



Put a little PEP in your Life!

May 2026 Newsletter

A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families,

April was filled with a lot of fun activities. We started off the month by celebrating the 55th anniversary of the "Week of the Young Child." I was so amazed at all the different instruments that the children made on Monday for the parade. We had maracas, harmonicas, shakers, drums, and more! I couldn't believe how creative every classroom was. It was wonderful to see all the artwork displayed around the parade route as well.

A huge thank you to everyone for donating to the Angelman Foundation. We were able to raise \$400 for this excellent foundation.

Thursday, April 23, was Parent-Teacher Conference Night. We had a wonderful turnout—thank you to all the families who attended. The teachers are already setting new individual goals for the children, as well as collecting more anecdotal notes for their portfolios. Please make sure to fill out a Parent Survey. The feedback from the surveys provides us with valuable insight to plan future training and identify ways we can improve our center. The box is located on top of the parent mailboxes.

Calling all mothers and grandmothers for a Mother's Day Breakfast! On Friday, May 8, from 7–8 a.m., we will be providing breakfast, which will be served in Kurth Hall. The menu includes cheese omelets, sausage, French toast, fresh fruit, coffee, juice, and milk. Invitations are in your mailbox, and the RSVP sheet is located at the front desk. We try to seat families together so you can meet some of the children in your child's class. I truly enjoy watching friendships form for both the moms and the children. We wish you a very Happy Mother's Day.

On Thursday, May 21, we will celebrate a big milestone for 20 children at Park's Edge Preschool. The 2026 Preschool Graduation Ceremony is for children who are entering 5K in the fall. This is an exciting event for parents and staff. We will hold a ceremony in the church at 7 p.m., followed by Granny's Treats. A family invitation will be mailed to your home. All family members are welcome that night. There will be a sign-up at the front desk. Congratulations to all 2026 graduates, including Ms. Makenna, Ms. Aubrey, and Ms. Annabel, who will be graduating from high school. Ms. Makenna and Ms. Aubrey also graduated from Park's Edge; I am

honored to celebrate both of their milestones.

We have another fabulous and safe summer planned this year! The summer program calendars for ages 4 and up were distributed during the Spring Fling. The summer program starts Monday, June 15. There is a flat fee of \$150 for summer programming, which will be collected through Tuition Express on Monday, June 1. The summer field trip forms will be distributed the week of May 11 and must be returned no later than Friday, May 22, to ensure we are ready to transport children on their first field trip.

PEP will be closed on Monday, May 26, in honor of Memorial Day. Regular tuition charges will still apply. We remember and honor those who lost their lives in service to our country. Please have a safe and memorable Memorial Day weekend.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burr
Director

Happy Birthday!

Mason G.	05/02/2018
Isabella U.	05/02/2022
Cedric W.	05/03/2022
Henry M.	05/05/2019
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
Ripp P.	05/21/2022
Dawson F.	05/23/2025
Mathilda T-T.	05/30/2021



Important Dates:

Friday, May 8th–

Mother's Day Breakfast, 7:00–8:00 a.m., located in Kurth Hall.
Moms and grandmothers are welcome—sign up at the front desk.

Thursday, May 21st–

PEP Preschool Graduation
7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Friday, May 22nd–

No school (Whitnall District).
Sign up for care in the downstairs classroom.

Monday, May 25th–

Center closed for Memorial Day.
Regular charges applied.

Love Bugs

Why did the kid throw butter out the window?

To see the butter fly!

Our Child of the Month will be Sully. Check out his adorable picture board posted in the classroom.

This month, we splashed in water with Easter eggs. The children explored them, and some even opened them! We finger-painted and made masterpieces that are now hanging up in the classroom.

We have been taking advantage of the nice weather whenever we can by going on walks. If you haven't already, please bring a lighter coat for your child that is labeled with their name.

What have the kids mastered or been working on this month, you ask? I'll tell you!

Lorelai can clap her hands and wave when you wave to her.

Daniel is working on scooting toward toys and can get to his knees using the toy shelf or his teachers for balance.

Jack can squat and pick up a toy without falling, and he can roll a ball.

Brooks is working on grasping toys in his hands and rolling to his side.

Sully is working on using his back and core muscles to sit up with support.

Charlette can pull up on the toy shelf to a standing position and will dance when music comes on.

Dawson enjoys sharing his toys and will play catch with you.

Liam can almost sit up without support—he's working on it and has been very motivated!

