

Put a little PEP in your Life!

May 2025 Newsletter

A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families,

April was filled with lots of excitement. We started off the month celebrating the national 'Week of the Young Child.' The WOYC is a time to recognize young children, their families and the community that helps support their growth and development. Thank you for choosing Park's Edge Preschool for your child's early childhood education!

A huge 'Thank you' goes out to all the families for making the week of April 28 a huge celebration for Teacher Appreciation week. Everyday staff could not wait to come in and see what was happening for the day. Some highlights were personalized cups, homemade bagels and cream cheese, personalized 'thank you' notes from the children and we rounded out the week with a catered lunch from That's Amore. A huge shout out to Katlin Andrejczak and Mary Therese Mack for coordinating everything, we really appreciated all your hard work and coordination of everything!

Thursday, April 24 was Parent-

Teacher Conference Night. Thank you to all the families who attended. Just a reminder to return the binder if you haven't done so already. The teachers are already collecting more pages for the portfolios. Please make sure to fill out a Parent Survey too. The feedback from the survey provides us with valuable information to plan trainings for the future, and ways we can improve your child's care. The box is located on top of the parent mailboxes.

We have another fabulous and safe summer planned this year! The summer program calendars, for ages 4 & up, went out during the spring fling. The summer program starts Monday, June 16. There is a flat fee of \$150 collected for the summer programming. That will be taken out of Tuition Express on Monday, June 2. The summer field trip packets will be distributed the week of May 12 and will need to be returned no later than Friday, May 23 to ensure that we are ready to transport children on their first field trip.

Calling all mothers and grandmothers for a Mother's Day Breakfast!!! Friday, May 9, from 7-8am, we will be providing you

with breakfast that will be served in Kurth Hall. The menu includes cheese omelets, sausage, donuts, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Please watch for an invitation in your mailbox. RSVP sheet will be located at the front desk. We wish you a very Happy Mother's Day.

Thursday, May 22, we celebrate a big milestone at Park's Edge Preschool. The 2025 Preschool Graduation Ceremony is for children who are entering 5k in the fall. This is an exciting event for parents and staff. A family invitation will be mailed to your house. All family is welcome that night. There will be a sign up at the front desk. Congratulations to all 2025 graduates!

PEP will be closed Monday, May 26 in honor of Memorial Day. Regular tuition charges are applied. Thank you to those who lost their lives in service to our country. Please have a safe and memorable Memorial Day weekend.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burr

Happy Birthday!

Mason G.	05/02/2018
Declan O.	05/02/2021
Isabella U.	05/02/2022
Henry M.	05/05/2019
Molly M.	05/05/2021
Quinn S.	05/06/2019
Eleanor W.	05/08/2015
Chase M.	05/08/2020
Logan D.	05/13/2020
Camille S.	05/13/2022
Nora M.	05/15/2019
Harrison Z.	05/17/2023
Malakai M.	05/17/2024
Charlotte C.	05/23/2021
Henry B.	05/27/2021
Mathilda T.	05/30/2021



Important Dates:

Friday, May 9th–

Mother's Day Breakfast - 7-8am

Thursday, May 22nd–

Preschool Graduation - For those entering 5K in fall - 7-8pm

Monday, May 26th–

Center closed for Memorial Day holiday.

(Regular charges apply)

Monday, June 2nd–

\$150 Summer Program Fee charged in Tuition

Express for ages 4 and up.

Wednesday, June 11th–

Last day of school Whitnall District

Thursday, June 19th–

Father's Day Celebration- 4-5pm

Love Bugs

May has arrived! Hopefully soon we will see flowers blooming and the sun shining.

We had a couple of fun activities in April. The babies had a visit from the Easter Bunny, and we paraded around the church for the Week of the Young Child.

Conference night was a success. We love being able to connect with each family one on one to discuss your little one and go over your goals for your child.

Our Child of the Month is Maverick; you can find this silly, happy boy on the floor with his blanket, enjoying a teether toy or jumping in our bouncer!

