome Fall! Even though the seasons change, God never does and neither does his love for us. We hope everyone had a great summer. As we look forward to the fall season, please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing. Also, be sure to bring weather appropriate outdoor clothing daily. All items should be labeled with your child's name. In this room we have little

talkers, walkers, movers and shakers. The children are really growing up fast. Speaking of growing fast, we have some children transitioning in to our classroom. We would like to give a Beautiful Butterfly welcome to Amelia, Fletcher, Lydia, Claire, Easton and their families. We look forward to growing and learning this fall season.

Hopefully everyone can join us for our Open House, Thursday, September 5th and Grandparents Celebration, Friday, September 15th. Look for details in your mailbox. This month, we invite you to bring in your child's favorite book to share with the class.

Happy Fall,  
Ms. Julie & Ms. Carla

## Darling Dragonflies

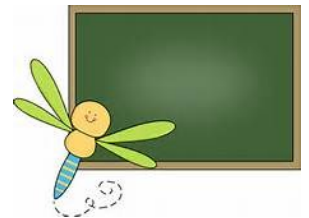
September is here already? Where did the time go...a couple of reminders: As we sail through another school year, we will be closed on September 4th for Labor Day, so enjoy the extended weekend with your family. Thursday, September 7th is our annual Open House from 5:30pm -7:30pm. Please come and see your child's classroom and meet the teachers. Friday, September 15th is our Grandparent's Day Celebration and we invite any grandparents to come and join us

in your grandchild's classroom for delicious cookies and an activity.

This month, our child of the month is Vivian. She likes to catch bubbles, laugh with friends and explore in the sandbox.

With the weather changing, please check your child's cubby and make sure there are weather appropriate spare clothes labeled with your child's name to prevent items from getting misplaced.

This month we wish Sawyer and Vivian and very Happy Birthday as they turn 2 on the 10th and the 22nd. We also welcome Karyn and her family to the Darling Dragonflies classroom. We are really excited to start the school year off with lots of learning and growing as we work on counting, colors, gentle touches and taking turns.



Ms. Terri, & Ms. Emily



We had an awesome August last month! We learned so much about the circus, dinosaurs, and the nature that surrounds us. We also had a blast watching the older children perform the musical, "Noah is a good listener." The children sat and listened so well.

We are looking forward to September with new themes including "Back to School" and "All About Me." We welcome our new friends Alice and Evan and their families.

## Busy Bees

Our child of the month is William. He enjoys throwing balls, playing on the slide, and reading stories. Come in and say "Hi" to our friend William. We are not only starting our fall season out right with some great themes, we also have some great events planned. We hope everyone can join us for our annual Open House on September 7th. Also, we have a wonderful day planned for all grandparents on Friday, September 15th. Look in your mailbox for further

details and be sure to RSVP at the front desk. This month we ask all families to bring in a family picture to hang in the classroom and share with all of our friends. We look forward to starting our fall off right this September and hope everyone else has a great start as well.

Ms. Beth & Ms. Mary

## Sunshine Room

We've had a wonderful August in the Sunshine Room and cannot believe it's time for the school year to begin already! The children really had fun exploring the nature that surrounds us outside and bringing some of that nature into the classroom to continue learning. Our week with dinosaurs, rocks, and fossils was a hit when the children found their own special rocks outside and painted them beautiful

colors. This September the Sunshine Room will welcome some new friends and will say "Good-bye" to some friends that will move over to the next room. We are excited to begin the year with fun with themes such as; *Back to School Fun, Family, Friends & Pets, All About Me and Everyone Has Feelings*. Some things we will be working on will be counting, color matching and recognition, and recognizing our own names. All of these are great

to work on at home, too! This month, we will have our annual Open House on September 7th as well as Grandparent's Day celebration, September 15th. These are sure to be fun activities you don't want to miss. Please keep an eye out for details in your mailboxes. We hope everyone has a wonderful start to the school year!

Ms. Jenele, Ms. Sandra & Ms. Kaylee



## Fantastic Frogs



It's hard to believe that summer is over. We had so many fun activities that it's hard to pin down our favorite one. St. Ann's Aquatics is always a favorite and we really enjoyed Chuck-E-Cheese, Daddy Yos' and performing in the "Noah is a Good Listener" musical.

Now that the new school year is here, what class supply is king? The Ruler! Haha.

We would like to welcome all the new Frogs and their families to our classroom. We will have a great time getting to know everyone, learning and growing together.

We are excited to kick off fall with our themes; *Back to School Fun, Family, Friend and Pets, All About Me and Everyone has Feelings*. These will be a great way to start off

the new year, getting to know our new friends. We ask that families bring in a 1 or 2 family photos to hang in the classroom and share.

We are also excited to have Ms. Caitlin join our classroom this fall as well. We have a great start to the season planned all in all and we hope everyone has a wonderful fall season.

Ms. Caitlin & Ms. Michele





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Summer is over and it feels like it just started. We were very busy with all the fun activities and field trips. Our favorites were swimming at St. Ann's, Pump It Up, and Chuck-E-Cheese.