Welcome Makai and his family to our class!

Have a wonderful May!

Ms. Terri, Ms. Sydney and Ms. Gabi



Beautiful Butterflies

What is the best flower for a boy to give his mom?

A SONflower!

April brought us lots of rain, but that didn't stop us from having buckets of fun with our little ones! We started the month with a hoppy visitor—the Easter Bunny! We had a delightful time playing with Easter grass and matching egg colors. Following Easter, we blasted off into outer space! Did you know it takes three days to get to the moon?! The Week of the Young Child followed, and it was full of our favorite things: bubbles, music, and scarves! We enjoyed seeing everyone at the parade while shaking the shaker eggs we made. We concluded the month by celebrating our Earth, taking lots of walks, enjoying the fresh air, and soaking up some vitamin D. We are grateful to end our month with perfect weather!

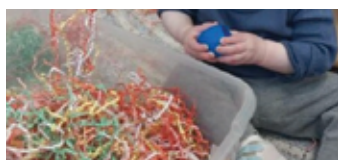
The month of May will be full of outdoor fun. We will start by talking about mothers and celebrating all our mommies! We hope to see you at the Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 8th. Next, we will be playing in the dirt for gardening week, getting creepy-crawly for bug week, and hopping into pond week! This month, we will also be welcoming our friends from Lovebugs, Dawson and Charlette. We are so excited to get to know them both and have new snuggle buddies!

As the weather warms up, we will be outside more frequently. Please consider bringing a water bottle and a sunhat daily. We will be asking for sunscreen permissions soon!

As always, thank you for sharing your beautiful blessings with us. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to send us a message, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

May your May be full of sun, fun, and good times!

Ms. Julie and Ms. Holli



Darling Dragonflies

We had such a wonderful month with your little ones! They loved reading books about space and creating their very own planets. We talked about caring for our home planet and explored a few of the things that grow here. The Week of the Young Child was a blast. The little ones enjoyed doing so much artwork and danced in the parade. They have really been interested in reading books and listening to music.

May is here, and we will be celebrating all of the amazing mothers and grandmothers! Thank you for all that you do for your children. Never forget that they love you, and everything you do matters! We will also be learning about all of God's creations on land and in the water. Each day is a blessing, and we are thankful. Our energetic toddlers will love exploring nature as the weather gets warmer! Please bring your little one a light spring coat, and a summer hat if they have one!

We will be continuing to work on gentle hands, sharing, and communication. Sometimes it can be challenging at this age for children to communicate their needs, and reminders to ask for help can make a difference. Little learners may need a lot of reminders, and that is okay! Singing directions to them, reading books, or using visuals can be helpful.

Ms. Gina and Ms. Jacque



Busy Bees

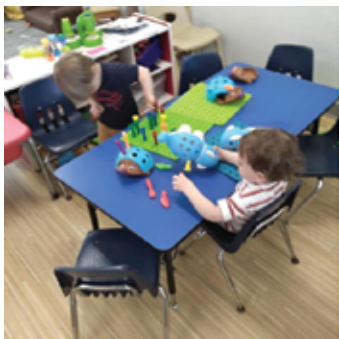
What an awesome April it has been! We had an amazing time at the Easter egg hunt, even though it was moved indoors to our church. We learned about space and got to explore moon dough, which the children loved to squish! We had a busy Week of the Young Child—we created shakers with toilet paper rolls, made lunch bags for parents, and created cards and gifts. Thank you to everyone who attended our conferences. We love having one-on-one time to talk about what your child is learning in our room, and we enjoy hearing what you would like us to work on with them!

The children have been blossoming with their imagination this month and have been coming up with the silliest stories about what they are doing and making. We've been helping clean the room more often and have improved in playing together in groups and sharing. We have also been working on taking turns with toys, using our inside voices, and practicing using loud voices only outside. We are encouraging them to ask for teacher help by giving them the words to use—instead of saying “use your words,” we model phrases like, “Can you say, ‘Help me, please?’”

We are excited for what May has to bring! We hope to see our moms at our Mother's Day breakfast on the 8th. We will also be learning about gardens, bugs, and ponds this month. Ms. Emily's mom will be coming to help us this summer with the garden. She is a master gardener who volunteers at Wehr Nature Center. We are excited to see what blooms!

We hope everyone has an amazing month!

Ms. Emily, Ms. Izzy and Ms. Brooke



Sunshine Room

What did the big flower say to the smaller flower?

“Hey, bud!”

