



Put a little PEP in your Life!

June 2026 Newsletter

A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families,

May was filled with lots of memories. We started off the month celebrating all our wonderful moms and grandmas during our annual Mother's Day Breakfast held on Friday, May 8. We had 131 people in attendance. I love seeing everyone talk and connect with one another.

Thank you to all the families for making Teacher Appreciation week so special. Each day we were surprised with something fun for all the staff. A huge shout out to Amanda Cruciani and Megan Suszek for collecting the money and purchasing all the goodies. Monday: Balloon arch and campfire smores, Tuesday: Trail Mix, Wednesday: Each teacher got an Owala Cup and coffee/tea bar, Thursday: Toppers Pizza and Friday: Panera bagels. Staff could not wait to come in and see what each day had in store for them! Thank you so much! In addition, thank you to all the families who donated to the Angelman Foundation, we were able to raise \$400!

Graduation 2026 was a huge success. 20 children in their caps and gowns, crossed the bridge to celebrate going to 5 year old kindergarten in the fall. We had lots to celebrate this graduation year. Mr. Cody's daughter, Tilly, was our first second generation graduate. Ms. Makenna and Ms. Aubrey graduated

from PEP and will be graduating high school in a few weeks. Ms. Maria graduated with her associate's degree in early childhood and will be pursuing her bachelor's degree. Thank you to Pastor Josh who started off the ceremony with a beautiful prayer and to Emanuel Church for allowing us to use the beautiful sanctuary and the adorable gift bags. We completed the evening with Granny's Treats! We cannot wait for Granny's Treats to start up again the week of June 25!

A huge thank you to Gail, who volunteered in our 4k classroom, reading individually with each child. It has made a huge impact in our program and we are beyond thankful. We look forward to welcoming Gail back in fall.

Summer is almost here and with that our summer program! Summer programming starts Monday June 15th, for 4's and up. Summer packets will be in your mailboxes on Thursday, May 28 and returned by Thursday, June 11. The cost for summer programming is a flat fee of \$150 per child. That will be taken from Tuition Express on Tuesday, June 2. We have another excellent summer planned. The children will get to go on the last field trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum before it is relocated, Ryan the Reptile Guy is returning, and everyone's favorite Bubble Machine is back! Please make sure that your child is here by the

time listed on the calendars to ensure the safe departure of all children on field trips. If you are unable to make the time, you can either drop your child off at the trip location or find alternate arrangements until we return for the day.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 18th at 10am is PEP's bike blessing for all age groups, led by Pastor Josh of Emanuel Church. Please bring your child's scooter or bike and helmet to be a part of the bike blessing. No hover boards or electronic/motorized bikes/scooters (non-motorized only). Please make sure to label your child's bike. The baby strollers are even blessed that day. Calling all fathers (dads, grandpas, & uncles) for our annual Father's Day celebration on Thursday, June 18 from 4-5pm. We have mini golf with Kona Ice here to celebrate. There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk, you can also RSVP in ProCare.

I cannot wait to report back next month on all the fun activities we have planned. Friendly reminder, please make sure to let us know by 9am if your child will not attend for the day.

Have a safe and fun June, we look forward to another safe and fun summer at Park's Edge Preschool.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burr
Director

Happy Birthday!

Ivy B.	06/03/2018
Max J.	06/03/2022
Hazel A.	06/08/2021
Jovie B.	06/09/2021
Hudson W.	06/11/2022
Declan A.	06/11/2023
Alexis S.	06/17/2022
Raul R.	06/19/2017
Timothy P.	06/23/2018
Zoey P.	06/26/2020



Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 2nd–

\$150 Summer Fee will be taken from Tuition Express for children 4 and up.

Wednesday, June 10th–

Last Day of School 4K Only Whitnall District

Thursday, June 11th–

Last Day of School Whitnall District

Thursday, June 18th–

Bike Blessing - 10am
Please Bring your Child's Bike and Helmet

Thursday, June 18th–

Father's Day Golf and Kona Ice Adventure
4-5pm Outdoors

Love Bugs

Why was the cat sitting by the computer?

To keep an eye on the mouse.

Happy June! Our class is excited to get outside for walks and enjoy the warm weather.

