

2019



# Park's Edge Preschool

## Put a little PEP in your life!

### A Letter from the Director...

#### Happy Birthday

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| Arthur B.   | 06/01/2018 |
| Justin J.   | 06/02/2016 |
| Coral K.    | 06/03/2017 |
| Ivy B.      | 06/03/2018 |
| Max H.      | 06/10/2015 |
| Parker J.   | 06/12/2015 |
| Hayden S.   | 06/13/2016 |
| Max M.      | 06/15/2010 |
| Karyn B.    | 06/14/2016 |
| Bobby F.    | 06/19/2010 |
| Elise B.    | 06/21/2017 |
| Clara S.    | 06/24/2014 |
| Elena W.    | 06/26/2015 |
| Jon H.      | 06/27/2017 |
| TJ S.       | 06/27/2014 |
| Scarlett T. | 06/29/2016 |
| Bodie C.    | 06/29/2017 |



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| Ms. Jessica | 06/03/???? |
| Ms. Jenele  | 06/24/???? |
| Ms. Anna    | 06/29/???? |

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

Turning the tassel from left to right is always a melancholy occasion...and the evening of Thursday, May 23rd was no exception for twenty-three Park's Edge preschoolers entering kindergarten in fall. The graduates ceremoniously crossed over the bridge from preschool to kindergarten. Emanuel Church's 'Good News Group' was present handing out the 'goody bags' to our graduates. Imagine what the world will be like when the children entering kindergarten in fall will graduate from high school in 2032!

Welcoming new families and saying 'sad farewell' to our families departing for the summer months or leaving for good. As the season changes so is the Park's Edge Preschool staff...Ms. Jacoba has been working part-time in our infant room since her recovery from breast cancer. She has decided to 'retire' from PEP and work only one job, full-time, at Muskego Pick & Save. Best wishes Jacoba! The PEP children and staff had a going away party for Ms. Dee in wishing her a sad farewell too.

Thursday, May 23rd, we celebrated Ms. Dee's successes with a singalong. We included all of Ms. Dee's favorite... 'The Wheels on the Bus', 'The Frog Song' and 'If All the Raindrops were Lemon Drops and Gumdrops, Oh What a World This Would Be'! Everyone teared

up when she bid us good-bye with 'You Are My Sunshine'...a center-wide favorite song...especially the way Dee sings it! Dee is leaving for personal reasons and promises to stay in touch. I want to personally say 'Thank you' to Ms. Jacoba and Ms. Dee, you will always be loved and truly missed at PEP!

PEP is welcoming back Ms. Caitlin returning to PEP June 11th, from the birth of her son, Declan. Watch for a staff packet with biographies of PEP's staff, coming to family mailboxes in July!

Celebration...come on...Park's Edge Preschool is celebrating 20 years on June 1st, 2019! Emanuel Church made the decision twenty years ago to open its doors to a childcare program as a Christian outreach to the community. Thank you, Emanuel Church! A 'thank you' also goes out to the families and staff of Park's Edge Preschool for making Park's Edge Preschool your decision too! Peggy Burg, an Emanuel Church leader, instrumental when Park's Edge Preschool was in its infancy, reflected on PEP's early beginnings. Peggy is a past PEP Board member, as well as a Grandmother in our program. She has this to say about PEP's 20-Year Anniversary:

*Congratulations PEP for 20 years! As a church member, I was on the Board of Directors when PEP first opened. The goal was to develop a preschool*

*that was Christian based and provided quality day care. Today's Park's Edge is an outstanding example of this, as well as maintaining a 5 Star preschool rating. Thanks to Ellen for setting strong goals and high expectations. Thanks to the staff for their hard work, and dedication; and their compassion and concern for the children. Walking through the preschool on any given day, you will see a buzz of activities, smiling faces and quality teaching. I am very proud of Park's Edge Preschool. Keep up the good work. Congratulations, Peggy Berg*

PEP's twentieth anniversary will be celebrated with cake and ice cream on Sunday, June 16nd after Emanuel Church's Worship Service during Fellowship Hour. Our classrooms will be complete for a tour of Park's Edge Preschool! I hope you'll consider joining PEP for Emanuel Church's Worship Service at 9:30 am to celebrate 20 years! The celebration will continue throughout the year...come see what we have planned for AugustFest, Sunday, August 4th and the Hales Corners National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6th, 2019! Happy 20th Anniversary Park's Edge!

