

2022



Park's Edge Preschool

Put a little PEP in your life!

Happy Birthday...

Mason G.	05/02/2018
Ezekiel Z.	05/04/2017
Quinn S.	05/06/2019
Meadow H.	05/09/2019
Aliana L.	05/09/2016
Logan D.	05/12/2020
Lokkin M.	05/12/2018
Nora M.	05/15/2019
Phoebe B.	05/20/2017
Henry B.	05/27/2021
Mathilda T.	05/30/2021
Jackson H.	05/28/2019



May



Ms. Jenele	05/29/2007
Ms. Mary	05/31/2016



A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

April showered Park's Edge Preschool with Easter eggs, Easter activities, and the Easter Bunny at PEP's Annual Spring Fling, on Thursday, April 7, from 5 to 7pm. Everyone was 'eggs'cited to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Mr. Easter Bunny also came back to visit PEP on Good Friday, April 15th, hiding Easter Eggs on the playground(s) so children could hunt for them during outdoor playtime. Please check out the photos in the front entrance area of Park's Edge Preschool. PEP loves our special Easter Bunny aka Mr. Cody!

Park's Edge Preschool honored parents, staff, and young children by celebrating the national 'Week of the Young Child,' WOYC, April 3-9. The WOYC serves as a time to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every child experiences the type of environment that promotes learning...at home, school, and in the community. I am glad our parents and staff were treated special throughout the week with a variety of gifts and goodies in celebration of early childhood. WOYC gives us an opportunity to celebrate early childhood with the children and families we serve. Thank you for choosing Park's Edge Preschool for your child's early childhood experience!

Speaking of 5-star rated quality...teaching staff teams from each classroom received a \$500 gift certificate from PEP. The gift certificate is for them to be able to purchase classroom materials and educational toys of their

choice that are age appropriate for the children in their classroom. Please watch for new educational items in use.

Thursday, May 5th is PEP's Parent-Teacher Conference Night from 5:30-7pm. We invite you to come and discuss your child's developmental progress with their teacher(s). You will have the opportunity to look at your child's portfolio and their individual progress documented on the Portage assessment tool. Please be sure to sign-up for a time to meet with your child's teacher next week. Conference sign-up sheets are in the classroom. Thank you.

Park's Edge Preschool has an amazing and safe summer planned for 2022. PEP's summer program calendars are now available with all planned fieldtrips and special events. The summer program starts on Monday, June 13. There is a flat fee of \$100 collected for the summer programming that will be collected on Friday, June 10th. If you did not receive a summer calendar packet for your child, ages 4 years old and older, please let us know. We have already received many summer enrollment survey responses, they point to another active and fun-filled summer. The summer enrollment survey was to be completed and returned by Friday, April 29. If you haven't turned in the enrollment survey yet, please do, we want to accommodate as many summer enrollment requests as possible.

Park's Edge Preschool has planned an exciting celebration for PEP mothers and grandmothers...

they are all invited for breakfast on Friday, May 6th, open from 7 to 8 am, are invited for breakfast with their child. The breakfast will be served in Kurth Hall from 7 to 8am and includes French toast sticks, sausage, donuts, fresh fruit, coffee, juice, and milk. **Please watch your family mailbox for breakfast details and RSVP at PEP's front desk.** We wish you and the many women in your child's life a Happy Mother's Day. May God bless all women that nurture children and fur babies

Thursday, May 26th, we celebrate another milestone at Park's Edge Preschool. The 2022 Preschool Graduation Ceremony is planned for preschoolers entering 5K in the fall 2022. This is an exciting event for staff and parents, who have nurtured and encouraged these children from infancy on. A family invitation will be specially mailed to your household. Congratulations to PEP's 2022 preschool graduates and their families! **Congratulations to all preschool, high school, and college graduates of 2022... we are proud of you!**

PEP is closed Monday, May 30th in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday. Regular tuition charges are applied. 'Thank you' to all those brave men, women, veterans, and their loved ones in serving our country. Please have a safe, happy, and memorable Memorial Day Weekend.

Sincerely,
Ellen M. Kvalheim, Director



Hello, Happy May!
Hopefully we see warmer weather soon.

