

2023



## Put a little PEP in your life!

Park's Edge Preschool

### Happy Birthday...

Isabella U.	05/02/2022
Henry M.	05/05/2019
Quinn S.	05/06/2019
Chase M.	05/08/2020
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
Collins S.	05/26/2019
Henry B.	05/27/2021
Jackson H.	05/28/2019
Mathilda T.	05/30/2021



May



Ms. Jenele 05/29/2007



### A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

**April** showered Park's Edge Preschool with Easter eggs, the Easter Bunny, and the Week of the Young Child... PEP's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Good Friday, April 7 at 10am. Everyone was 'egg'cited to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny after a busy morning of 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 visitor, Mr. 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 17-21. 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. Parents and staff were treated throughout the week with a variety of gifts and goodies in celebration of early childhood. Thank you to all our families who made the week memorable for all the staff, we were so grateful. A special thank you to Liz Brever and Erin Bruner for organizing something special each day. Monday: Breakfast, Tuesday: Flowers for the classrooms and office, Wednesday: Qdoba lunch, Thursday: a loaf of artisan bread for each staff, Friday: Special snacks and \$10 Culvers gift cards to each staff member. WOYC gives us an opportunity to

celebrate early childhood professionals and the children and families we serve!

**Park's Edge Preschool** has an amazing and safe summer planned for 2023. PEP's summer program packets are available now. This year we plan to take children 4 and up to Swimtastic in Franklin for safe swimming in an enclosed, indoor pool staffed with lifeguards. The children and staff are up for a safe swimming experience scheduled in June, July, and August. Did you turn you completed Summer Enrollment Survey yet? If not, please do, we want to account for everyone in our program with **quality Christian childcare at Park's Edge Preschool**. Summer fun kicks off Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Permission form packets for children ages 4 and up will be available the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are asking that forms be completed and returned by May 25<sup>th</sup>. The activity fee will be \$150.00 for the 2023 Summer Program withdrawn on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in one lump sum. The staff and I are looking forward to a fun summer at PEP. Staff will be retrained on PEP's fieldtrip policies and procedures at the May 4<sup>th</sup> staff meeting to set the stage for a safe summer

Park's Edge Preschool has planned an exciting celebration for PEP mothers and grandmothers on Friday, May 12 from 7-8am. You will be invited for breakfast with their child. **If it weren't for our working mothers PEP wouldn't be here! Happy Mother's Day to the many women**

**that nurture children and/or pets. Please look at your mailbox for details. Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate another milestone at Park's Edge Preschool.** The 2023 Preschool Graduation Ceremony is planned for fifteen preschoolers entering 5K in the fall 2023. This is an exciting event for staff and parents, who have nurtured and encouraged these children from infancy on. Congratulations to PEP's 2023 preschool graduates and their families! **Congratulations to all preschool, high school, and college graduates of 2023...we are proud of you!**

**Thursday, June 1, 2023, Park's Edge Preschool** celebrates its twenty-fourth anniversary in serving the community with Christian childcare! Next year is Park's Edge Preschool's silver anniversary celebration... twenty-five years! We are already planning a huge anniversary reunion celebration, so save the date and help us spread the word, **Saturday, June 1, 2024! PEP will be in the Fourth of July Hales Corners Parade this year promoting this exciting event for 2024 at Park's Edge! Watch for details about the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and how you can participate with us for those families interested. Thank you!**

Sincerely,  
Ellen M. Kvalheim, Director



## Love Bugs

Our Love Bugs are in full bloom this month. With the nicer weather comes more frequent walks and exploration of our outdoor environment. We ask that you have a lighter coat here as well as the winter clothing you have because we never know what each day will bring.

Our Love Bugs have been busy this month. Wren is starting table foods and is doing a good job with grasping the food. Gabby is

starting to pull herself to her knees. Eli is working on a cup and doing good eating solids. Marlee is rolling everywhere and always smiles with her tongue out. Fiona is full of smiles and is working on drinking from a sippy cup. Aaron is practicing sitting up with support and loves jumping. Cam loves tummy time and is enjoying his jar food. Max likes to explore the classroom and is standing by himself for 5 seconds.

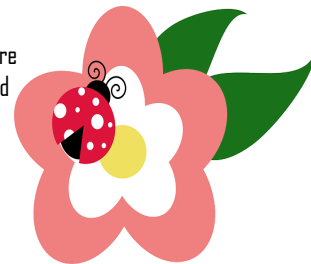
Our child of the month is Maddy. She loves telling us stories and is all smiles until the camera comes out to capture it. Maddy likes to push buttons on the light up spinning fish and jump in the exersaucer. Maddy is crawling around the classroom

and exploring all the toys around her. We look forward to seeing all her pictures.