Our other friends are mastering or working on milestones as well. Avery, Maverick, and Duncan are practicing sitting with support, using their back and core muscles! Eli and Harper are working on rolling over. Alex just started in the program, so he is taking everything in and figuring out the world as we get to know him! Cole has mastered crawling and standing up! Levi is able to press buttons on toys to make music or light up. Congratulations to all our babies on their hard work and accomplishments.

This month our little artists will be doing more footprint art, painting in a bag and finger painting!

We hope to see all you Moms at our Mother's Day breakfast. It is a time to be pampered and enjoy a meal with other Moms at the center.

Happy May!

Ms. Terri and Ms. Brooke



Beautiful Butterflies

April showers bring May flowers. Our Beautiful Butterflies are blooming and growing as well.

This year is flying by. Be sure to enjoy all the tiny moments, which are really the big things in your child's life.

This month we celebrate Malakai's Birthday. He will be our baby of the month. Malakai loves watching cars outside and pushing toy cars. He's very expressive using his sign language to communicate. He's moving around the classroom exploring as much as he can. Music and story time are his favorites as well.

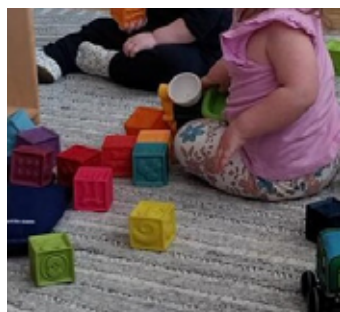
Last month our babies were focused on using their motor skills. For fine motor skills they have been playing with spinner toys, zippers, and holding utensils. For challenging their gross motor skills, they've been dancing to music and rolling balls. They also enjoyed painting; specifically sponge painting and finger painting.

As always, our little readers enjoyed plenty of story time last month. The children's favorite book was Five Little Chicks by Dan Yaccarino. We had lots of requests for that one!

This month we are looking forward to celebrating Moms and everything they do for us. We hope to see you all at our wonderful Mother's Day breakfast. The food will be delicious and the company even better.

Happy May!

Ms Julie and Ms Holli



Darling Dragonflies

“Every Child is a different type of flower, and all together, they make this world a beautiful garden.” -Unknown

In April, we celebrated several special events that highlighted important themes. The Week of the Young Child focused on the needs and potential of young children while engaging in a fun learning environment. We had fun dancing to our favorite songs, reading our favorite stories, art projects and playing together. We enjoyed an adorable visit from the Easter bunny, that ended with a fun egg hunt that the dragonflies loved. Earth Week engaged us in activities promoting environmental awareness, while Teacher Appreciation Week allowed us to honor our dedicated teachers and their vital role in shaping the future. Each event made April a month to remember.

In May, we will embark on an exciting journey celebrating moms, authors, outer space, and gardening. We will honor moms for their strength and nurturing spirit, explore the voices of talented authors, and uncover the wonders of the universe. Additionally, we will find joy in gardening, appreciating nature's beauty and messiness all at the same time. Each theme offers fun experiences of exploration and celebration.

For the month of May, our main focus for the Dragonflies will be improving our large motor skills. Large motor skills are essential for toddlers as they help develop strong muscles, enhance balance, and improve coordination. These skills are crucial for everyday activities like walking, running, and jumping. As toddlers learn these it will give them confidence in their movements, which increases their agility. Developing our large motor skills is vital for overall physical growth, leading to better posture, coordination, and balance. Fun ways to improve large motor skills at home: going to a local playground, playing catch, yoga and learning how to ride a tricycle.

Another goal for the Dragonflies is teaching them to use stairs safely. As toddlers become more active, learning to navigate stairs can significantly reduce the risk of falls. Simple practices like using the railing, taking one step at a time, and watching their path help build their confidence. Parents can play a vital role in demonstrating these techniques and encouraging practice. Making stair navigation fun such as singing or counting the stairs as they go up or down while holding the railing or hands fostering safety and adventure!

Have a wonderful May!