Happy Summer,  
Ellen Kvalheim

June 2019



Ms. Julie 06/25/15



Happy June! Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. It was a wonderful turnout as usual. We hope this month the dads and granddads will join us for our Father's Day Ice Cream Social Thursday, June 13th 4-5pm.

Though the weather is warming up, we ask that you still bring in a light jacket for those chilly days and a summer hat. Also, please make sure you check your child's cubby for

## Love Bugs

weather appropriate spare clothing labeled with your child's name. Be sure to check your child's daily sheet to see if they need anything brought in. If your child is not going to be attending on a regular day of attendance, please let us know by 9am that day. Our child of the month will be Leah. Leah loves dancing to music, telling her friends stories and enjoys seeing all the beautiful nature around us. We are really excited to see her pictures.

Cecelia is crawling in her own special way. Nate is reaching for objects outside of his reach more. This summer finds us saying a sad good-bye to Eric and Lily who will be moving to the Beautiful Butterflies classroom. Though we are sad to see them go, we know they will have a blast!

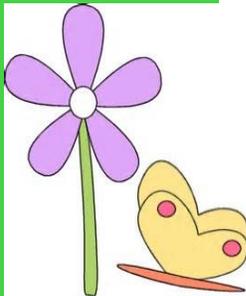
We are really excited to welcome Declan and Blake to our Love Bug classroom.

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe start to their summer.

Ms. Nicole & The Love Bugs



## Beautiful Butterflies



Welcome June! June's flowers are Roses or Honeysuckle and the birthstone is Pearl. These are beautiful pieces to kick off a great summer!

To start off the summer months at P.E.P we will be exploring Zoo Animals, My Father My Hero, Summer Fun, and Ocean Wonders. We are really excited to explore all these new learning experiences.

We are hoping to include safe water play days into our classroom. Please have a change of clothes and a swim diaper available to enjoy this

great opportunity summer brings. June 13th from 4pm-5pm we will be celebrating Father's and having our annual Desserts with Dad. We hope to see dads and grandpas at this fun event.

We are truly blessed and appreciative of all the growth and development we have watched our students make and truly proud of all their accomplishments. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to teach and grow with them. Speaking of growth our sweet Ivy has a special birthday on June 3. She loves clapping, bubbles, walking

and standing all by herself. She will be our child of the month be sure to stop and say hi.

We are hoping to create a class chart about our favorite zoo animal and ocean animal, please let us know what is your favorite and your child's favorite. We can't wait to hear all about them!

Have a blessed June!

Ms. Julie & Ms. Angela & Ms. Anna

## Darling Dragonflies

Happy June! Summer is here and hopefully the weather is staying warm. Please make sure that you signed the sunscreen forms for this summer. We love being outside when we can. The fresh air and large motor activities help us grow and build physically healthier children. It also improves sensory skills, increases attention spans, and builds better immunity. If you could bring swim Diapers and

swim clothes that would be wonderful. We are hoping to add extra water play days during the summer. We are going to continue working on putting on our own light coats, which they are doing a fantastic job at. We also are building on our language skills: polite words, family members, colors, animals, and things we want. In May we were working on going up and down stairs. We all do pretty

well going down, so the new focus will be walking up the stairs and not crawling. Happy Birthday Coral, Elise, Bodie, and JonJon. Children of the Month are Bodie and Elise.

I hope everyone is going to have a great summer.

Stay safe and Have Fun!  
Ms. Melinda & Ms. Jennifer



## Busy Bees



We had a wonderful month of May celebrating our Mom's and being able to enjoy the wonderful weather we have had this month.

We ask that since warm weather is coming soon, please check cubbies for extra clothing that is weather appropriate.

We are looking forward to our themes for June: Zoo Animals, Fantastic Father's, Summer Fun, and the World of Oceans.

We are really excited to celebrate the first weeks of summer and hope we will be able to enjoy the sun. On the

really warm days, we will be engaging in water play so please make sure your child has a swimsuit & towel here for the fun. We will be also have the opportunity to take part in some of the in house field trips, please be sure to watch for details in the classroom and your family mailbox.

We will be celebrating dads this month with an ice cream social on June 13th from 4-5pm. Come on in and enjoy a special treat with your child. We are excited to share with you that our class has been working on self-help skills and using nice words and touches

to one another. We are really working hard and doing a great job!

Our child of the month will be Amelia. Amelia likes to play with her friends, read books, and work on art projects. Be sure to stop and see her photos and say hi!

Please don't forget to sign a sunscreen form if you haven't already.

As the vacation season approaches, please notify staff and office of any vacation days.

We hope everyone has a wonderful start to the month and a great start to summer.