Last month, we made gifts for Mom. This month, we will be focusing on Father's Day gifts for Dad. We will also be creating art with our feet.

Our Child of the Month is Brooks. He enjoys chatting with his teachers and watching himself in the mirror.

Other friends, including Lorelai, Daniel, and Liam, are learning new skills: waving and clapping. These activities help support fine motor development, hand-eye coordination, and language development.

Jack is working on standing by himself and enjoys walking around the classroom with a teacher.

Makai is learning to grasp toys in his hands. He also enjoys playing with the toy bar.

Sully is exploring more table foods and working on strengthening his back muscles so he can sit up by himself.

Delaney likes to watch bubbles float by and is also working on grasping toys in her hands.

Welcome to Wynona and her family! She enjoys chatting with her teachers, giggling, and watching the light-up piano.

Happy June Everyone!

Ms. Terr, Ms. Sydney and Ms. Gabi



Beautiful Butterflies

"Sun is shining, weather is sweet, makes you wanna move your dancing feet." — Bob Marley

Welcome, sweet summertime! We are so excited for the longer days so we can soak up as much sunshine as possible. Our babies are always moving and grooving! Some of our favorite songs are "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," and "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." We also love hearing the beat drop when our friends play songs by Lenny Pearce. They stop what they are doing and start bouncing or swaying to the music! Music brings us so much joy. Lately, we have been having fun coloring together at the table. We love using washable markers, crayons, and bingo dotters. We are also learning that these items are "yucky" and should not go in our mouths. We have also been enjoying the beautiful weather on our walks. We even saw the dump truck bring more dumpsters, which was so exciting!

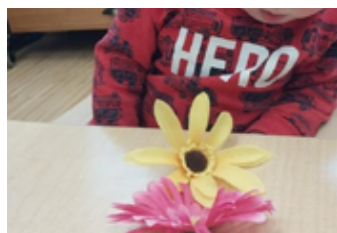
Our little ones are practicing sharing toys and bringing their friends' personal belongings to them. It is so sweet to see! As a reminder, please bring summer items such as sun hats, sunscreen (if you choose), a swimsuit for possible water play, and extra clothes for warm weather.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures! We can't wait to see you for Kona Ice!

We also want to take a moment to thank all the parents who helped make Teacher Appreciation Week so special!

Dawson is our Friend of the Month for June! He enjoys going for walks outside, building with blocks, making art, catching bubbles, and throwing balls. He recently celebrated his first birthday and is starting to walk!

Happy June! Love, Ms. Holli, Ms. Julie, and Ms. Paige



Darling Dragonflies

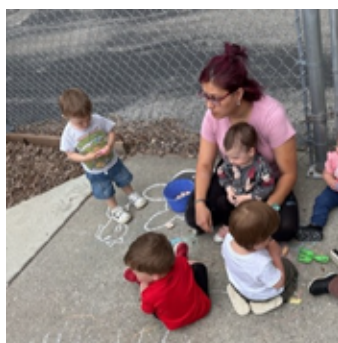
May seemed to fly by, and June is already here! We're so excited for summer and for spending more time in the sunshine. With that in mind, please remember to bring your little one sunscreen, a sun hat, and a light sweater for cooler days. If your child has an extra swimsuit and towel, feel free to leave them in their cubby for outdoor water play. If not, no worries—we will let you know ahead of time when we plan to have water days.

In May, we celebrated all of the wonderful mothers in our lives. Your little ones care about you more than you could ever imagine. Raising tiny humans can be challenging at times, but you are doing a great job! Children go through many phases as they grow, and each stage is worth cherishing because everything changes so quickly.

We also learned about flowers, bugs, and pond life in May. Our little ones loved painting with toy bugs and exploring the new sensory bottles in the room. We welcomed Avery and Eli to our class, and they are transitioning wonderfully! We are also working hard to teach the children to be kind to one another by sharing, taking turns, and using gentle touches.

June will be filled with fun as we learn about farm life, transportation, superheroes, and celebrate all the fantastic fathers in our lives. Our littles will also be working on a special gift for Father's Day. We can't wait to keep the learning going through fun activities, art projects, outdoor time, and reading!