It's very sad that I have to say "see you later" to some of my friends going off to Kindergarten. I will miss you all very much, we had so much fun together. Best of luck to all my big children, I hope you enjoy school and have a great time continuing learning.

I would like to say hello to my new friends and their families joining our Shining Stars family. We are going to have a blast learning together. This month we will be learning about one another with themes such as; *Back to School Fun, Family, Friend & Pets, All About Me* and *Everyone Has Feelings*. We are also going to review our classroom rules, practicing our ABCs and counting.

Happy Fall everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and talk to me. You can also call me at Park's Edge from 1pm-3pm. I can't wait to get to know everyone!

Ms. Melinda

Wanted-Grandparents

Grandparents Day is Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Park's Edge Preschool from 3:30-5pm. Grandparents are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and games with their grandchildren. Two invitations will be in your family mailbox for both sets of grandparents to be included but if you need more please let us know...the more the merrier! This intergenerational activity is a family favorite in bringing the two generations together at Park's Edge Preschool. Please R.S.V.P at the front desk. Grandparents are always welcome at Park's Edge Preschool anytime they'd like to come and 'play' for a day.

Slithering Snakes

We had a wonderful summer. Our field trips were amazing and fun all while learning a lot of great things.

In the classroom, we reconnected with old friends and made some new friends. This created great experiences in our room and fun times were had by all. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all of you for a great summer.

For those that are leaving, we wish you the best for your school year and hope to see you again. Those that are sticking around for our exciting school year, please be sure to have all your paperwork turned into the office. Park's Edge will be closed

September 4th for Labor Day and we hope you enjoy the day with your family.

For the upcoming school year, our class is putting together a word wall. We will be posting thoughtful questions for each child to consider and post Too. We invite families to participate and share their thoughts as well. You can write them down and bring them in to share, or just tell a teacher and we will post your answers. Please be on the look out for more information on our annual Open House and our Grandparent's celebration. As always, we hope families will join us for some wonderful

events right here at Park's Edge. It's a great opportunity to meet all the staff if you haven't already and to meet some other parents.

As the school year starts, please remember children must be walked to and from their classrooms every day. Be sure the classroom teacher is aware your child has arrived or left.

We are looking forward to an amazing school year and wish you the best.

Ms. Jenele & Ms. Anna

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## Important Dates:

Friday, September 1st– Back to school for Whitnall & Franklin School Districts

Monday, September 4th– PEP closed for holiday, Labor Day– Normal Rates Apply

Thursday, September 7th– Park's Edge Preschool's annual Open House  
5:30pm-7:30pm Progressive Dinner Served

Sunday, September 10th– 'Rally Sunday' @ Emanuel UCC 9:30am

Friday, September 15th– Grandparent's Day celebration 3:30pm-5pm

Monday, September 18th– Whitnall Schools closed  
Sign your child up for attendance at PEP



## Parent Advisory Council

Dear PEP Families:

I am happy to share with you that the Parent Advisory Council Meeting was successfully held on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a terrific discussion about how to involve more families in our council meeting discussions. Kate Egan, a charter member of the PAC recommended we put out a google survey monthly prior to the meeting to include your opinion in the meeting. Whether you are there or not we will be able to involve you in the discussion. Watch for our monthly survey. Your feedback is valuable to our program and your child. Our next PAC meeting is Thursday, September 21, 2017. Thank you!

Warmly,  
Kristin Burr

# NAC Nook

## NAC Accreditation Classroom Observation

Did you know that to maintain NAC Accreditation standards the staff use a tool called the 'Classroom Observation'? It is a checklist to help guide teaching staff in meeting and maintaining classroom management standards. This tool is used by individual staff, co-teaching staff, supervising staff and the NAC Accreditation validator. The 'Classroom Observation' is used to evaluate staff and the program and is often referred to and discussed at staff meetings as well. A copy of the Classroom Observation will be on display at PEP's Open House held Thursday, September 7th 5:30-7:30pm.

## Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

### Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

#### 9/05-9/08– Back to School Fun

- God creates all things new
- When in Christ, we are all new creations

#### 9/12-9/16– Family, Friends and Pets

- We are all friends of God
- God gives us a family to care for us
- God blesses us with animals and pets

#### 9/19-9/23– All About Me!

- God knew who we would be even before we were born
  - We are special in God's eye

#### 9/26-9/30– Everyone Has Feelings

- I've got the joy of God in my heart
- The Lord turns sorrows into joy. The joy

 SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back families. Hope everyone had a great summer filled with lots of reading and imagining. The new school year has begun and Scholastic catalogs have slightly changed. There will no longer be Kindergarten and preschool catalogs in your mailbox. Don't worry, they are now being combined into the new "Inchworm" catalog, which is directed to meet the needs of preschool and kindergarten children between the ages of 3 to 6 years. "Firefly" and "Honeybee" along with "Seesaw" will remain the same. Also, please remember that each time you place a book order Parks Edge Preschool receives points to help us order books for our center library. Literacy plays a big part in educating each child and is very important in our daily curriculum. Thank you for your cooperation and participation. I look forward to placing orders not only for families, but for our center as well.