

2018



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

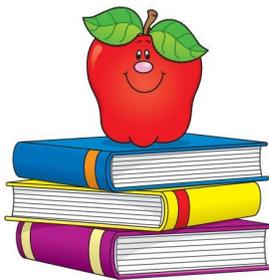
Happy Birthday

Penelope F.	09/02/2014
Madison M.	09/06/2013
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



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

September



Happy Anniversary

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



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

'Back to School'? Can summer really be over already? This time of year, we are **welcoming new families and sadly saying good-bye** to our departing families. September is one of the busiest times of the year at Park's Edge Preschool; new enrollments, schedule changes and bussing back to school too. Yes, the busy school-year is underway already here at Park's Edge Preschool. This year's road construction will make schedules tricky too! PEP had a trial bus run to school on Wednesday, August 29th when the children transitioning to 4-k and 5-k in the Whitnall School District had an early day of school to experience the transition. It was a success!

While planning **2018's summer program, our main goal is to keep it affordable for families.** We had several 'in-house' fieldtrips that were educational and economical; a Martial Arts Demonstration; a parent playing guitar and a staff member teaching the children yoga too. Walking to McDonald's for lunch and on a few occasions, we pic-nicked in our own backyard. Here is a sample of some of the places we visited via Park's Edge Preschool's mini bus; rain or shine indoor swimming at St. Ann's Intergenerational Center, Pump It Up and Kids in Motion, to name a few. I'll keep you posted which 2018 fieldtrip is rated best after polling the children/families.

The summer highlight for both Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool has become our annual AugustFest. Thanks to all our staff and volunteers who made it special!

Fall is a season of change... You will see a few updated changes to the lower level hallway and purple room. We are looking at replacing the handrail, carpeting, add some fresh paint and a few more changes will happen. The Trustees' of Emanuel Church and the PEP Board are working together on the project details. Stay tuned... **A few more changes to Parks' Edge Preschool staffing are happening for the 2018-2019 school-year:** The classroom staffing for the Infant-Toddler/upper level classrooms: Lovebugs-Ms. Nicole & Ms. Jacoba; Beautiful Butterflies-Ms. Julie & Ms. Anna; Darling Dragonflies-Ms. Melinda & Ms. Sharon; Busy Bees-Ms. Emily & Ms. Terri. Preschool/Lower level classrooms: Sunshine Room-Ms. Jenele /Mr. Cody T-F & Ms. Mary M-F, & Ms. Sandra M&W; Fantastic Frogs-Ms. Caitlin & Ms. Michele; Shining Stars-Ms. Tori & Ms. Dee; and School-age Group/Slithering Snakes- Ms. Jenele. **To learn more about the PEP staff, come meet the staff at our Annual Open House and receive a booklet with their biographies in it. Learn more about PEP's Annual Open House...**

Come to Park's Edge Preschool's Annual Open House Thursday,

September 6th from 5:30-7:30 pm. The PEP staff is enthusiastic about the upcoming school year. Our fall enrollment is developing quickly...so if know anyone looking for childcare, there are a few openings in our preschool program available, so be sure to invite them to...PEP's Annual Open House. PEP's focus' is on the NAC Accreditation with the Faith-Based Component. Families are invited to see the entire center and check out PEP's Christian curriculum. Extended family members, friends and neighbors are welcome to come! **PEP is offering a progressive dinner throughout the entire child care center to give families the opportunity for food and fellowship...food is love and we love our families!**

Backpacks are blessed here at Emanuel Church on 'Rally Day' Sunday, September 9th ...for a blessed school year consider coming to Emanuel Church's Worship Service at 9:30am. Also available is Professionally Staffed Sunday Childcare in the Infant/toddler classrooms for children age 6weeks to 36months...no charge. That allows parents some 'worry free' worship time! Did you know...active participating Emanuel Church members receive a 10% discount on PEP's tuition? Have a happy and safe school-year...watch for children! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Ellen M. Kvalheim, Park's Edge Preschool Director

Love Bugs

Summer is over already. We welcome all the families returning to Park's Edge.

