

2021



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

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| Arthur B. | 06/01/2018 |
| Hudson S. | 06/01/2014 |
| 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 |
| Peter G. | 06/13/2019 |
| Mae K. | 06/13/2019 |
| Ella M. | 06/14/2010 |
| Karyn B. | 06/14/2016 |
| Aydan L. | 06/16/2018 |
| Raul R. | 06/19/2017 |
| Kaylie B. | 06/22/2020 |
| Clara S. | 06/24/2014 |
| Zoey P. | 06/26/2020 |
| Bodie C. | 06/29/2017 |



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

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

I cannot believe it is June already and summer is almost here! May was a busy month celebrating mothers and grandmothers with many gifts and goodies throughout the first week of May. PEP is looking ahead to Father's Day. Park's Edge Preschool fathers and grandfathers will be treated special too, in June. Mr. Cody Tess, PEP's beloved bus driver became a first-time father on May 27th...just in time for PEP's Father's Day Ice Cream Social celebration on Thursday, June 17th! Thank you to all of PEP's mothers and fathers! Without mothers and fathers Park's Edge Preschool would not be here.

Park's Edge Preschool was able to hold our bi-annual Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, May 13th, in person this year. I am happy to report that PEP staff met with 40 children's families to discuss their child's individual growth and development. The teaching staff go through each child's portfolio with the parent(s) and the Portage' Assessment Tool used to document each child's progress physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. The portfolio is a wonderful keepsake, especially after the child leaves PEP's early childhood program, for the entire family to reflect upon. Thank you to all the families that participated. It is best for PEP to staff for one night of conferences rather than to try to find classroom coverage during the day. Thank you for your participation.

PEP's Conference Night allows families the opportunity to evaluate Park's Edge Preschool on the Parent Survey created by/ for NAC Accreditation. Your family's feedback is critical to the quality and success of Park's Edge Preschool. If you have not completed a family survey yet, please do. We need a minimum of 75% family participation to report back to NAC to maintain accreditation. The surveys are available on PEP's Family Mailboxes in the office entrance area. The survey is printed on bright orange colored paper. Thank you!

The Park's Edge Preschool held the Annual PEP Preschool Graduation Ceremony for PEP's preschool graduates on Thursday, May 27th. Sixteen children entering 5-k in fall participated in the graduation ceremony held in Emanuel Church's beautiful sanctuary. After the ceremony, family, staff, and the preschool graduates were treated to 'Granny's Treats'. The old-fashioned ice cream truck with individually wrapped ice cream treats came to PEP early this year. It was a 'cool' way to celebrate this milestone! PEP is proud to provide the preschool graduates with tools, supported with Christian values, for life-long learning. Congratulations to all 2021 graduates!

The 'Nollau to You Too' retreat, provided staff with a genuine and unique experience with their individual classroom teammates, in building stronger communication and rapport with each other. The bonds developed are an essential

component in creating a loving and trusting environment, for all children to reach their full potential at Park's Edge Preschool. The last activity for the day was beneficial to all staff, in articulating what their purpose is at Park's Edge Preschool. It was interesting to discover that although most PEP staff answer to the same job description, each teacher conveyed their individual purpose differently. The PEP staff are excited that the CHHSM Team will be back on Friday, November 5th, for the second part of the 'Nollau to You Too' training.

Summer Fun starts the week of Monday, June 14th. If your child is 4 years old or older, please be sure to complete the required paperwork for fieldtrips, and turn it in. (If you did not receive the fieldtrip packet for those eligible, age 4 and over, please let the office know.) The summer activity fee for each child age, 4 and over is a flat fee of \$75.00. It will be charged to your account on Friday, June 11th. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary Park's Edge Preschool...another milestone... June 1st, 1999, is Park's Edge Preschool's 22nd Anniversary! Thank you, to Emanuel Church, for their continued support of Park's Edge Preschool.

Sincerely,
Ellen M. Kvalheim

June 2021



Ms. Julie 06/25/15



Love Bugs

Happy June!