Ms. Jacque and Ms. Paige



Busy Bees

Thank you all for attending the recent conferences; we truly appreciated the opportunity to share how your child is doing. It was wonderful to connect with each of you and discuss the progress and growth we have witnessed in your little one. The Week of the Young Child was our class favorite. Our budding artists engaged in creative activities where they could express themselves. The children loved creating gifts and enjoyed marching in the parade with our class poster. During Teacher Appreciation Week, we had a fantastic time painting with plungers, which turned out to be a funny and messy experience that the kids loved. Additionally, conducting a fun Mentos soda experiment added to the excitement of the week. Our efforts to clean up the classroom have been enhanced by incorporating fun clean-up songs, which make that process much more enjoyable.

We've been taking the children to the back field for outdoor play, which they love. A change in scenery is always a great way to shake up the day-to-day routine. In addition to physical play, we are also focusing on instilling good manners in the children, encouraging them to say "please" and "thank you." This emphasis on politeness not only helps them develop social skills but also creates a respectful and caring environment.

As we look forward to the exciting activities that May will bring, we invite you to join us for our Mother's Day breakfast on the 9th. This special event will be a great opportunity for the children to show their love and appreciation for their mothers and caregivers. We are also looking forward to exploring the fascinating topic of outer space, which promises to ignite the children's imaginations and curiosity about the universe. With warmer weather approaching, please remember to check the cubbies for appropriate clothing.

We can't wait for all the adventures we will have this month.

Ms. Emily and Ms. Shanda



Sunshine Room

Why do bananas wear sunscreen?
Because they peel!

April was the month of the Military Children; we want to take a moment to honor all who have served. We thank you for your service and everything you do for the country. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter :) The kids loved telling us about their egg hunts and Easter baskets. We have been soaking up these sunny days. Our favorite place to be is the backfield! We've done a lot of exploring lately too; we found a woodpecker this month along with some deer tracks :)

All throughout April we have been talking about the importance of Earth. We did many fun activities to better understand how we can help the Earth. We learned about recycling, not littering and saving water; just to name a few. We created something new this month, flower paint. We all got to pick out whatever flowers we wanted, many of us chose purple and yellow. Many of us painted flowers, we worked together to create beautiful masterpieces and couldn't wait to show them off! Adding on, we made a delicious treat for Earth Day, Earth cookies! Many of us wanted to share it with our mommy & daddy's but they were too yummy, so we ate them all :)

Just a few things this month, as it gets warmer, we think it's safe to bring home snowpants and snow boots. With the warmer weather we are planning to stay outside a little longer; If you would like to bring in a labeled water bottle for your child that will be taken home the same time as our blankets to be cleaned. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Alexis or Ms. Nay-Nay. You can always talk to us in person at drop off/pickup, on the app, or calling us during nap time between 1pm-3pm

Thank you! The Sunshine Crew
Ms. Nay-nay and Ms. Alexis :)



Fantastic Frogs

April showers bring May flowers, we are on the lookout for the flowers to bloom this month and for the rain to slow down. Hopefully with all the rain we had we can start planting those seeds in fresh soil. Although we are grateful for the warm weather.

We had a great start to spring with fun learning activities this past month. Some of our highlights for this past month were celebrating the week of the young child. The children had fun creating their classroom banner. They used different textured blocks and legos to paint their banner. Our theme was "Building strong relationships within our Community". They were excited to show off their banner at the parade. Thank you to all the families who came to the parade. During the week of palm Sunday the children made palm branches and waved them singing praises to Jesus. They also learned about recycling, reusing, and keeping our environment clean. They got a chance to walk around the building and collect garbage and throw it in the proper containers.

We are excited for the month of May as we move closer to summer. This month our themes include: "Moms are Marvelous", "Favorite Authors", "Outer space Adventures". And "Gardening and Planting". We look forward to seeing all the moms and grandmas at our Mother's Day breakfast. The children will be busy making special gifts and cards for their moms. During the week of Authors, we will be reading some of the children's favorite Bible stories as we honor God, the greatest Author of all! Other books include "the clumsy beetle", and "the Busy Spider" by Eric Carle, a well-known children's author. Children are encouraged to bring in their favorite book from their favorite author during the week of "Favorite authors". Thank you to all the parents who donated cardboard cereal boxes. We reused them to make puzzles; hope you enjoyed putting the puzzles together with your child.