Hey Sunshine Crew,

We’ve had such a fun and busy April! With the warmer weather this week, the children have really enjoyed spending more time outside and soaking up the sunshine.

This month, we spent time learning about our solar system. The children discovered that the sun is a star, learned about gravity (and why things fall back down when we throw them up!), and talked about how we live on planet Earth.

We also celebrated Earth Day by discussing ways to keep our planet clean. The children especially loved going on a little walk to look for and pick up trash to help take care of the Earth. It was so cute to see their faces light up when they found garbage to put into the bag.

Art was a big highlight this week! The children had so much fun creating, especially with their hand print aliens. They thought it was so exciting to jump up and try to “grab” them!

Looking ahead to May, we are excited to celebrate Mother’s Day. We’re looking forward to our Mother’s Day breakfast on May 8 and can’t wait to honor all of our wonderful moms. The children will be working on special projects and talking about what makes their moms so amazing.

We will also begin learning about the lifecycle of a flower and will be creating lots of fun and colorful flower-themed art projects. During group time, we will talk about how a flower starts, how it grows, and what it needs to grow. We’ve already seen some flowers growing outside and can’t wait to find more!

We’re so proud of our Sunshine’s for catching on to what we’re teaching. We love watching them grow :)

Also, just a reminder: please dress your child for the changing weather. Feel free to leave clothes/sweaters that are appropriate for going outside. We do go outside twice a day, and we want their little bodies to be comfortable. Please check cubbies and make sure they have appropriate extra clothes.

Thank you all so much!

Love,

Ms. Nay Nay & Ms. Alexis



Fantastic Frogs

Despite all the ups and downs in the weather, April proved to be an adventurous month. We are hoping that with all the rain we've had, the grass will be greener and the flowers will bloom brighter. We are thankful to God for showering us with His beautiful splendor.

What a thrilling month it was! Receiving a visit from the Easter Bunny was one of our biggest highlights. When the bunny came into our room, the children were ecstatic. They enjoyed looking for eggs in our classroom, even though the egg hunt could not be held outside. During the week of "Out of This World," we learned about the eight planets in our solar system. The children did a great job remembering the order of the planets closest to the sun. One of their most requested songs was "The Planet Song" on YouTube.

In celebration of the "Week of the Young Child," the children made homemade maracas for the parade. Our week ended with the children wearing their pajamas and watching a movie while eating popcorn. We also learned how to take care of our planet Earth as we celebrated "Earth Day." The children learned about recycling and reusing. We went around our building collecting trash and made nature plates. It was a great month full of learning and fun.

The month of May looks to be wonderful and exciting. Once we get past all this rain, we hope to see more sunshine and May flowers. In honor of those May flowers, we will celebrate our unique mothers with breakfast and a special gift from the children. We can't wait to celebrate with all the moms!

Themes for this month include "Gardening," "God's Creation: Big and Small," and "Life in the Pond." The children did a fantastic job filling their flower pots with soil and sowing seeds—they can't wait for their plants to blossom! This will be a great introduction to gardening. During the week of "God's Creation: Big and Small," we will learn about different kinds of bugs. We will go on a bug hunt outside and discover interesting facts about them. We will also explore "Life in the Pond," learning where ponds are located and the differences between ponds and lakes. We have an amazing month ahead of us and are eager to learn and grow as we explore these themes.

Now that it is getting warmer, we ask that you please check your child's cubby and make sure they have weather-appropriate extra clothing. It's safe to say that winter gear can be taken home. Also, please remember to take home your child's beautiful artwork.

Thank you to all the parents who continue to bring in water bottles for your child. This helps them build responsibility and independence. We will also begin taking snacks outside as the weather warms up.

We hope everyone has a blessed and safe month!

Ms. Sandra, Ms. Shanda, and Ms. B.



Shining Stars

Hello and happy May! We are 'spring-ing' into the new season with lots of showers, and hopefully some flowers! April was filled with so many fun themes and all sorts of fun changes. We started off with 'Outer Space' week, where we explored all the different planets, our overall favorites were Earth and Jupiter! We then jumped right into 'Week of the Young Child', where we showed our appreciation for our board and families! After that, we learned all about our lovely Earth and found many ways to take of our home, such as picking up litter and turning off our lights and water! And to wrap up April, we discovered plants, flowers, and showers, where we implemented new ways to explore numbers through measurement!