This month we have our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday, May 12, grandmas are welcome too. Watch for an invitation and sign-up sheet at the front desk.

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing Mother's in our program.

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Kristin



## Beautiful Butterflies



April showers bring May flowers. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. We appreciate you. Just as a caterpillar 'grows' through a process and changes into a butterfly our babies are doing the same right before our eyes. We are talking, walking, and positively interacting with peers. We are seeing tremendous growth.

We want to wish a special

Happy Birthday to Isabella! Isabella claps when she hears music, she stands and bounces to music too. She is very observant and watches things closely. She pops bubbles and belly laughs. Isabella will be our Baby of the Month.

We had a lot of walks throughout April, and we look forward to doing more of them in May. Be sure to send a jacket for those cool mornings.

We are excited to celebrate all the wonderful things moms do and create special presents just for them. We hope to see you at our Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 12th.

Using the ProCare app lets us know what your favorite thing to see in gardens, i.e... Fruits, veggies, flowers.

Have a Blessed May.  
Ms. Julie & Ms. Holli & The Beautiful Butterflies

## Darling Dragonflies

What goes up when May rain comes down? – An Umbrella

Welcome May! This month we will be celebrating a couple birthdays – Henry and Mathilda. We are excited to celebrate with them!

Some of the fun things we've done is our rain experiment, where we put shaving cream on top of water and added food coloring. We watched the colors drop into the water

from the cream. It was a lot of fun.

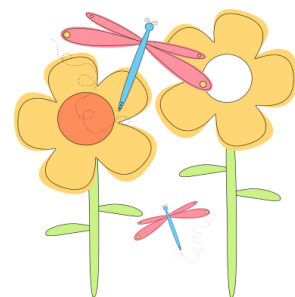
In our classroom, we work on colors, matching, counting and dump and fill. We practice taking turns and sharing when we are done with something. When the weather allows, we will be reading stories outside! We will spend time watching the birds that made a nest on the playground fly back and forth.

Our Child of the Month will be Mathilda. Mathilda became a big sister recently (Congratulations). Mathilda likes to run around on the playground with her friends and sing 'Let it Go'.

We are looking forward to seeing her pictures.

Have a great May!

Ms. Terri & Ms. Krissy & The Darling Dragonflies



## 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 had fun doing a egg explosion experiment. We have been working hard on cleaning up, being kind to our

friends and being a helper in the room.

Please send in a family photo to

Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com  
the children love looking at photos of their families!

We are looking forward to celebrating our mothers and hope you can come join us at our Mothers day breakfast on Friday, May 12th!

We are looking forward to learning about cows and farm animals , we will be playing with hay in the sensory table!

Our child of the month this month is Kaia, she enjoys playing with stuffed animals and babies. Come say hi and check out her pictures.

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

Ms. Emily & Ms. Jacinda

## 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. Our goal for April

was for the children to be able to put their coats on by themselves! We are excited to say majority of the class can! Way to go Sunshine Friends.

Our goal for May will be to continue our work on potty training. Be sure to keep those extra clothes coming! We are excited for May when we will be talking about our moms. We will be creating special presents and talk about everything they do.

Throughout May we will be exploring the great outdoors. We will go on bug hunts, read stories outside, and have sidewalk chalk fun. We will be sending home a flower print out please help your son/daughter to cut them out and color them. Please return them as soon as possible so we can hang them around our gate.

We hope everyone has a great Mother's Day!

Ms. Mariah & Ms. Jenele



## Fantastic Frogs



Once again, we had an amazing month this past April. We celebrated Jesus' resurrection day, what a glorious feeling to know that Jesus is alive. During the Week of Young Child, the children got a chance to work and play with some of their favorite activities. They also created their classroom banner and marched in the parade. What a great celebration we had recognizing children, families, and teachers. During the week of 'down to earth' the children learned

how and what recycling is. While they were outside in the back field, they encountered garbage and immediately got to work cleaning it up. They also learned about compost. Compost are food scraps that are placed into bins which break down and turn into earth.

We are excited about May and all the great themes planned. Themes include 'Bring on May Flowers,' 'A Mother's Love,' 'Fairy Good Time' and 'We Can Moo (Farm Life)'. This month we

are going to learn how to plant flowers, and everything needed to help a garden grow. We will celebrate our fantastic mother's, learn about farming, and everything that goes into farming. We are excited for this month.

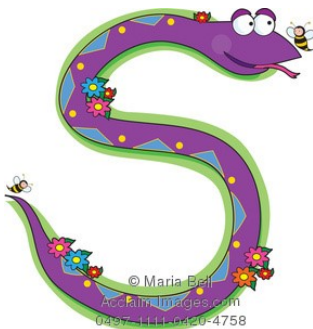
We would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful thank you cards and gifts during the Week of Young Child teacher appreciation day.

