

Put a little PEP in your Life!

September 2024 Newsletter

A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

We are excited about the start of the new school year and welcoming new families to the program. We are sad to say good-bye to those departing for fall. We wish our college-bound staff lots of luck this school year and look forward to their return during winter break.

On Friday, August 9, the Slithering Snakes went to the Hunger Task Force and helped unload 247lbs of food for those in need. They also got to take a tour of the facility and hear about how their donation makes a difference. Thank you to all who donated.

All good things must come to an end... Granny's Treats served their last ice cream treat on Tuesday, August 27. It's so hard to say good-bye, but we look forward to next summer!

Lots of exciting events/ updates are happening this month at Park's Edge. Mark your calendars: Thursday, September 5 from 5:30-7pm is PEP's Annual Open House. Families are invited to come and meet the staff and grab a slice of pizza as they check out each classroom. Family

friendly activities will be held in every classroom as well. Families will also receive updated staff biographies to get to know more about our wonderful teachers.

Friday, September 6 will be Grandparents Day from 4-5pm. There will be an activity in the classroom as well as cookie decorating for all grandparents. Please look for a sign-up at the front desk.

Our upstairs classrooms will be closed Friday, September 20 through Tuesday, September 24 for the installation of new windows. We will have all carpets cleaned during the closure. The following Saturday, September 28, the upstairs classroom will be painted as well. The final step will be adding blinds, they will be ordered once the windows are installed. We are excited about the update to the environment, and we appreciate your understanding during this time. Reminder, there will be no charges for the children in the upstairs classroom only during the closure. The lower level will remain open during this time.

We are excited for fall and the teachers are gearing up with changing their classrooms from summer to fall.

Classroom Staffing will be as follows: Love Bugs-Ms. Terri & Ms. Brooke; Beautiful Butterflies- Ms. Julie & Ms. Holli; Darling Dragonflies-Ms. Haley J., Ms. Jacque & Ms. Linda; Busy Bee's-Ms. Emily & Ms. Jacinda; Float Staff-Ms. Ruslana and Ms. Sabrina; Sunshine Room: Ms. Mariah, Ms. Kasey & Ms. Alexis; Fantastic Frogs-Ms. Sandra & Mr. Ben; Shining Stars-Ms. Melinda & Ms. Maria; Slithering Snakes-Ms. Maria (am bus), Mr. Cody (4k & pm routes) & Ms. Nicole. Float Staff- Ms. Nola & Ms. Savannah.

Friendly Reminder: Annual Registration Fee will be charged to your account Monday, September 9, for continued enrollment in fall. It is \$100 one child/\$150 family.

Park's Edge Preschool will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Have a restful holiday weekend after a busy summer!

Sincerely,
Kristin Burr
Interim Director

Happy Birthday!

Kennedy K.	9/01/2021
Safia K.	9/04/2019
Mason B.	9/07/2019
Kaden D.	9/09/2023
Jordan S.	9/10/2020
Aaron B.	9/13/2022
Finn V.	9/14/2020
Logan D.	9/19/2018
Jack S.	9/20/2020
Blayne H.	9/21/2020
Vivan S.	9/22/2015
Connor M.	9/22/2023
Norah P.	9/25/2020
Lucy W.	9/26/2018
Norah T.	9/30/2020



Important Dates:

Tuesday, September 3rd–
Back to School for Whitnall School District

Thursday, September 5th–
Center Wide Open House 5:30pm-7:00pm

Friday, September 6th–
Grandparents Day 4:00pm-5:00pm

Friday September 20th through Tuesday, September 24th–
Upstairs Classrooms Closed for Window Update Project. No Tuition Charges for Upstairs Only

Friday, October 11th–
Picture Day 7:00am-11:00am

Thursday, October 24th–
Trunk-or-Treat 5:30pm-7:00pm

Love Bugs

What's a tree's favorite song in autumn? Don't stop be-leafin

August flew by in the blink of an eye. We hope you all enjoyed the month as much as we did in the Lovebugs. As much as we loved summer, we cannot wait for all things Fall. Bring on Pumpkin spice and everything nice!