May is starting off strong with 'Mother's Day' week, we hope to see you at our Mother's Day Breakfast! After that, we will be appreciating our teachers during 'Teacher Appreciation Week', where we will talk about the importance of respecting our teachers. After that, we will 'crawl' into 'Bug's Life' week, where we will discover all sorts of fun bugs and understand why they are important to keep around! And to end the beautiful month of May, we will 'dive' into pond week, where we will explore all the fun life to be found within and around ponds.

Spring is here, as well as warmer weather! Please make sure your child is coming to school with a water bottle to stay hydrated, as outside play time will be increasing. Please make sure to bring extra boots/shoes and clothes, as the rain continues, outside time can get quite muddy! We can't wait to see what this month brings. 'May' your month be filled with joy and love!

-Ms. Mariah, Ms. Hannah, Ms. Nola and the Stars



Slithering Snakes

Hello! April has come at last but unfortunately seems to have forgotten warmer temperatures at home. With April will inevitably come soft rains, so please remember to bring a proper coat to repel the worst of it, as well as boots to traverse muddy terrain. This month will begin with the tail end of Whitnall's Spring Break, and at the end of that week we will be visited by the Easter Bunny! He will be going around the center to hide his Easter eggs, as well as to take a picture with each classroom and child who would like one! Also, during April will be the week of the young child, a chance to celebrate the reason we are all here and show appreciation for the community we are fortunate enough to serve. Please keep an eye out for that week's schedule as it will detail each day's theme and events! April promises to be a month that can deliver on its promise of events, while at the same time offering a respite from the routine of the school year.

While we value literacy every day out of the year, as we begin to wrap up the school year we would like to be very intentional about providing plenty of chances for our children to not only read and work on their literacy but provide a foundational interest and love for reading. Mr. Cody will be working on a list of books that will be available to read while in our classroom, as well as books to check out outside of Park's Edge. We value reading as not only a skill that will help your child excel, but as an opportunity to challenge our minds, experience emotions and feelings elicited only through tale, and escape to an endless multitude of worlds whose only limitations are what we can imagine. This summer we will be reading a class chapter book, which is as of yet undetermined, so if there are any books your family currently enjoys, please let us know! We appreciate any and all family feedback, and hope for your support and enthusiasm on our literacy journey.

As ever we appreciate you taking the time to read this, and would love any feedback, whether they be comments or concerns. We hope you have a wonderful month, and look forward to our rapidly approaching summer!

Sincerely,
Ms. Nicole and Mr. Cody

Purple Moons

Purple Moon Families,

May is already here! Can you believe it?! We are that much closer to sweet Summertime.

The first week of April we celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. We put our math (and eating) skills to the test with counting and sorting jelly beans, we made the cutest bunnies and chicks that are displayed on our door for all to see and we made crosses to celebrate the true meaning of Easter! We had a blast with our Easter egg hunt where we were also visited by the Easter Bunny!

The next week was out of this world! We created a bubble galaxy, chalk sun art, and of course we had to create something to eat, so we made delicious edible aliens! We discussed all of the planets and even learned some fun facts about the planets. Did you know Jupiter has 95 moons?

The following week we honored the community around us during Week of The Young Child. On Music Monday, we created harmonicas to play during our parade. For Tasty Tuesday, we made cupcakes to celebrate our kiddos! On Work Together Wednesday, we played card games and created mosaic art. Artsy Thursday, we showed off our creativity during the parade. Last but certainly not least, for Family Friday, we watched Toy Story and made popcorn to finish off the week! We are so thankful for the community that surrounds us here at Park's Edge and we love being able to celebrate every one of you!

The next week we talked all about our Earth! We ventured outside to collect rocks to make into our very own pet rock, we held wiggly worms (your kiddos are very brave!), we made some absolutely delicious Dirt Cake that was definitely a fan-favorite for the teachers around the center, and we can't forget the big bag of garbage we picked up outside of the center. We had so much fun this week and learned so much about how we can take care of our Earth.

The final week of April we discussed all different kinds of weather, especially with all of the wonderful Wisconsin weather that we experience. We made pet tornadoes, meringue cookies that resembled clouds, participated in a cloud experiment as well as a rain experiment where we learned how clouds and storms form.

We kick off May with a week of celebrating our beautiful mothers, grandmothers, and motherly figures during "Motivating Mothers" week, the next week our learning will be in full bloom during our "Gardening" week, we'll flutter into the following week where we talk all about insects and the final week will be an un-frog-ettable time talking about pond life!