Ms. Brooke, Ms. Gina and Ms. Jacque



Busy Bees

May was marvelous! Thank you to all the moms who attended our Mother's Day breakfast. We loved creating flower pots for them. We also learned about bugs and painted with our pretend bugs in the classroom. Our outdoor garden is starting to grow, and we have loved watching its progress throughout the month. We are also learning to admire the plants with our eyes only.

Summer is finally here, and we are looking forward to the warmer weather! If possible, please leave a swimsuit and towel at school for water days. We have loved splashing in the sprinklers in the back field!

This month, we will be learning about farms, transportation, dads, superheroes, and Made in America. We are also looking forward to our Father's Day event on June 18 at 4:00 p.m. We hope everyone can attend! We will also have our bike blessing at 10:00 a.m., so please bring a bicycle your child feels comfortable riding and a helmet.

We have been working on taking care of our books and toys in the classroom, and the children have been improving their color recognition. It helps so much when they practice identifying the colors they see each day!

We hope everyone has an amazing start to summer, and we can't wait to enjoy all the fun activities the season brings!

Ms. Emily, Ms. Izzy and Ms. Briana



Sunshine Room

What do whales eat?

Fish and ships!

Hello Sunshine Crew!

As May comes to an end, we are excited to share that we are getting classroom pets! We will be adopting two hermit crabs, and the children will vote on their names. They have already started coming up with some silly options! We can't wait to teach the children all about hermit crabs. Did you know they can live up to 40 years? We plan to introduce them within the next month and are excited to share this new adventure with you!

This month was filled with laughter and love, and many stories about our moms were shared. We created beautiful gifts using our handprints and practiced writing the word "Love." It was a bit tricky at first, but with practice, we all did a great job. We hope your Mother's Day was filled with joy, laughter, and all the love you deserve! Our favorite subject this month has been flowers. We have been learning about the life cycle of a flower, from seed to sprout, then blooming into a flower, and finally returning to the ground to begin again. Ms. Emily's mom from upstairs even started a garden so we can watch the flowers grow all summer long. And where there are flowers, there are bugs! We have been learning why bugs are important and why we should appreciate them. We have found all kinds of bugs, but our favorite have been the worms we discovered outside.

Just a friendly reminder to check your child's cubby to make sure they have appropriate backup clothes for the day. Also, with the weather getting warmer, please send a water bottle for outside time, as we will be spending more time outdoors. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us through the app, at drop-off or pick-up, or by calling between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer full of learning, laughter, and fun!

Thank you,

The Sunshine Crew :)

Ms. Nay-Nay & Ms. Alexis



Fantastic Frogs

What a wonderful and busy May it has been! We hope all the mothers enjoyed their Mother's Day gifts. The children gave so many interesting and hilarious answers to our questionnaire, and it brought us so much joy to hear what they had to say about their moms. They also had a great time getting messy while making their hand print pictures! We wanted to create something truly special to honor the most important women in our lives—mothers. A mother's love knows no bounds, and her impact on our lives is immeasurable. Mothers are the first to comfort us when we are hurt, encourage us when we feel discouraged, and celebrate our successes with us. They are our teachers, role models, and confidants. Their selflessness and sacrifice know no limits. These past few years have been challenging for so many, yet mothers have continued to rise to the occasion. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

We made the most of the warmer weather by exploring all that nature has to offer. Windy days made flying our handmade kites especially fun! Seeing the smiles on the children's faces and hearing their laughter as they soared their kites overhead was incredible. April showers also brought May flowers, and we used them to make beautiful flower bracelets. Digging in the dirt at the sensory table was another favorite activity—and the children loved it! We are also learning about some of God's smallest creatures: bugs. The children searched for them, colored pictures of them, made play dough bugs, and created their own ladybugs. We also learned about gardens, what can be found in them, and what plants need to flourish and grow. Making Cheerio bird feeders was especially fun, and it was wonderful to see how excited the children were to take them home and watch the birds enjoy them.

We wish everyone a wonderful Memorial Day! Please remember that Parks Edge will be closed, so we hope you enjoy the time with friends and family. June is going to be another incredible month filled with fun weekly themes. We will be learning about life on the farm, creating special projects that parents and children are sure to love, exploring transportation and superheroes, and, of course, celebrating all the wonderful fathers.