Thank you to all that attended Augustfest. As always, it was a great success and so much fun. We welcome Ivy and her family to the Love Bugs and bid a fond farewell to Parker and his family as they transition to the Beautiful Butterflies Room.

Our other Love Bugs are really flourishing as well. Donovan is starting to roll

all over the room and Charlotte is getting on all fours. Gracie is starting to roll from stomach to back. Our child of the month is Luke. He is sitting with no support and has mastered crawling. Luke also loves to listen to story time.

A reminder to please bring in family pictures if you haven't already. You can e-mail them to

Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com and she will gladly print them for you. Also, make

sure to call by 9am if your child will not be in attendance at PEP. This is a good time of year to make sure your child has weather appropriate spare clothing that fits in their cubby.

If there is something your family did over the summer, feel free to share it with Ms. Nicole. If you have a picture, bring it in!

Ms. Nicole



Beautiful Butterflies



Welcome September.

Birthstone: sapphire, flower: aster symbolizes love and magic. We welcome Aiden, Abram, Jon Jon, Parker, Sophia and their families. The school year has officially begun and we look forward to all the growth and fun.

Happy birthday to Abram who turns 1 on September 2nd. He will be our child of the month.

Ms. Julie also celebrates her birthday on September 19th. She

is taking the day off to celebrate in her happy place, Lake Geneva.

Another important date this month is our Open House on September 6th. We hope you can join us for fun classroom activities and a progressive dinner.

Our upcoming themes include; It's Cool to be in School, Friends, Family & Pets, My House, My Heart, and Rockin' Rules of the World.

As the season changes, so does the weather. Please make sure to

provide weather appropriate clothing labeled with your child's name on it.

We also ask that you bring in a family picture or e-mail it to Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com And she will gladly print it for you.

We look forward to helping your children learn and grow

Happy Fall,
Ms. Julie & Ms. Anna

Darling Dragonflies

Welcome new school year. September is here and we will be making a few transitions. Ms. Melinda will be joining Ms. Sharon in the Darling Dragonflies Room. She has been at Park's Edge for 13 years and worked with all age groups. She is excited to be working with toddlers again and watching them grow. Ms. Terri is not going too far as she transitions in to the Busy Bees with Ms. Emily

The Darling Dragonflies would also like to welcome back Easton,

Elizabeth, Hugh and their families. We hope they all had a great summer.

We look forward to r themes for the month: It's Cool to be in School, Family, Friend & Pets, My Home, My Heart, and Rockin' Rules of the World.

Thank you to everyone that came to our annual Augustfest, it was fun getting together and Park's Edge won the Tug of War again, Woohoo! We also thank you for

your patience with the construction. It can be a bit confusing because it keeps changing but just think, that change means progress and the roundabout will be done by the end of October.

Our child of the month is Zeke. He loves helping his friends, clapping for himself and others, and singing songs.

Ms. Melinda & Ms. Sharon





We had a wonderful last month of summer. We enjoyed water days, picnics and the wonderful warm weather. The children also enjoyed doing slide painting and we picked our first pepper from the garden. As we get excited for the new school year, we welcome our new friends and their families into the Busy Bee Room; Claire, Kamaya, Aliana, Lydia, Fletcher and Colin. We can't wait to get our themes started this month with: It's Cool to be in School, Family, Friends & Pets, My

Busy Bees

Home, My heart, and Rockin' Rules of the World. Our child of the month is Hayden. He enjoys playing outside, building with Legos, and reading stories. Stop in and say "hi," to Hayden. If you haven't already, please bring in a family photo to add to our family board by September 14th. If you like, you can e-mail it to Kristin@parkesedgepreschool.com And she will gladly print it off for our classroom. This time of year is a great time to look in your child's cubby and make sure there are weather appropriate

clothes, especially as the temperature drops. We encourage families to continue encouraging nice touches and self help skills at home. It is also helpful to communicate feeling words to your child so they may express themselves. Thank you for your continued patience with the construction outside. We will get through this together! We can't wait for the school year to get started and have a wonderful year together.