May is also Graduation month! This is always such a bittersweet celebration because while it is so hard to say "good-bye" to our soon-to-be Kindergartners, we are so incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and how much they have grown. We have such a wonderful group of kids in our Purple Moons room and we love them all so dearly. We are looking forward to this very special event and being able to celebrate your child! The graduation ceremony will take place here at Park's Edge on Thursday, May 21st. The ceremony will begin at 7:00pm so we ask that your child arrives here by 6:45pm. There will be more details and information as we get closer to the event!

We hope everyone has a Marvelous May!

Ms. Maria, Ms. Kasey and Ms. Eryn



Themes with Christian Sub Themes

05/04–05/08: Motivating Mothers

Proverbs 31:25–26: “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.”
Proverbs 31:28: “Her children rise up and call her blessed.”

05/11–05/15: Children in Bloom

John 15:5: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

05/18–05/22: God’s Creations, Big and Small

Proverbs 6:6–8: “Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”

05/25–05/29: In the Pond and All Around

Matthew 3:13–17: “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.
At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.
And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Mother’s Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers. Both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day.

Amen.



NAC Nook

We are currently looking at all of your parent surveys and will report back to you next month in our NAC Nook. If you have not filled out a survey yet, please take the time to fill one out. Surveys are located on top of parent mailboxes near the front desk.

The surveys provide excellent feedback and are an important part of the quality care we provide at Park’s Edge Preschool. We truly appreciate your feedback as it helps guide training for our staff.



Happy Anniversary!

Happy one-year anniversary to our always-lovely Ms. Sydney

Sydney began her journey at PEP in the toddler room, and after spending time in each of our upstairs classrooms, she discovered where her heart truly belongs—with our tiniest babies. Today, she shines in the Infant Room, where her warmth and care make a world of difference every single day.

Sydney has already completed all of her assistant teacher courses in early childhood education, and this fall she'll be heading to the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee to continue following her passion.

If we had to choose just three words to describe Sydney, they would be gentle, patient, and caring—and even those don't fully capture her spirit. She absolutely adores her babies. Not a day goes by without her stopping by the front desk to share a sweet story, her face glowing as she talks about “her” little ones. Ask her about any infant in her room, and she'll happily tell you everything—from their routines to the little things that make them smile, and exactly how to comfort them when they need it most.

You'll often find Ms. Sydney rocking a baby, sitting on the floor at their level and telling stories during playtime. She creates a space where every child feels safe and loved.

And her kindness doesn't stop with the children—Sydney brings that same thoughtfulness to her team. Whether it's surprising a coworker with their favorite coffee or snack, or simply showing up with a warm smile, she goes out of her way to make others feel appreciated and cared for.

When Sydney is not at work, she loves spending time with her friends and family. She is a lover of all animals, especially reptiles. On the weekends you can often find her painting pottery or watching her twin brother and sister play sports.

Sydney, thank you for the love and dedication you bring to PEP each day. We're so lucky to have you.



Happy one-year anniversary to the wonderful Ms. Izzy.

Ms. Izzy began her journey at PEP in the Busy Bee classroom—and has remained there ever since! Teaching two-year-olds is no small feat, but Ms. Izzy handles it all with confidence and grace.

Izzy is truly a bright light. She's full of laughter, lives life to the fullest, and always has the funniest and cutest stories to share about her class. In the classroom, she has a special gift for meeting children exactly where they are, creating an environment that feels calm, patient, and full of joy. Her creativity shines in everything she does—from beautifully decorating the classroom with each changing season to coming up with fun, hands-on activities that keep her Busy Bees engaged and excited.

Her kindness doesn't stop at the classroom door. Ms. Izzy is an incredible co-worker; thoughtful, generous, and always looking for ways to brighten someone's day.

Whether she's baking something delicious to share, or surprising everyone with fresh flowers “just because,” she spreads joy wherever she goes. Her gratitude and infectious spirit affect everyone around her.

Outside of work, Izzy loves spending time with her big, loving family and her church community. Her faith is a central part of who she is, and she carries it with her in the most genuine way. One of her most memorable quotes says it all: “I am high on the Holy Spirit!”—a perfect glimpse into her infectious positivity. And if you've ever heard Izzy tell a story, you know you're in for a good laugh, we're always excited to hear what she'll say next!

Thank you, Ms. Izzy, for the dedication, joy, and spirit you bring to PEP every single day. We're so lucky to have you.