Ms. Sandra, Ms. Shanda and Ms.Sarah



Shining Stars

Can't June-believe it's summer already?! We are too excited for this year's field trips and water play days! Before we get ahead of ourselves, let's take a look back at what we accomplished in May!

We started off May with celebrating the one and only Mother's Day, where we created wonderful gifts and enjoyed a lovely breakfast with our loved ones. After that, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation week where we had a week full of our teacher's favorite activities and learned the importance of respecting our teachers. We then 'crawled' into Bugs and Insects week, where we discovered all sorts of fun creepy crawlers! We read a fun book called 'The Little Butterfly That Could!'. And to wrap it all up, we explored Pond Life and educated ourselves on all the different animals that live near and in ponds. Our class favorite is turtles!

June starts off strong with Life on the Farm week, we can't wait to explore all the fun animals that live on a farm! After that, we will 'ride' into Transportation week. We are excited to build some of our own toy cars! We will then celebrate Father's Day during Fantastic Father's week, join us for our Father's Day celebration! And to end our first month of summer, we will 'fly' into Superheroes week, who's your favorite?

With field trips just around the corner, please make sure we are bringing a water bottle, as well as wear appropriate shoes (sandals with back straps and sneakers for hiking trips).

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer with lots of new friends joining our class! During this time, we will be reiterating class routine and rules. We have been doing great working on following class rules and listening to our teachers during cleanup transitions. We are very proud of our Shining Stars! Please continue to encourage listening ears and gentle play while at school with discussion at home.

At the end of June, we will be saying farewell to the lovely Ms. Nola. She has been such a calm and loving presence in our downstairs classrooms for the past few years and we wish her all the best!

We can't wait to see what summer has in store for us!

Ms. Mariah, Ms. Hannah, & Ms. Nola



Purple Moons

Jiminy Crickets, It's June!

We had a marvelous month of May here in the Purple Moon's room and we are here to tell you all about it.

We honored our amazing Mother's, Grandmother's and motherly figures during Mother's Day week. We loved being able to celebrate you during our Mother's Day breakfast event and we hope you felt the love from your children!

We planted our roots during gardening week by making our very own thumb print gardens, making banana cookies, and took ourselves out into nature for a scavenger hunt.

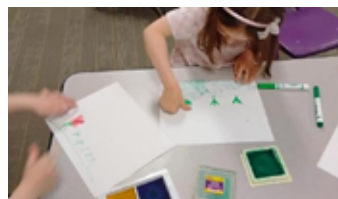
With all of the talk about gardening, our interest in bugs ran wild. We made air dry clay bugs, beautiful watercolor butterflies for our classroom nature mural and, of course, made a dump cake! The kids loved being able to dump all of the ingredients in without measuring anything! I mean, can you blame them? We also discussed the difference between insects and bugs. Go ahead, ask your child all about it!

We then took a leap into pond week where we made the cutest 3D turtles, yummy banana splits on a stick and studied up on the beginning sounds and letters of pond-related words.

Alright, here comes the emotions! Graduation was absolutely beautiful and it was so special to watch your child cross the bridge into kindergarten! Each and every one of your children have accomplished so much here at Park's Edge and we have no doubt in our minds that they will continue to do amazing things in kindergarten and beyond. We have been so incredibly blessed with the privilege to care for your children throughout these years, and we will miss them dearly as they venture off to "big school"! Until then, we are looking forward to spending the Summer with them and all of the events and adventures we take!

Bring on the summer fun!

Ms. Maria, Ms. Kasey and Ms. Eryn



Slithering Snakes

Hello, and a warm welcome to the beginning of summer! At last, come days of warm weather and time outside, of excursions to new and exciting places, and opportunities to expand our knowledge of the world around us. With the start of summer will come some significant changes to Kurth Hall, as Ms. Nicole and I will be dividing it in two! This will allow us to have two Snakes classrooms, one for the younger spectrum of our children, as well as for the older. This change allows us to more easily divide out for field trips and also affords us the opportunity to create a stronger sense of space between the two age groups, which will align more fully with the toys and activities that suit their ages. Our younger classroom will be going on field trips with the Purple Moons, as their numbers allow us to make one bus run for field trips instead of two. As this is only the first month of our summer program, please feel free to come to Ms. Nicole or myself with any questions, concerns, or just to spend a moment checking in on your child's classroom. We're all here to support each other and create a memorable summer!