One cool thing we did in August was a fun sensory activity of touching the grass on our walk. It was a really nice day, so we took advantage of it! The babies love being outside. The older children usually run to the fence to wave at them as they go by in their buggy. It's a parade of cuteness.

These babies are really moving and grooving! Hitting milestones like they are getting paid to do so.

Atlas is on all table foods and loving every bit of it! He will also be our child of the month! His massive smile brightens the entire room. He loves sharing toys with his friends will be the first to greet you when you enter the room.

George our resident funny guy, reaches for toys while in the sitting position, and likes to laugh with his friends.

Our newest friend Malakai is working on his strength during tummy time, and has been finding his voice

Colette is chatting and smiling with all her friends. She loves hanging out with the group.

Adalynn will be joining us this month, and we couldn't be more excited for her to start.

We are so proud of our babies, and we look forward to another month of fun.

Ms.Terri and Ms.Brooke



Beautiful Butterflies

Here we are welcoming a new school year. How did we get here so fast?

Our babies are growing and blowing through new milestones every day. Some milestones our babies have started to hit are standing on their own, taking steps, clapping, blowing kisses, waving and chatting up a storm. We love seeing each baby on their own growth journey.

This time of year, the weather can be very unpredictable. Please provide weather appropriate clothing with your child's name on it, and proper shoes. Our babies who are walking get to go on the playground, and shoe choice is very important so they can have as much fun as possible. If your child is one years old, please provide a blanket for them to use on their cot.

This month our focus will be on self-help skills like holding their own bottles or cups and using utensils. Communication will also be a focus. We are seeing babies use more sign language. It's wonderful that they can not only use their voice, but they can also explain their needs in sign language as well. We look forward to a great new year of learning and making new memories.

Our parent engagement activity will include telling us your favorite family Fall moments.

Happy Birthday to Connor and Kayden they will both be our babies of the month for September!

Happy Fall!

Ms. Holli Ms. Julie and the Beautiful Butterflies



Darling Dragonflies

“The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they are loved and capable of loving.” -Mister Rogers

In August we got to discover new sports, had a wild week with animals at the zoo, made as well as indulging in reading the imaginative stories from our favorite authors, and tapped into our inner chefs with a week of baking and cooking. We discovered that homemade whipped cream is sweet and delicious! Lemons are so sour it made us pucker our faces!

September: School is back in session!

Our Dragonflies will be thrilled to explore the world of apples, discover what school is all about, and learn about various careers including firefighters and fire safety.

For September, the Dragonflies goals for the month are sharing and learning to tidy up after themselves. We teachers are going to be modeling sharing behaviors as well as making cleaning up fun by turning it into a game and set up structured activities that encourage toddlers to cooperatively play together. We encourage parents to implement these practices to help with cleaning at home!

Reminder for parents: Please bring blanket for your child for nap time and take-home day for blankets are on Friday. As the weather is starting to cool down, please bring a light jacket.

Happy Fall!

Ms. Haley, Ms. Jacque & Ms. Linda



Busy Bees

Summer flew by, and it was awesome! We had water days on the playground, we got to try some new foods and most importantly, we got Granny's Treats every Thursday! The kids were so proud of their choices each week.

During cooking week, we made whipped cream in a jar and tried it with Strawberries. Each child got a chance to shake the jar. Everyone asked for seconds of the whipped cream it was a big hit! We also got to try lemons to see how sour they were, they all did great job trying it!

Our final in-house field trip for summer was a foam bubble machine, it's the kids favorite. They had a blast getting covered in foam.

We hope our friends who moved to the Sunshine room are having a great time, it was time for those little bees to leave the hive.

Our goal this month is to work on using open cups with our new friends. The veterans of the room will also be teaching our rookies the rules of the famous toy slide. We have such great little teachers; I am confident our new friends will be up to speed quickly.

If you could send a family photo to Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com we would love to display it on our family tree.

I hope everyone has a awesome month and a great start to the school year.

Ms. Emily and Ms. Linda



Sunshine Room

Happy September Sunshine Families!