This last month we focused on the Week of the Young Child. The children enjoyed painting and coloring with paint sticks. Our babies are growing so fast-

Mathilda is working on standing on her own, Carter has started eating cereal and jar food, Emily is working to drink from a

Love Bugs

sippy cup, Lily is working on sitting up with support, Henry G. is trying to roll himself over, Ella is working on pulling herself towards toys on her tummy. Our Child of the Month Pierce is working on scooting around the room, using a sippy cup and grasping puffs at meal times and holding his own bottles!

We would like to give a warm welcome to Claire

and her family, we look forward to getting to know her.

This month we ask you to bring in your child's favorite spring book to share with the class. We look forward to reading some new books together.

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Terri
The Love Bugs



April showers bring May flowers!

Happy Spring!

During April our favorite activity was playing and exploring the playground and we can't wait for warmer weather to explore it more.

We were excited to see pom-poms and hand clappers to music at snack time.

Listening to 5 Little Ducks song made us laugh and smile. Our babies are growing so fast and achieving milestones everyday.

Beautiful Butterflies

Our Child of the Month is Molly. Molly picks up toys, says "more books", and moves to any music. Walter goes down the slide outside by himself. Clara folds hands to pray at meal times, Henry rolls and throws balls, Kaia nurtures stuffed animals, Quinn dances to music and chooses color green when coloring, Madison celebrated her 1st birthday in April and pulls herself up to a stand, Leo is saying more words, and Lucas walks a lot now and uses utensils

at meal times. We are very proud of all of them.

We will be sending home a precut flower please decorate and write your families favorite spring activity.

We are looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day and all the wonderful things mom's do! Watch for our special surprises.

God Bless,
Ms. Julie & Ms. Autumn

Darling Dragonflies

We cannot believe it is already May. Where did April go? We loved going on the Easter egg hunt and seeing the Easter bunny. The Spring Fling brought a lot of laughs, games, and family Easter bunny pictures. It was a fun April.

We cannot wait to make our Mother's Day gifts and the Mother's Day breakfast. It will be nice to talk about all the wonderful things

mom's do for us. We will then talk about fairy tales, seeds, and farm. There is so much to learn in each topic we cannot wait. We are going to plant some seeds to see how they grow. We will make a farm complete with animals. Be on the lookout.

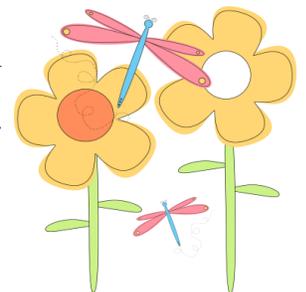
Logan will be our Child of the Month. Logan loves to read stories, snuggle, play outside, and listen to

flannel stories. We are excited to see his pictures.

Throughout the month of May we are asking that you bring in your favorite book you like to read as a family. We are excited to see what everyone brings in.

Have a Great Mother's Day,

Ms. Jennifer &
Ms. Emily H.



Busy Bees



What a beautiful Spring season we are having!

We had a lot of fun celebrating Easter and the Week of The Young Child. Thank you to all who helped make it a great experience.

We got to see the Easter bunny and go on a Easter egg hunt on the playground. We enjoyed putting pom-poms in Easter eggs in the sensory table. We have been working hard on

cleaning up, being kind to our friends and being a helper in the room.

May brings conference night be on the lookout for the sign up. For May we will be sending home a Spring flower to decorate our gate. We cannot wait to learn about fairy tales, flowers, and farms. We will practice being farm animals and making all

the fun noises the animals make.

Our Child of the Month is Vincent. Vincent enjoys playing with Legos and sliding down the slide. Vincent talks a lot about his sister Vivian and the fun they have. Come say hi and check out his pictures.

We hope everyone has a great May and we can't wait to start the summer.

Ms. Emily & Ms. Ruslana

Sunshine Room

Hello P.E.P Families!

A sunny welcome and a prayer it stays that way! Say it with us "The sun is here to stay for May"

We had a lot of fun in April. We got to go on a egg hunt and meet the Easter Bunny!

We paraded around and created a lot of fun during the Week of the Young Child. We learned all about spring and animal life in a pond and who lives there. It was a busy and fun month. We hit our goal

also of children being able to put their coats on by themselves! Way to go Sunshine Friends.

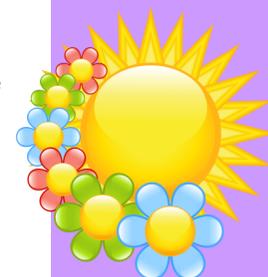
Our goal for May will be beating our classroom timer for clean up and putting toys in the right buckets.