Ms. Emily & Ms. Terri

First, we would like to extend our gratitude to all the mothers and grandmothers for making our Mother's Day Breakfast a great success. We enjoyed the fabulous month of May during which we learned about outer space, the importance of mothers, gardens, bugs and dinosaurs. While the entire month was exciting, the most special event was our preschool graduation! As May ends, we are excited to welcome our most

## Sunshine Room

fun-filled season, summer! The themes for the month of June include Zoo Animals, Fantastic Fathers, Summer Fun and Ocean Wonders. We will be making gifts for our special dads. We hope all the dads and granddads will join us for our Father's Day Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 13th from 4-5pm. We will be closed Friday, June 14th for the completion of our downstairs renovations! We cannot wait to see the new floor. We have a variety of in house

field trips and water play days, please watch for details and information posted in the classroom. It would be helpful if the children could have a swimsuit and towel left here for impromptu swim days, we would really appreciate it.

We look forward to all the phenomenal activities we will be doing for the month of June.

Thank you to everyone for being a part of our learning community and God Bless all.

Ms. Mary & Ms. Sandra & Mr. Cody



## Fantastic Frogs



Time does fly when your having fun! June is here along with many fun activities. It is the start of our summer program!

Last month we celebrated our mothers with an awesome breakfast, it was delicious. We also learned about farms and everyone's favorite dinosaurs! Our volcanos, dino plants, fossils were a classroom favorite!

We would like to thank all the children on doing a great job

adjusting to our classroom in fellowship hall. They did a great job exploring and finding the centers. We can't wait to see our new classroom flooring.

This month we will be learning about the zoo, our fathers, summer adventures and ocean animals. These themes will include fun field trips to St. Ann's Swimming and the start of our Granny's Treats (Ice Cream Truck that comes every Thursday). Please be on the look out for paper work and

signatures that are needed to complete these fun times.

Please be sure your child has a blanket for naptime, it is a state rule. The blanket should also be taken home on your child's last day of attendance for health and safety of all. Thank you very much for your help.

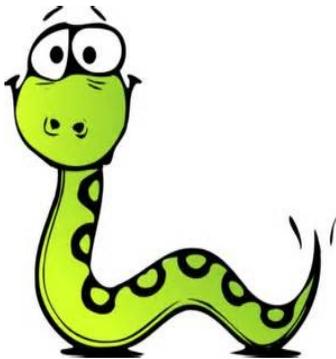
Welcome Summer and Welcome Back Ms. Caitlin!

Have a great month.

Ms. Michele, Ms. Caitlin & Ms. Megan



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June is finally here along with summer! We have a very busy and exciting summer ahead of us with the foam machine, inflatable slides and loads of awesome field trips! This past month we learned about outer space and gardens.

For the garden week we planted seeds in egg cartons then transferred them to tiny cups in our classroom and watched them start to grow under a grow light in our room! We had so much fun creating our Mother's Day gifts and getting to eat a yummy breakfast with our moms and grandmas. Another big and spectacular event we did this month was our Preschool Graduation! I am so proud of all of the graduates and have been so blessed to watch them grow into the amazing children they are! I will miss everyone so much when they start kindergarten in September!

Our themes in June are going to be so much fun! We'll be learning about Zoo Animals and remembering our experience at the zoo. We will also be talking about the jobs a zookeeper does every day. We will also be creating a zoo out of Legos and art and keeping it up for a display for parents to see our progress.

A friendly reminder: we will be closed Friday June 14th to move our classrooms back! We are so excited to see all our classroom's updates!

Thank you for being so understanding during this process!

Reminder for summer your children are welcome to bring a water bottle labeled in at any time. If they don't' no worries, we bring a jug of water outside with us. Here's to a fabulous summer!

Ms. Tori & Shining Stars

Policy Reminder:

Due to the safety concern for all involved, flip flops are NOT allowed at Park's Edge Preschool. We require sandals with straps around the ankle or tennis shoes.

Please make sure to bring in a labeled swim suit (or swimming diaper) and towel for your child to leave here throughout the summer. This will allow us to take advantage of hot days with water play.

**Slithering Snakes**

Why did the cow go to the movie theater?  
He wanted to see a "MOOvie!" -Matthew

Knock, Knock!  
Who's There?  
Doctor.  
Doctor who?  
You saw that show too?  
- Bobby

Now those are funny!  
Can you believe we are finally here? Summer vacation, here we come. We will be kicking the summer off right with bowling on Wednesday June 18th.