Can you believe it's almost Fall? Summer flew by! We'll continue to enjoy the next few weeks of summer, but we're looking forward to all of the activities for the new season. In August, we welcomed Ms. Mariah back to the Sunshine room and we also welcomed Ms. Kasey back from maternity leave. If you haven't seen her yet, make sure you say hi and she'll show you a picture of her baby :) We also bid a sad farewell to Ms. Kristen and Ms. LaDonne who went to the school district for Fall.

Come Fall, we happily welcome new shining faces to our classroom! We look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. If you are new to our Sunshine room, look out for a message regarding bringing in a family picture for our family tree!

This last month we had a rockin' time with Music Appreciation week and were able to show off our love for creating music and dancing. We enjoyed jamming out with Ryan The Guitar Guy! We then celebrated all different kinds of amazing authors; our Sunshine friends LOVE to read! We had fun with baking and cooking week where we dressed up as little chefs and crafted some delicious food for our teachers and classmates. Last but not least, we learned all about animals at the zoo! We built our own zoos, moved like different animals, and matched mommy and baby animals.

In September, we celebrate Back to School week, Fire Safety week where we will meet our Firefighter friends, Apples and all things Fall, Fairy Tales and we end the month with discussing different occupations. We have enjoyed watching our Sunshine friends learn new things and grow this last month. We look forward to fun Fall adventures in September!

The Sunshine Crew



Fantastic Frogs

Summer has once again come to an end. The start of the new school year has begun! We had a blast this summer as we spent a lot of time outdoors. The children enjoyed eating their snacks outside and playing with center activities. We are very sad that Summer has come to an end but look forward to next year.

We had many fun highlights this past month, but the children's favorite was all the cooking activities they did. The children learned the difference between a chef and a baker. They squeezed lemons, poured sugar and water and mixed all the ingredients to make a delicious lemonade drink. One of the books we read was called "Pizza Day", a story about a family who went out to their garden to collect ingredients to make homemade pizza sauce. One of the ingredients they used was carrots. After reading the story the children got to make their own pizza bagels. Even though they didn't make homemade pizza sauce with carrots they still had fun putting their favorite toppings on.

This month's themes include "Back to School", "Fire Safety", "We love Apples", and "Fantastic fairy tales", During the week of "Fire Safety" the children will learn how to be safe in case there is a fire. They will learn the stop, drop, and roll method. One of the books we will read is "Brecker Bunny learns how to be careful", a story about a bunny who likes to be adventurous. Despite his parent's best efforts to teach Brecker Bunny the rules of burn safety, Brecker Bunny forgets and finds himself with a bad burn. But he learns his lesson and teaches others how to be safe. We can't wait to learn the safety methods he uses. The children will also learn about apples and their different names. They will get to do some apple tasting and find out which is their favorite. We are looking forward to a month of fun and learning.

Please welcome Mr. Ben, He will be joining us as a teacher for the Frogs room. The children have gotten acquainted with Mr. Ben and have enjoyed playing and reading stories with him. We are glad to have him in our room. If you have not gotten a chance to meet him, please stop in and say hi, he will be glad to introduce himself to you all!

Hope everyone has a safe and blessed month!

Ms. Sandra and Mr. Ben



Shining Stars

Summer has flown by! August did not disappoint with all the fun activities and adventures we had.

The children loved learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and seeing it in action. They were able to watch the caterpillars grow and take their J shape just before creating their chrysalis. It was sad to see them go, but we knew they belonged in the wild.

For the cooking week, we made a lot of different foods and ate a lot too. The Mac n' Cheese bar was fun, but the children didn't really venture out with the add-ons. The best Mac n' Cheese I saw was with BBQ sauce and bacon, it made our mouths water. The bake sale was a hit, we sold out the first night and earned over \$120, for our awesome end of the summer party. At the party we played games, had two piñatas and got to have a fun cookout with all the school-agers.

We had a wonderful class this summer with lots of different and amazing personalities. It's exciting getting ready for the new school year, but we will miss the children moving on to school.

For the new school year, we ask that everyone has extra weather appropriate clothes. Along with a sweatshirt to keep for the week in their cubbies (it can get cold in the classroom).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Maria or Ms. Melinda. You can always talk to us in person, on the app, or call during nap time between 1-3.