We are excited to begin our May with talking about our moms. We will be creating special presents and talk about everything they do. Throughout May we will also be watching our flowers and

seeing them grow. This will be a great science/learning project for us. Watch for the transformation. We will be sending home a rainbow to write about your favorite spring activity. Please return them so we can hang them throughout the classroom.

Have a Great Mother's Day,

Ms. Mary & Ms. Julie A.



Fantastic Frogs

Hello Families, welcome to the month of May!

We had a fun time learning about spring this past month. We discussed all the things we can do in spring. The children learned about frogs, lily pads, and ponds. They learned the names of different types of frogs, what they eat and the different noises they make. During the week of Easter the children had fun dyeing eggs, going on an egg hunt and getting a visit from the Easter Bunny. They learned about Jesus' great love for mankind and were excited to find out that the tomb is empty because he is alive and watches over us.

During the Week of the Young Child the children got to pick out some of their favorite activities and books. One of the books the

children enjoyed the most was "Five Little Monkey Play Hide & Seek". After reading the story they got a

chance to reenact the story by hiding and allowing Ms. Sandra to close her eyes, count to 25 and say "Ready or not here I come", they played this game so well it amazed us how they found some difficult places to hide. We had so much fun playing this game, they requested to play over and over again.

We have some great activities planned for the month of May. Our themes include "Celebrating Mothers", "A Fairy Good Life" and "Farm is Where We Go". During the week of celebrating mom don't forget the special breakfast that will be served. We will also learn about the different animals born and raised on the farm. We will have

fun learning and retelling some of our favorite fairy tales.

We are saying farewell to some of our older friends and looking forward to recruiting new friends. Luke, Aidan, Calvin and Jayden will be transitioning into the Shining Stars classroom. We welcome Blake, Greer, Madeline, Kurtis and Cameron from the Sunshine room. We are excited to have you with us.

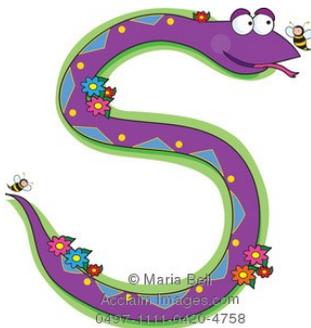
Thank you to all the parents for their continued effort to make this transition smooth. We appreciate all of you. Have a great May.

Ms. Sandra & Ms. Mariah





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Happy Springtime!

We are so excited for May! There is a lot of fun activities that will be happening. Conferences will be on May 5th this is great for the end of the school year we can talk about the progress your child has made throughout the school year. This will give us time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have as well.

On Friday, the 6th we have our Mother's Day breakfast for Mom's and Grandmas-come one come all. I love this event and excited to see it come back. May also brings our Graduation if your child is going into 5K in fall. This is a very special time for all the teachers seeing these children grow and develop so much throughout the program is emotional for all of us. Speaking of developing I hope your son/daughter have shown you some of the sign language we have been learning along with how impressive we are doing with number recognition and counting.

With the weather continuing to be up and down I suggest keeping a sweatshirt, and hats here in their cubbies for those chilly morning recess.

Thank you!

Ms. Melinda & Ms. Jacinda

Policy Reminder:

Parents must notify Park's Edge Preschool's office at least 1 hour prior to their child's scheduled school pick up time or a \$5 'finder's fee' will be assessed per incident; notify us ASAP. A 'finder's fee' is applied in the event Park's Edge Preschool is not notified of a school-age child's absence. It delays our scheduled bus route as we try to locate the missing child and could jeopardize the safety of other children. Safety 1st at Park's Edge Preschool!

Slithering Snakes

Welcome May!
Son: Why is a computer so smart?
Mom: It listens to its "motherboard."

Why do kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside.

Can you believe May is already here? In one more month we will be kicking off our amazing summer adventures. Please make sure you turn in all necessary paperwork to the office for this summer.

We would like to thank all our families for the support during April's Week of the Young Child. We worked really hard and are very proud of the gifts and projects we did throughout the week.

This month our discussions will revolve around *Marvelous Mothers*, *Fairy Tales Galore* and *Farms!* Our writing board this month will focus on two questions- "

What makes my mom special?" and "If I ruled the world." Please feel free to

add your thoughts as well.