June will see us establish our classrooms more fully, and for the older snakes that means officially naming our three minnows, as well as deciding on and planting a small indoor herb garden which we will use as ingredients for a future cooking project. Another idiosyncrasy of the Older Snakes, is our division into two teams for the summer. Our typical template involves a color decided by the children, followed by an animal to determine what moniker they'll take for the summer. These teams inspire not only a friendly rivalry, but allow us to put together groups of children who otherwise might never interact, and allow them a chance to make friends outside of their existing groups. These teams will also decide what group gets to pick one special treat for our end of summer picnic, as well as whose regalia we will decorate said picnic with. We are sure our summer is going to be a memorable one, full of activities and adventures, and look forward to being able to serve you and your family this summer. Thanks for reading!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole and Mr. Cody

Themes with Christian Sub Themes

06/01-06/05: Life on the Farm

Therefore, be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets early and late rains.

06/08-06/12: Transportation

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” -Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

06/15-06/19: Fantastic Fathers

“And I will be a father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” - 2 Corinthians 6:18

“For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.” - 1 Thessalonians 2:11

06/22-06/26: Superhero

Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. - Isaiah 1:17

06/29-07/03: America the Beautiful

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam—God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

A Pastor's Prayer

Dear God,

June means summer, and summer means renewal.

Warm weather energizes our souls.

Sunshine brings smiles to our faces.

Bless us this summer as we take time to rest easy and enjoy life.

Increase our happiness. Embrace us with Your love. Amen.

-Pastor Josh



NAC Nook

For this month's NAC Nook, we will be discussing parents being notified of any incidents and injuries.

D5: I am notified when my child has had an incident at the program which caused injury, potential harm, and/or has been exposed to communicable illnesses or parasites such as lice.

If a child has an injury that is from the neck up, we will call the parent before pick-up time. An accident/incident report is written in addition, and the time of the call will be recorded on this form.

If an injury happens below the neck, such as scraping a knee or an elbow, we do not call but will notify the parent at pick-up and give an accident/incident form.

We do not give away children's information as we have confidentiality requirements. If there is an incident where children are hitting, etc. the director will handle in conjunction with the families involved while keeping children's names confidential and safe.

We communicate an illness based on Hales Corners Health Department and DCF licensing standards. If a communicable disease is reported, we contact the health department and notify if recommended/required.

If you have further questions about this NAC standard, please let us know. All of this is also in our Family Handbook received upon enrollment.



Happy Anniversary!

Happy 20-year anniversary to the wonderful Ms. Julie.

Ms. Julie started her career at PEP as a teacher in our 4-year-old room. Over the years she has been a teacher in every room in the center. She then moved into the Beautiful Butterfly room with some of our littlest babies and has remained there ever since. At least once a day you will hear Ms. Julie say, "I love my babies".

Ms. Julie has an associate degree in Early Childhood Education from UW Waukesha. She is a tiered trainer through the Wisconsin Registry and does staff training on the Christian component. She completed her classes at the Victory Education Training Institute in Biblical Theology. She is also CPR and AED certified.

Ms. Julie's favorite thing about being a teacher is having the privilege of watching the children grow and introducing her faith of God to the children in her classroom. She has a very calm and gentle way with the babies. You will often find her on the ground reading a book with the whole classroom surrounding her, all vying for a spot on her lap. She loves rocking the babies to sleep and is the best bubble blower on this side of the Mississippi. Outdoor time is Julie's favorite time. She loves getting her walks in and showing the babies everything wonderful about the outdoors. Ms. Julie treats every baby in her room like it is her own. She celebrates their accomplishments; she helps guide when they need some extra help and she loves each child for their own unique personality. She has a cute story to share everyday about the children in her room.

In her free time Julie loves to travel to her "happy place" which is the sunny state of Arizona. She also is a very active leader in her church, and loves going to church conferences and does lots of outreach in the community. She has a son named Cedric who went through the program himself from 6 weeks old all the way to 13. When she talks about her son her whole face lights up and she gets excited to share updates and funny stories about him. To say she is a proud mom would be a very big understatement.

We want to thank Ms. Julie for her commitment to PEP and congratulate her on this huge accomplishment of 20 years.