Thank You,

Ms. Maria and Ms. Melinda



Slithering Snakes

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!

Welcome to a month of new beginnings and fresh starts! While summer was an incredible opportunity to spend our days doing projects and going on field trips, we're eagerly anticipating another fantastic school year! Please be on the lookout for any necessary bussing paperwork for the school year, and if you have any questions or concerns about the new year please see Ms. Nicole or Mr. Cody. Although our Snakes will be returning to school this month, we'll still be fitting the time we do have together into our center themes. This month we will take the time to prepare and relearn all we need to know about fire safety, and also delve into worlds of fantasy and wonder during Fairytale week! Please take a look at our revamped parent board for any and all upcoming events, menus, and lesson plans.

This Summer marked a new beginning for the Snakes, as many of our older friends started new adventures in middle school, and new friends joined us for the summer. As the median age has changed, shifting towards a younger group, we have been changing our activities to match their interests. We enjoy the experience of a changing age group, and hope your children have had a wonderful time with us this year. We look forward to using this year's summer program to inform any and all future decisions regarding field trips and projects, and would appreciate any and all feedback.

We would like to thank you sincerely for the opportunity to be a part of your summer and look forward to another incredible year of growth and education!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole, and Mr. Cody



Themes with Christian Sub Themes

09/02-09/06: Back to School!

Psalm 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

09/09-09/13: Fire Safety!

6:1 “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

09/16-09/20: We love apples to our core!

Psalm 36:7 “How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!”

09/23-09/27: Fantastic Fairy Tales!

Prayer: Thank you God for your wonderful word and all the blessings in our lives. Amen!

09/30-10/04: Occupations

Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.”

Happy Anniversary!



Happy anniversary to our beloved Ms. Kristin.

Kristin started her career at PEP 24 years ago as a co-op student in high school. From there she moved around to each classroom as a float teacher. She became a lead teacher in the Shining Stars room and remained there for 6 years. Gaining years of experience and knowledge in the classrooms, she naturally moved into the role of Curriculum Coordinator. After years of shaping the curriculum at PEP she obtained the role of Assistant Director. This past summer Kristin has been our interim director and has done amazing, just like every role before it.

Kristin's love for children and passion for early childhood education is unmatched. She believes in the impact that quality early childhood education has not only on the child itself, but the community they will grow to serve and be a part of in the future. She believes every child and family deserves support, respect and love. She loves giving tours of the facility to new families because she truly believes in our program and knows that we are unparalleled when it comes to providing education, love and care for children.

Ms. Kristin is happily married to her Husband Jason and has three wonderful children who have all grown through the PEP program, her youngest just finished her final summer here at PEP.

When Kristin is not working, she is a cutthroat pickleball player, who has her own team's name and pickleball paddle! She is obsessed with her Dog Barkley and takes him on marathon walks around the park. She's a sports Mom through and through and can be found every weekend or weeknight cheering on some form of sporting event for one of her kids. She also loves spending every Friday evening with her husband for their date night.

We are so thankful to have Ms. Kristin here at PEP and wish her the happiest of anniversaries.

Happy second Anniversary to the always cheerful Ms. Savannah!

Ms. Savannah started her career at PEP as a volunteer for the National Honor Society. She came and helped organize our library. After being here in the building and meeting all the children Savannah decided to come work for us as a Program Aid. This past summer Savannah moved into the role of Assistant teacher, and we couldn't be prouder. She graduated high school this past year and is currently enrolled at UWM Milwaukee majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Every day Savannah walks into the building with a huge smile on her face. No matter what room she is helping out in for the day she is excited. She brings kindness and love to every classroom that has the privilege of having her as a teacher. The children think she is funny and cool and love getting to spend time with her. Savannah embodies all of our 5 core values, and we are so happy she is part of our amazing team.

When she isn't working Savannah loves spending time with friends and family. She loves a good game of sand volleyball. She looks and acts sweet, but she will bury you on the volleyball court. She is also a world class napper and considers it her favorite hobby.

Thank you, Savannah, for all your hard work and commitment to Park's Edge. We are so lucky to have you!