Friday, May 27th Whitnall School District is closed. Please sign up today. Monday, May 30th PEP will be closed.

One more reminder; with the weather we have been having, we have taken a lot of our games outside, be sure to be on the lookout for us at the backfield. Thank You!

Ms. Jenele, Mr. Cody & The Slithering Snakes

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Important Dates

Friday, April 29th– Summer Enrollment Survey Form Due

Thursday, May 5th– Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-7:30pm
Sign up in your child's classroom

Friday, May 6th– Mother's Day Breakfast 7:00– 8:00 am– Mother's and Grandmothers welcome.

Thursday, May 26th– PEP's Preschool Graduation 6:30-8pm

Friday, May 27th– Whitnall Schools No School—Sign Up Today

Friday, May 27th– Summer Packet Forms Returned

Monday, May 30th– PEP closed in observance of Memorial Day

Thursday, June 9th– Whitnall Schools 1/2 Day/Last Day of School

Friday, June 10th– Summer Program Fee Withdrawn through Procure



Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

5/2- 5/6: Mothers are Out of this World

Prayer: God gave us mothers to care for us and take us under their wings
Mary (Jesus's Mother)

5/9-5/13: A 'Fairy' Good Time

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you

5/16-5/20: Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Fields

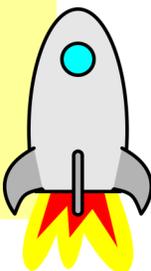
James 5:7 "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains."

5/23-5/27: E-I-E-I-O Farm is Where we Go

God gave us all the animals
Genesis 1:24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds

5/30-6/3: If You Give a Child a Crayon

Luke 1:37 "For nothing will be impossible with God"



A Pastor's Note



God of the Still, Small Voice:

We are so used to talking. We are parents, caregivers, teachers, and our default is to speak to our children: Do this...Don't do that...Eat your vegetables...It's time for bed. It has become so automatic that we overlook what they may want to say to us. We interrupt them; we cut them off, and while at times we must—at other times, the real need is to listen, closely.

Grant us the humility that reminds us that we are not You. We too are your children, and we are still in need of hearing your voice.

Grant us the patience that reminds us that, when our children speak, they may be You in disguise.

God, bless the still, small voices that call us to love, and listen, and even learn, when we hear them calling to us.

Amen.

Pastor Dale Stohre



SCHOLASTIC

Catalogs for the month of May are in and should arrive in your mailboxes soon! I am excited for the great deals offered this month

As summer approaches, you can take advantage of many bargain books with savings of over 60% children's favorites such as "Harry the Dirty Dog," "Corduroy," "David Goes to School" and other classics. What a wonderful way to spend the summer by reading these great books at a great deal! There are so many other summer book to chose from too.

Thank You to all the families who ordered books for the month of April.

Have a Blessed Month,

Ms. Sandra
Scholastic Coordinator

NAC Nook

A diverse group of PEP staff met on February 25th and 26th to focus on Park's Edge Preschool's culture. The workshop was facilitated by Jenni Catron, an author and motivational speaker that works with churches across the nation in developing their leadership team(s) and culture. Jenni spent 2 days working with the small group. The 'Culture Team' included Cody, Emily O., Kristin, Melinda, Sandra, and me, along with Stephanie Ziebell, a PEP parent who serves on PEP's board. The group participated in various activities to help us identify PEP's 5 Core Values: Children First; Professionalism; Teamwork; Positivity; and Commitment. The 5 Core Values supports our mission in creating an environment that meets 5-star quality rated standards for children, parents, and staff.

The Culture Roll-out to introduce staff to PEP's 5 Core Values was held at Daddy Yo's on Saturday, April 9, from 11am to noon. The staff also gathered for the sweet treat in celebration of the Week of the Young Child. Watch for the posters with the symbols and sticky statements on them displayed throughout the building. Every staff member received two t-shirts, (one blue and one maroon) with PEP's logo of the triangular cross belltower on the front of it and PEP's 5 core values on the back. It is our new and improved uniform at Park's Edge. PEP staff is 5-star quality rated and deserved to be recognized and celebrated.

A 'thank you' shout out to Ken Wiske of Ideal Logos & Awards for the quick production of quality posters and t-shirts to make PEP's 5 Core Values stand out to the public

Ellen Kvalheim