We hope all the mother's out there had a relaxing day with family or all by themselves. We hope your Memorial day was safe and fun.

The Love Bugs are continuing their work on getting more art up around the room. We have explored the process vs. product art with our little ones and the results are turning out great. Be on the look out for these wonderful additions to our classroom. For June we will be making a special gift for Father's Day, be sure to check cubbies for it.

If you haven't taken home your

child's snowsuit please do so and exchange it with a sun hat and light jacket for our walks. We provide sunscreen for children 6 months and up, if you like to use it, just ask for the form to fill out.

Our Little Love Bugs are growing so fast. Here are just a few of the things they are learning everyday - Kaia is rolling to the toys she wants to play with. Molly is working on sitting up with support. Naomi is starting to scoot backwards. Leo is trying to roll over to his stomach from his back. Clara is starting to roll from back to stomach. And our child of the month Lucas is eating jar food and smiles when he makes a mess

with it. Lucas also likes to talk very loudly to the toys he is playing with. Lucas is getting real close to sitting up with no support. Way to go Love Bugs. In June we look forward to going outside more and to go to the back field to read some stories.

We will be sending home a sandcastle for families to fill out a activity you are excited to do this summer with your little ones.

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

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Terri



Beautiful Butterflies

Happy June! Summer is here! Anticipating all the summer fun. We want to thank everyone that turned out for conference night, it was great to connect.

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to Kaylie and Zoey. Kaylie is crawling fast around the room. Zoey our child of the month, is always waving and trying to say more words. Logan just celebrated his 1st birthday and has begun walking. Blayne is sitting up on his own. Jordan is army scooting across the floor.

Benjamin is always clapping. Jack is smiling and giving hugs. Finn is using his spoon by himself.

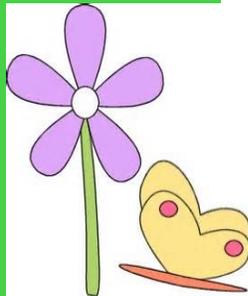
In May, our Beautiful Butterflies liked learning about all different animals, and the variety of dinosaurs. The dinosaur song was a huge hit. A favorite art project was jumper painting with their feet. It turned out great. We explored the process vs. product art usage in our classroom. Be sure to check out our progress with it. May also found us exploring more with bubbles and

longer walks. We can't wait to continue this in June.

We are excited that June we will be able to make special presents for our dad's, explore pirates and their treasures, and we are even more excited because we will be able to explore water play days. It will be a fun filled month and we look forward to exploring it all.

Have a blessed June!

Ms. Julie & Ms. Gina



Darling Dragonflies

Wow, we can't believe summer is already here! We cannot wait to play in the water. All our Dragonflies are in for a fun treat with this summer.

We learned so much in May, we talked about dinosaurs and painted with them, we talked about our mom's, the jungle and space weeks were out of this world! We hope all mom's enjoyed their present. The children had a lot of fun getting their hands messy. During space week we created a great asteroid throwing game and space shuttle command center that made us laugh a lot.

This month we will be doing a lot more fun activities. We will be talking about

construction, Dads, Pirates, and Sharks. Oh My! What a great month we will have.

Our Dragonflies are learning and growing so much- Lucas is learning sign language and verbal words to express his needs. is Evan is mastering walking and Logan is joining in on the walking milestone. Anna is observing sign language skills to say she is all done after lunch. Isaiah will be standing up on his own any day now. Eliza is beginning to learn how much fun walking with the walker is. Mae will be given help in learning how to ask for help when she needs it. Mason loves sitting on our lap reading new books. Vincent our child of the month is starting to hold a

spoon and balancing the food on it while he brings it to his mouth. Vincent loves to read books by himself or with his teachers, playing outside and washing hands. We can't wait to see his pictures. We are really proud of all the progress they are making everyday with these important milestones.

As a class we will continue our work with folding our hands when we pray for lunch and snacks and continue practicing with their utensils.