Ms. Emily & Ms. Terri

Sunshine Room

September, my how you crept up on us! While we are deeply saddened by the fast disappearance of summer we are ready and excited for the upcoming fall! September is going to bring in a lot of new faces and new adventures. We would like to first welcome all new families who will be entering the sunshine room, we are thrilled you are with us and we look forward to a great school year of learning, having fun and growing together. We will begin this journey with

the always crowd-pleasing theme of back to school. This is the week in which we will discuss what it means to be in school for both us and others. As we continue through September we then shift our focus to the wonders all around us, our families, our pets and ourselves. This is a thrilling time to reflect on who we are and what makes us unique and the same all around. September's "homework" will be drawing/bringing in a family picture. We will be sending

home cute frame cutouts and we hope that you and your child/family will decorate the frame then add a picture of your family or draw one. We are hoping to make a new family tree for our housekeeping area and look forward to seeing all your pictures. Thank you for a great summer and we hope you all have a beautiful start to the new school year!

God Bless, Ms. Jenele,
Ms. Mary, Ms. Sandra



Fantastic Frogs



What a summer! The Fantastic Frogs have had an amazing time on all of the different fieldtrips and participating in so many fun activities at Parks Edge. The children told us their favorite trips were Pump it Up, Discovery World, and swimming. They also really enjoyed participating in the 'We are Family' activities with the school age children.

We are looking forward to a new group moving into the

Fantastic Frogs, but we are so sad to see some of our friends moving on to K4 and/or moving into the Shining Stars classroom!

We have a lot of fun activities and lessons planned for September. We will be enjoying Back to School week and hope to see you at Back to School night on September 6th! That week will be followed by a fun week learning about our family, friends, and pets. We

will also explore My Home, My Heart and Rocking Rules of the World. The Fantastic Frogs will enjoy continuing to learn their numbers, letters, and writing!

We are excited for all of the new children that will be joining us and hope the children going to school have a fabulous school year!

Ms. Caitlin & Ms. Michele



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Who is ready for the new school year!? We have had such a blast this summer with field trips, 'We Are Family' projects and water days! We finished off the summer months with a fitting themed week, Wacky Week! All of our schedules and routines, I'm sure, felt wacky but we made it and are looking forward to a successful school year full of learning, growing and friendship making. Our classroom has been receiving a lot of donations and the children and I would like to give a heartfelt thank you! It has been so fun playing with the new toys and clothes!

Donations always contribute to classroom excitement! Our themes this month are going to be revolving around school, family, friends and places we call home. To help create our family board it would be wonderful if every child could bring in one to two pictures of family to hang on Shining Stars family tree because here at Park's Edge, we have been blessed with more than one family! For your convenience, you can send pictures to kristin@parksedgepreschool.com and she will gladly print them for us to hang. I look forward to seeing you all this month at our Open House and Grandparents Day celebrations! Have a great September everyone!

Ms. Tori & The Shining Stars

Wanted-Grandparents

Grandparents Day is Friday, September 15th 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

Hello School-Age Parents:

We had an awesome summer full of fun, adventures, and learning of course. We at first had some trouble getting along with each other, but at the end we were one big happy family. The oldest children really stepped it up this summer and were great examples for the younger ones. The middle age school-agers did great finding themselves, falling into the role of helping and teaching the younger children. The younger Purple Moons did amazing falling into the

school-age routine. It's a big transition for some of them going all day without a rest and filling the expectations how the School-agers behave on fieldtrips. The truth is our expectations are met easily, because the children here are very well mannered and respectful. We, as teachers of all the rooms, have received so many compliments when out in public or for our in-house fieldtrips.