Please continue to check your child's cubbies, we are putting their artwork in there for the meantime, until we get our boards back up. Also we are asking if you can bring in two sets of extra clothing for your child, preferably pants and underwear. Sometimes the children will have accidents, not just potty but also water or milk spills.

Thank you. Have a great month!
Ms. Sandra, Mr. Ben and Ms. Nola



Shining Stars

April showers sure showed up this year, let's hope May will bring those flowers!

April was full of all sorts of fun-tastic themes! We started off with superheroes, where we got to learn all about our favorite classic characters. Following that, we got to celebrate Week of the Young Child, where we appreciated all of our board, administration, teachers, parents, and children of course! We then hopped right into Easter week where we celebrated with an easter egg hunt, and made some adorable feathery chicks in eggs that we cut ourselves. After that, we learned all about our wonderful Earth and the many ways we can take care of it! We went on a litter walk and created beautiful art using all sorts of recycled materials. And last but certainly not least, we had our teacher appreciation week! We explored all sorts of entertaining centers which were all centered around Ms. Mariah, Ms. Hannah, and Ms. Kasey's favorite activities to do with all of the kids.

May starts off with the tail end of our teacher appreciation week, then we start the following week with Mother's Day week! We are so excited to learn all about what makes our mamas, mommys, and meemaws the best people around! We then get to dive into amazing authors week, where we will discover who some of our favorite authors are, and also learn about the parts of a story (characters, setting, conflict, plot...). After that, we will take a ride up to outer space where we will explore all the different planets and what makes them unique. And to wrap up May, we will be learning all about gardens and plants, where we will plant something special in our outdoor garden!

As we continue to improve our 4k prep skills everyday, we are always looking for fun ways to switch up our centers to keep it exciting and intriguing! We absolutely love our dramatic play area, so we will be introducing ways to bring writing and early math into our scenes we make. We are also going to start introducing clocks and time within our daily routine to work on number recognition throughout the day and introduce the importance of time.

Hopefully those April showers will bring us some May flowers!
Ms. Mariah, Ms. Hannah, Ms. Kasey and the Stars Crew



Purple Moons

April showers will hopefully bring May flowers! What a delightful month we've had, filled with activities and festivities. From birthdays, making our own friendship fudge, Easter egg hunts and the parade, there was so much to enjoy. We celebrated our heroes, the Week of the Young Child, Easter, and Earth Day! We even had a great time picking up trash outside around our center.

The art is forever changing in the classroom as we drew our family trees, and paint pressed our versions of Earth. We even made truffle trees! If you haven't had a chance to check out the amazing art in our room, please take some time to take a peek. We definitely have an incredible collection of creativity on display! The children's imagination shines through every piece, and their efforts truly make our classroom come alive. We hope you'll take a moment to admire the vibrant and ever-evolving artwork—it's a testament to their hard work and boundless talent.

Wisconsin weather is so unpredictable. Please make sure to have a sweatshirt and proper outerwear for your child in their lockers. We love to play outside!

If you have any questions/concerns you can reach Ms. Maria or Ms. Melinda via the Procure app or calling us at 414-427-9561.

Ms. Maria and Ms. Melinda



Slithering Snakes

Why are oak trees so forgiving?

Every May they “turn over a new leaf”.

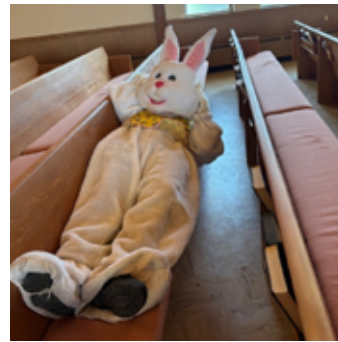
Hello, and welcome to a hopefully warm month! May has come unbelievably fast, and we are looking forward to finishing out another fantastic school year with you all. Please remember to keep an eye out on the weather, as Wisconsin seems to be particularly fickle this year. We are anticipating that winter jackets won't be necessary (hopefully) but please keep some form of long sleeves for the odd blustery day. Also this month, we will be handing out our full summer packets, full of all the details and paperwork needed to kick off a wonderful summer.