We will be sending home a sun print out for families to decorate and write your favorite family summer activity. It will be an exciting time in our room filled with summer adventures.



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

Busy Bees



May was out of this world! We got to celebrate our mother's, learn about scary and not so scary dinosaurs, space week we pretended to be astronauts, and jungle animal week was a huge hit. What a wild month! June will surely be just as much fun.

June brings water play days. Please have a swim suit, towel and swim diapers in your child's cubby. We will send messages to let you know the exact date of a swim day but having one on hand would be a big help.

We will also be welcoming a P.E.P traditional favorite.

Granny's treat is back for the summer on Thursday afternoons. We are so excited to pick out our very own ice cream treat off the ice cream truck!

We hope everyone is enjoying the new Procure digital sheets. I know I have. We really like sharing our day with you. Using the app, please share with me what your family favorite summer activity is. We will turn it into a fun board. Thank You in advance.

We will continue our work in June with creating more art inside and outside.

Our child of the month will be Declan. Declan likes to play with his friends, read books, get pony tails in his hair and building towers. Be sure to stop and see his 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

Sunshine Room

We cannot believe that summer is finally here. Before we get to excited let's explore what we did in May. We learned about outer space, made amazing Mother's Day gifts, dinosaurs week was a hit, and we learned all about jungle animals. We utilized the library more both for group time and for individual reading. We went outside also for a couple of our group times, it was a beautiful experience.

We were proud of our friends for the great job they did for our May fire drill. Way to go Sunshine Friends. For June, our classroom is going to work on

building their teamwork abilities. We will put this to great use with clean up, games and activities throughout the summer,

The themes for the month of June include construction, our amazing dad's and pirates. The team work skills will come in handy for pirate week as we will work together to create a pirate ship using boxes.

We have a variety of in-house field trips and water play days, please watch for details and information posted in the classroom and through the app. 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 will be sending home a yellow note card, we are looking to create a summer board that shows our families favorite activities to do in the summer. We look forward to reading it all.

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

Ms. Mary & Ms. Sandra & Ms. Anna



Fantastic Frogs



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

Last month the children enjoyed sharing all of the reasons why they love their mom as we celebrated all mothers. We also learned about atrocious dinosaurs, amazing constellations, and everyone's favorite jungle animals!

Some skills we continue to work on are holding scissors properly

to cut out a simple shape, holding our writing utensils with a four-fingered grasp, communicating with friends to find a solution, following directions, and touch counting.

This month we will be jumping into summer fun as we learn about the zoo, construction, our fathers, and pirates! We plan to identify our favorite zoo animals, create roads/buildings with big "machines," and celebrating our special fathers!

Please make sure to check your child's cubby basket to see if they have extra weather appropriate clothing

Also, 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 for all. Thank you very much for your help.

Have a great month.

Ms. Caitlin & Mr. Michael



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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 in house field trips! Don't forget to return the summer packet with permissions slips for fieldtrips and sunscreen. Another reminder, please exchange out your child's extra clothes for summer clothes and bring in a swimsuit and towel to be used for water days; we also provide sunscreen for your child to use before going outside.

Our classroom goal for June is working on our social skills! This means that we will be focusing on talking about problems with our peers. This can be a very difficult task because it's not always easy for children to verbalize their emotions. Our focus will be naming the emotions they're feeling and how to best handle what they feel; this could mean getting some alone time, counting to ten, taking deep breaths or just telling a teacher how they are feeling. By the end of the summer, we can't wait to report back on their progress.

Just a reminder to old and new friends, Friday is Show and Tell! Each child can bring a toy from home to talk about and share with their friends. It's a great introduction to public speaking. We limit this to only Friday's so that the children have something to look forward to and we do not lose track on the toys throughout the week.

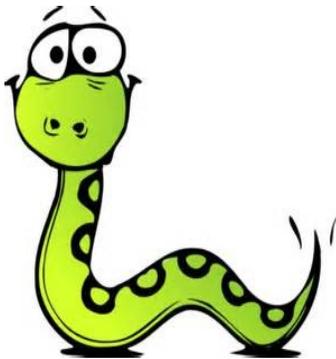
We cannot wait to report back what our favorite field trips are.