We are excited for the upcoming school year and all the new adventures that it will bring as we welcoming back the greatly missed, Ms. Jenele and say goodbye

to Ms. Melinda and Ms. Anna as they transition to their new rooms upstairs. Thank you for all the support and we can't wait to see you again! Good Luck to everyone in the upcoming school year, and thank you for your patience through all of the construction going on. Just think, we are already halfway done!

Lots of Love,

Ms. Jenele, Ms. Melinda & Ms. Anna

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Important Dates:

Monday, September 3rd– PEP closed for holiday, Labor Day– Normal Rates Apply

Tuesday, September 4th– Back to school for Whitnall Schools

Thursday, September 6th– Park's Edge Preschool's annual Open House
5:30pm-7:30pm Free Progressive Dinner Served

Sunday, September 9th– 'Rally Sunday' & Blessing of the Backpacks
@ Emanuel UCC 9:30am

Friday, September 14th– Grandparent's Day celebration 3:30pm-5pm

Thursday, September 20th– 'Joys for Boys' workshop 5:30pm
RSVP at PEP front desk

Monday, September 28th– Whitnall Schools closed
Sign your child up for attendance at PEP



Parent Advisory Council

Dear PEP Families:

You are cordially invited to PEP's next staff meeting, Thursday, September 20th, scheduled the same night as our PAC Meeting! "Joys for Boys", is our topic of interest, presented by Ms. Jenele. A seasoned teacher, Ms. Jenele has been researching and updating staff on boy behavior since 2009, when her first son was born. (You may have noticed...our staff is predominantly female.) Ms. Jenele's mission is to help boy behavior be understood by parents and teachers. Please come and enjoy the presentation and conversation as we delve into 'boy behavior'. Yes, we will be 'constructing' a presentation for girl behavior soon...watch for it!

Speaking of 'construction' ...road construction that is...there is less than 60 days before the roundabout opens! We know it hasn't been easy reaching your destination at Park's Edge Preschool this summer. I hope your child found our program exciting this summer! Stay tuned for a celebration when the round-a-bout opens for all traffic, sometime on or before October 24th. I appreciate your patience for putting up with the inconvenience.

Warmly,

Kristin Burr, Assistant Director

NAC Nook

Good governance at PEP has supported PEP's NAC Accreditation and 5-Star quality rating through YoungStar. The 2018 PEP Board of Directors is made up of Emanuel Church members: Marcia Goecks, (PEP Board President), Cindy Mixon (Vice President), Sue Sorce (outgoing secretary), Pastor Dale Stohre (Christian component), and PEP parents: Matthew Egan (Treasurer), Adam Johnson (PEP Building & Grounds), Bridgette Frommell (Secretary), Kim Kozlik (HR) and Stacey Zelinski (outgoing treasurer). We meet monthly, either through conference call, or on-site, in person. If you are curious about the Park's Edge Preschool board happenings or want to know more about PEP, just ask us! "Thank you" to our present and past PEP Board members for their dedication and commitment to PEP!

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

9/04-9/07– It's Cool to be in School

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

9/10-9/14– 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

9/17-9/21– My Home, My Heart

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

9/26-9/30– Rockin' Rules of the World!

- Be kind to your neighbors
- Honor your father and mother
- Live with honesty, kindness and love

 SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Scholastic catalogs have arrived and will be in your mailboxes the first week of September. They have many back-to-school read aloud books that are perfect for story time and engaging with your child while inspiring them to develop a love for reading. Please take advantage of the many great deals Scholastic offers this month.

I'm excited to tell you we have something new this year for all of our families. When you place an online order and spend \$25 or more, you will receive a free book (up to \$5). Go to [Scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) and type in the center code: M63P4 to place your order.

Remember, every order earns us free books for our library.

Thank You,

Ms. Sandra
Scholastic Coordinator