



September Newsletter

Director's Note

Dear Western Branch Families,

A warm welcome to Western Branch Academy! We are so honored that you picked us to care for your children. At Western Branch Academy we strive to provide the children of our community with quality programming in an educational setting.

It's hard to believe that we are entering our 5th year here at WBA. We are excited to start this new school year as a NAEYC accredited school! This accomplishment aligns with our focus of producing a high quality experience for your child and a commitment to continued quality improvement.

We look forward to another wonderful school year at WBA!

- *Miss Cindy and Miss Natalie*

Say "Cheese"

Knox Studios will be here for school pictures on September 17th and 18th.

Thursday, Sept. 17th will be: All PK 2, PK 3 (M-F), and Kindergarten.

Friday, Sept. 18th will be: PK3 M/W/F and PK 4.

Welcome Back to School

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th for our M/W/F students. We are looking forward to the new school year with all of your children.

NAEYC Accreditation

We are so pleased to start a new school year being NAEYC accredited! NAEYC represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. They believe that early childhood experiences have a lifelong impact on children's love of learning, readiness for and success in school, and positively contribute to their health and development.



Parent Night

Parent Night is a time for parents to meet with their child's teacher and ask questions about the curriculum or classroom. It will be held on Monday, September 21st. We can't wait to get to know your children! However, we ask that this night be just for parents. Line up your babysitter and join us!

2's (T/TH): 5:30pm

(M-F): 5:45pm

3's (M/W/F): 6:30pm

(M-F): 6:30pm

4's: 7:00 pm

Kindergarten: 6:30pm



Speech Screenings

Dawn Kidd, a certified speech therapist, will be visiting WBA beginning September 28th. She will be conducting speech screenings for PK 3, 4, and Kindergarten classes. This service is optional and a nominal fee is required.

Enrichment

WBA offers several enrichment programs to your children during the school day. These programs are included in your tuition and include the following:

Spanish – PK 2 (M-F), PK 3, 4, and Kindergarten

Chapel – All classes

Music – All classes

Computer – PK 3, 4 and Kindergarten

Yoga – PK 2 (Mon-Fri), PK 3, 4, and Kindergarten

Starz Fitness – All Classes

Each month you will receive an enrichment newsletter informing you about these programs.

We will be conducting a **FUNDRAISER** in October to raise money for our new tablets!



We will be working with iStart Smart tablets from Hatch Early Learning.

Aimee Ha is our new technology instructor and will be taking the helm of that enrichment.

WBA also offers several afternoon enrichment programs. These classes are extra and the fees vary. Minimum enrollment is required for the programs to take place. We offer the following:

Dancing Little Stars (ages 3+)

Soccer Shots (ages 3+)

Red Dragon Martial Arts (ages 4+)

Fun Bus (ages 3+)

Please stop by the office for more information about enrollment.



Security – Door Code

The safety of your children is a primary concern of ours. To ensure a secure building, our front door is always locked and is only accessible with a door code. The code is **XXXX**.

Please share the code only with people who regularly pick up your children. There is a door bell for visitors to use to gain access to the building.



Nut-Free Zone

We have several students with various nut allergies. To ensure their safety, we do not allow any nut products in the school.

If the product contains the peanut/tree nut allergen warnings: contains, contains traces, may contain traces, or processed on the same equipment, please do not send to school. Products containing the allergen warning, processed in a facility that processes peanuts/tree nuts, are ok to send to school.

Please pack lunches and special snacks accordingly and visit the following websites for nut-free lunch ideas and allergy information:

www.snacksafely.com

<http://pinterest.com/skeetersnacks/nut-free-lunches>

Communication

Communication is key for WBA. There are several methods we use to keep you informed.

Communication boards—outside classrooms – inform you of daily happenings in class.

Newsletters – Monthly school events

Website – Quick access to upcoming events, documents, resource websites, and closing information.

Texting – Instant messaging to families in the event of an emergency.

Facebook – Sharing school information with the community.

Shutterfly – Sharing class and school photos with other parents. Account creation required for access.