



January Newsletter



January 2016

Director's Note

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. It is time for us to look ahead and begin thinking about the 2016/2017 school year and summer. Enrollment packets will be available on Monday, January 11th. Completed registration packets may be turned in beginning on January 14th. Open enrollment for the public begins on February 1st.

Western Branch Academy strives to meet each child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. When a child delights in learning, the door to a lifetime of discovery and adventure is opened.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's educational experience. Please let us know if you have any questions.

With Regards,

*Miss Cindy &
Miss Natalie*



Caroling at Province Place

Thank you to all of our PK4 and Kindergarten classes for making Christmas cards and caroling for the residents of Province Place. It was truly a wonderful experience!

Storytelling Day

Via Goode, the storyteller will be visiting us on Monday, January 25th to share some of her exciting stories with the children.

Open House

Mark your calendars for our WBA Enrollment Open House on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for new and current families to learn about our programs. This kicks off registration for summer 2016 and the 2016-2017 School Year. New families can register beginning Friday, February 1st.



**WBA is closed Monday,
January 18th in observance
of Martin Luther King Jr.
Day**





Enrichment Classes

From Miss Natasha:

CHAPEL: This month in Chapel we will be learning about God sending the seasons and learning to obey.

MUSIC: In January we will learn lots of songs about winter, hibernation and also focus on Martin Luther King, Jr.!

SPANISH: This month we will work on counting to 10 (and possibly beyond!) and are still working on parts of the face.

YOGA: This month we will work on our new songs "We are the Dinosaurs", "Butterfly Fly, Flutter", and "Rocket Ship Run"! We will also keep learning our new animal poses and playing with our pose and breathing cards!

From Miss Aimee:

TECHNOLOGY: This month we will learn to type the rest of home row keys and move onto the next row of letters! We will also be learning about how to use the mouse, speakers, and headphones for a computer or tablet.

Early Release and Teacher Workdays

January 29th is an early release day for Chesapeake Public Schools. Please pack a lunch for your children to eat at Western Branch Academy. There is no extra charge for care on this day.

Feb. 1 & 2 are Teacher Workdays for Chesapeake Public Schools. There is no regular Kindergarten class on these days. Preschool classes are held as usual. These are child care days for Kindergarten and school age children. **Morning child care for school age children is an extra \$15 a day.** Signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Pre-registration is required. Limited space.

Keeping Children and Families Healthy

If you or your family members develop an illness with fever, respiratory or intestinal symptoms contact your health care provider to determine if influenza testing is needed. These symptoms include:

- Cough
- Runny nose
- Body aches
- Nausea and/or vomiting or diarrhea

For young children, the symptoms can include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Blush or grey skin color
- Not waking or interacting with others
- Being irritable or that the child doesn't want to be held.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 13th – WBA Open House
6:00-7:00 pm

Jan. 13th – Soccer Shots Winter Session Begins

Jan. 14th – In House Registration Begins
Registration begins for 2016-2017 school year and summer 2016 for current students.

Jan. 18th - School Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 25th - Via Goode Storyteller Visit
Via Goode, the storyteller will be visiting the students.

Jan. 29th and Feb. 1 & 2nd - Child Care Days

NO REGULAR KINDERGARTEN

Chesapeake Public Schools are closed for teacher work days, pre-registration required for School Age and Kindergarten care and limited space available.

Feb. 1st- Open Registration
Registration begins for summer 2015 and 2015-2016 School Year for general public. Doors open at 7 am.

Feb. 13th – Book Fair Begins
Scholastic Book Fair runs through Feb. 20th