We are also looking forward to St. Ann's

Aquatics as we do every year and really can't wait to check out some new field trips like the slip and slide that is coming here and the workshops at the Hales Corners Library. We can not wait to get started! As we do every summer, we ask that you please make sure all paperwork is turned in. We also appreciate that you check in daily with teachers to fill out all appropriate field trip forms. Lastly, we will be taking advantage of those hot days so

please try to make sure your child has an extra swimsuit and towel

that's kept here in their cubby. We have a lot of new and exciting trips planned along with our classics this year. This is shaping up to be one incredible summer. We hope you are as excited as we are.

Ms. Jenele will be attending the General Synod June 19th-26th. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. We are ready to get this adventure going!

Have a great June.

Ms. Jenele & The Slithering Snakes

# June

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## Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 11th– Whitnall Last Day of School– 1/2 day of school—No K4

Thursday, June 13th– Father’s Day Ice Cream Social 4-5pm

Friday, June 14th– Downstairs Classrooms Closed for Renovations– No Childcare Available for lower level!

Tuesday, June 18th– AMF Bowling– Younger 9:00am—Older 12:30pm

Wednesday, June 19th– Picture Day 7:00am-11:00am

Thursday, June 19th-26th– The United Church of Christ’s General Synod will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Jenele Baldwin and I will be assisting with childcare during UCC’s General Synod. PEP is proud to have the opportunity to serve a larger community in this capacity.

Thursday, June 20th– Challenge Island Adventure– In House—Younger 9:00am-Older 12:00pm

Tuesday, June 25th– Splash Slip and Slide– In House-Swim Suits & Towels Needed  
Younger 9:00am-Older 12:30pm -Busy Bees 2:30-3:00

Wednesday, June 26th– St. Ann’s Swimming– Younger 8:30am-Older 11:30am– Swim Suits & Towels Needed

Thursday, June 27th– Hales Corners Library Workshop– Older Only– 1:00pm

The Scholastic logo, featuring a red square with a white book icon and the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters.

Thank you to all the families that ordered Scholastic books for the month of May. Your orders help us continue to add to our wonderful library collection.

There is only one month left of Scholastic orders before the summer break and we want to make sure to get our orders in so everyone has plenty of books to read over the summer. Just because the book orders will stop for summer, it doesn’t mean the reading has to! Make sure to take advantage of the great deals in June.

Thank You,

Ms. Sandra

## NAC Nook

**Changes!** The PEP staff has had a busy month preparing for the temporary transitioning of our preschool classrooms to Kurth Hall while the classrooms get a facelift with new flooring and other building updates. I want the PEP staff, our families and children to know how much I appreciate your patience during the ‘construction season’ in the lower level of the building (through June 14th).

**Remember, PEP’s lower level classrooms are closed Friday, June 14th.**

The children will return to their ‘new and improved 5 Star quality’ classrooms on Monday, June 17th...just in time for PEP’s School-age Summer Program to start-up, in full swing, for summer in Kurth Hall!

Our mantra is ‘We are never bored at PEP!’

Sincerely,  
Ellen Kvalheim

# Parent Advisory Council



We raised three children—but not by ourselves. There was this teacher...

It's amazing to watch the next generation become the distinct, fascinating individuals that they are. Amazing—and humbling. Because we can neither predict nor control the people they become.

We do, however, have a lot of influence—and a responsibility to use it. Entrusting the staff at Park's Edge Preschool with some of that responsibility not only fills the hours when you can't be with them; it multiplies the influence you have. You may wish you could be more present in their lives, and having to leave them in our care may stir some dis-ease as you drive away.

But there's a strategic partnership at work here. Your children, like mine, benefit when they hear words of encouragement, challenge, love and nurture, from multiple voices.

My children, in their thirty's and forty's—are still in touch with their kindergarten teacher! A treasured educator and lover of children three decades ago, she partnered with us in the awesome responsibility of shaping them—an irreplaceable gift that endures. May this precious time at Park's Edge be our enduring gift to your children...and to you.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Dale Stohre

## Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

### 06/03-06/06– Zoo Animals

Noah and the Ark

Dear God, show me how I can take care of your world and the animals.

How animals got their names Genesis 2:18-20

### 06/10-06/14-Fantastic Fathers

What's Special about your Dad?

Dear Father God, thank you for loving me so much

### 06/17-06/21– Summer Lovin' Having A Blast

Psalm 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste. Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

### 06/24-06/28– Oceans, Seas, Lakes: Fun at the Beach

God created land and sea Genesis 1:9-10