Have a Blessed Month.  
Ms. Sandra & Ms. Jenni &





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## Shining Stars

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Happy May! The school year is coming to an end. Graduation will be just around the corner for the children going into all day K5. The celebration will be on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. be sure to watch for more details.

April was interesting with all the weather changes, thank you Wisconsin! It was appropriate for our weather unit. We got to experience and see things first hand.

In May, we will continue working on our independence and problem-solving skills. We will continue to work on sight words, descriptive words and talking about landmarks around us. Adding to that, we will continue counting by 10's.

Our family activity this month is to enjoy the outside! Go outside and have your child show you their skipping skills and hopscotch skills. We have now all mastered skipping, and we are making good progress with the hopscotch skills. Be sure to send a picture to ProCare so we can share it with the class.

Reminder to please change out clothes in the cubby and feel free to leave boots here for muddy day play.

Thank you,

Ms. Melinda & The Shining Stars

### 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

May, a time of rebirth and growth, is upon us at last. Just as we've shaken off the chill of winter, spring is turning into summer! We look forward to this last full month of school, a final opportunity to garner what we can from this school year, before we begin another fabulous summer!

In April we celebrated Easter, and learned the true story of Jesus' death and rebirth. We also celebrated The Week of The Young Child, a time to reflect on and appreciate all that children have to offer and teach us.

We would like to take a moment to sincerely thank each and every parent who went above and beyond to insure that we were able to close on April Fifth, to head to the capitol and state our case for continued childcare funding. Without all of you we would not have the opportunity to see your children grow and flourish each day, and our time at the capitol will allow us to better them, as well as all early educators in the field. Thank you again!

Looking ahead to May, we'll be taking time to tell our mothers just

what they mean to us.

We will learn about mothers in nature, as well as share what our own mothers add to our lives. Please be on the lookout for updates about our Mother's Day Breakfast! Also in May we'll be learning about gardens, and hopefully growing some tasty and nutritious vegetables. May will be a time of change, both within ourselves, and the world at large, and we look forward to experiencing it with you all.

Ms. Jenele, Mr. Cody  
&  
The Slithering Snakes

# May

## 2023



### Important Dates

**Friday, April 28th– Summer Enrollment Survey Form Due**

**Thursday, May 12th– Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-7:30pm  
Sign up in your child's classroom**

**Friday, May 11th– Mother's Day Breakfast 7:00– 8:00 am– Mother's and Grandmothers welcome.**

**Thursday, May 25th– PEP's Preschool Graduation 7-8pm**

**Friday, May 26th– Summer Packet Forms Returned**

**Monday, May 29th– PEP closed in observance of Memorial Day.  
(Regular tuition charges applied)**

**Thursday, June 8th– Whitnall Schools 1/2 Day/Last Day of School**



### **Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes**

5/1-5/5: Bring on May Flowers

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land

5/8- 5/12: A Mother's Love

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

5/15-5/19: A 'Fairy' Good Time

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

5/22-26: We can Moo- Can You?

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

5/29-6/2: Having a 'Ball' at P.E.P

Zechariah 8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.



# A Pastor's Note



God:

We often come to You with our list: Give me this. Ease my anxieties, my guilt, my fear. Answer this question, take away this pain. Our lists are long ones, God. Things on our list dominate our prayer.

But if You help us with anything, may it be: Help us to listen. Listen to You...to the sounds of creation...to our own heartbeat...and to what those dear to us are trying to say, while we're distracted elsewhere.

And if we listen, perhaps our prayers can become less asking, and more filled with simple gratitude.

Amen.

Pastor Dale Stohre

## NAC Nook



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.

What a wonderful way to spend the summer by reading great books at a great deal! There are so many summer books to choose from too.

This will be the last month catalogs will be in your family mailboxes as we transition to summer. We will return in September to continue the learning fun.

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

Have a Blessed Month,

Ms. Sandra  
Scholastic Coordinator

Park's Edge Preschool's Playground Dedication was held during the Week of the Young Child, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'—Matthew 19:14 (NIV) We welcomed Emanuel Church members, Hales Corners Chamber of Commerce, Park's Edge Preschool parents, and John LaPointe, founder and co-owner of GRG Playscapes...and the children, to celebrate the grand opening of our new interactive playground for children ages toddler through 5-years-old. We are so thankful to so many who have been with us every step of the way, for this special occasion. Let us pray and give thanks for the joy of children playing on our new interactive playground. *Thank you, Emanuel Church, for your encouragement, love, and support.*