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!" -Aaron

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

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 foam machine and slip & slides!
We are also looking forward to exploring all

the different parks all around here.

The parks are sure to offer new experiences for us all.

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 locker. We have a lot of new and exciting activities 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.

We would like to take a moment and congratulate Mr. Cody and his wife Taylor on the birth of their new daughter. We can't wait to meet her.

We are ready to get this adventure going!

Have a great June.

Ms. Jenele & Mr. Cody
&
The
Slithering Snakes

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Important Dates:

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

Wednesday, June 16th– Foam Machine– Downstairs Classrooms– Swim Suits and Towels Needed

Thursday, June 17th– Father’s Day Surprises

Friday, June 18th– Bicycle Day– Downstairs Classrooms– Bring in Bicycle and Helmet

Tuesday, June 22nd– Greenfield Center Park—Stars, 8:30 a.m.—Snakes/Purple Moon 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 23rd– Slip & Slide Bounce House– Downstairs Classrooms– Swim Suits and Towels Needed

Tuesday, June 29th– Mud Day– Swim Suits and Towels Needed– All Ages

Wednesday, June 30th– Whitnall Park Hike & Playground– Stars, 8:30 a.m.—Snakes/Purple Moon 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 1st– Bike Blessing– All Classrooms bring in Bikes and Helmets—10:00 a.m.

The Scholastic logo, featuring a small red book icon to the left of the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white, uppercase 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.

Just because the book orders will stop for summer, it doesn't mean the reading has to! Make sure to take advantage of the beautiful weather and read outside!

Thank You,

Ms. Sandra

NAC Nook

The Association for Early Learning Leaders, (AELL), is the governing board for the early childhood National Accreditation Commission (NAC). AELL will be holding their 37th Annual Conference, in person, in Orlando, Florida, in June. We are excited to say Park's Edge Preschool will be in attendance this year. Park's Edge Preschool has been in attendance every year since we received our NAC Accreditation in 2010. In April 2020, Ellen was scheduled to attend the conference, in person, in Jersey City, New Jersey. However, due to the pandemic, in person was postponed. July 2020, AELL decided to hold a Saturday, all day training, for teachers, virtually. PEP's teaching staff were able to attend too. Next month, we will report back to you about new best practices in early childhood, learned at the AELL Conference.

Sincerely,
Ellen Kvalheim

A Pastor's Note



God who holds us all:

We are beginning to get there.

We are a bit more clear about all things COVID, and the fact that its threat is diminishing—though we also know it's still out there—really, we know, Lord, we know... But we pray for one another.

We pray for our staff, and those who lead them. Being “essential workers” has been exhausting. Like some of us, some of them are past what they once thought was their breaking point. They're tired.

Restless.

We, like they, are doing the best we can, when the horizon is fuzzy and the finish line seems to keep moving. We need a month on a beach somewhere, or lost in the woods, or just...sitting still in a quiet room.

But in the meantime...the children. They are beautiful—messy beautiful at times...but always precious, and beautiful. You, God, have always made children your favorites; they are royalty to you, which means that our roles, as parents, grandparents, caregivers, or teachers, is an honorable, awesome task. May we do it well today. Amen.

Sincerely,
Pastor Dale Stohre

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

5/31- 6/4: We are 'Zooerrific'

Psalm 104:21 The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

6/6- 6/11: Construction Destruction

2 Chronicles 2:5 The house which I am about to build will be great, for greater is our God than all the gods.

6/14- 6/18: Our Amazing Fathers

Story about a father and two sons (Luke 15:11-32)

Prayer: Dear Father God, thank you for loving me so much

Jesus is father to fatherless

6/21- 6/25: ARrr You Ready for Summer (Pirates)

Zacchaeus the tax collector story

God's Love is pure gold

6/28- 7/2: Ekk Shark Week:

Jonah and the whale story

God made the oceans and the seas