April was a true example of spring, a month brimming with rain and mud, as well as green buds on trees. While we were stuck inside for a decent portion of the month, we did our best to explain the reasons why spring is so wet and cloudy, and to point out the new growth possible only by enduring the rain. As flowers begin to spring up we will be discussing their parts, as well as the multitude of benefits plants and their pollinators confer to us and the earth, hopefully deepening your child's appreciation for the natural world around us. April also had conferences, and while we know it is not always necessary for school age children to receive them, we are always available for any questions or concerns you have.

And finally, we would like to end our newsletter with a few notes about summer. As new students return for the summer our lockers may shift around to accommodate them. If your child's locker will be moving we will be sure to let you know. Also, if you have any recommendations about activities to pursue or books to both read and put on our shelves we would love to hear them! We are always happy to chat in the mornings, or at pickup, whatever is easiest for you all. Summer is promising to be a time for unfiltered play and exploration, and an opportunity to experience all that our community, and Wisconsin itself, have to offer. We look forward to seeing you in the classroom and on the bus!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole and Mr. Cody



Themes with Christian Sub Themes

05/05-05/09: Marvelous Moms

Proverbs 21:16-25 “She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue”.

05/12-05/16: God is the best author of all!

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for being the author of the bible and for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

05/19-05/23: God’s love is out of this world!

Job 26:7 “He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing”.

05/26-05/30: Gardens and plants

Genesis 2:8 “Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the East, in Eden”.

Heavenly Father, renew my spirit as the world around me blossoms. Fill me with Your love and grace, and help me to grow in faith and wisdom.

Amen.

Unknown



NAC Nook

Hello Families,

This month for the NAC Nook segment we will be going over the standard that addresses PEP’s use of technology in the classroom. E22. Teachers provide other activities instead of using TV/DVD/video and computers with infants, toddlers, and two-year olds.

Did you know that the upstairs classrooms do not watch videos on IPADS even if they pertain to the theme? This is because according to NAC technology usage is not appropriate in the classroom yet and children that young learn best through play and hands on learning experiences. At home it is the appropriate place for children to learn about technology if the parents choose. The Sunshine classroom does not watch videos as this is still not age appropriate and does not meet our NAC standards. The downstairs classrooms at times use videos for learning if they cannot go outside or the videos pertain to their lessons. This is not an everyday occurrence and at this age children are beginning to learn about technology use in the classroom (though minimal).

In the school age classroom, we limit personal cell phone and IPAD use in Summer. This is because we offer a variety of learning experiences, such as field trips, throughout the Summer. The children use technology in school so get the experience year-round, and at PEP we want children to make friends and participate in the fun activities our teachers have worked so hard to prepare.

If you have any questions about technology use in the classroom let us know.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy first anniversary to the wonderful Mr. Ben.

Mr. Ben started his career at PEP as a teacher in our Slithering Snakes room. He started right as our summer program got into full swing. He quickly became a popular teacher by older children. When the summer program ended Mr. Ben moved to our Fantastic Frogs room and has remained there since.

Mr. Ben has a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Theater Acting from University of Wisconsin Madison. He is currently going to school for his associate's degree in early childhood education. He is also CPR and AED certified. Three words to describe Mr. Ben would be calm, thoughtful and caring. Mr. Ben approaches every child with curiosity. He takes the time to really get to know each child and to figure out ways to help them thrive while in his care. He is extremely thoughtful with his words and actions. He remembers the smallest details about everyone, child and coworker alike. He takes time to really listen while everyone is speaking so he can have meaningful interactions. He is a patient listener and always gets down on a child's level to talk with them. He is also an incredible storyteller. Mr. Ben has a love of theater and tells a story like no other. He will change his voice for each character. It is quite entertaining to watch.

When Ben isn't here at PEP he loves spending his free time with friends and his girlfriend Elaine. He is an avid reader and enjoys writing and playing board games and card games.

We want to thank Mr. Ben for his service and commitment to Park's Edge Preschool

