



March Newsletter



2016

Director's Note

*Dear Western Branch Families,
We cannot believe that March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by so quickly. February was a "flash" and summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We also want to say goodbye to Miss Emily. Emily MacCartney will be leaving us at the end of March. We wish her best of luck in her future endeavors!*

We are delighted with the progress of our children at this point of the school year. All of them have excelled in their preschool/Kindergarten activities. Our staff feels fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children.

We appreciate all of our parents' efforts on our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. March presents another fun filled and busy month in our program. The children's days this month are filled with fun, hands-on age appropriate learning.

Happy spring!

Miss Cindy & Miss Natalie

**Thank you for
supporting our
Scholastic Book
Fair!**



Spring Break

Western Branch Academy will be closed for Spring Break March 28th through April 1st. Because tuition is based on a yearly fee, weekly tuition is collected every week during the school year, even if we are closed. Automatic debit payments will still be collected on Monday during spring break. Monthly tuition amounts remain the same and will be taken out on April 1st. Monthly and weekly tuition not paid by ACH will be due the Friday before spring break, March 25th.

Best of Chesapeake Voting

It's that time of year again! The Virginia Pilot's Best of Chesapeake contest runs March 6th through the 22th. Please take a moment and vote for WBA for the best Child Development Center in the Chesapeake area. You can vote online or via text. Text 21333 to CDHR.



Got camp?

Our summer camp is almost here! Our theme this summer is the Olympics. Limited spots are available.



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Enrichment with Miss Natasha and Miss Aimee

In MUSIC, March is celebrated nationally as "Music in Our schools Month." Mr. Larry Lemasters, a local elementary school music teacher, will visit the children with many of his "musical friends." The children will all be learning about St. Patrick's Day, Spring and Easter songs.

In SPANISH, we have continued practicing our numbers, colors and our new lesson on animals! This month the children will be working on our selections for the Spring Program coming up in April!

In YOGA, last month's lessons about different kinds of breathing were a huge success! We are moving into more advanced (i.e. not kid adapted) poses and the kids have been so excited and focused! We also have been incorporating some meditation into our yoga classes. We chant "Ohm Shanti", which means "Peace".

In CHAPEL, we wrapped up the month of February with our Love stories, including family love and the love God has for each of us. This month we will learn and share stories about animals.

In COMPUTERS, we finished learning about the parts of the computer with mouse functions and we will be moving onto important keys/buttons on the keyboard and tablets. This month, we will finish learning to type the top row of keys on the keyboard. We are also progressing with the learning games on the Hatch Tablets, including addition/subtraction and sentence segmenting.



Important Dates

Wednesday, March 3-

A visit from Mr. Lemasters for Music Appreciation Month

Thursday, March 10-

PK 4 & Kindergarten field trip to Roper Theater to see *James and the Giant Peach*

Thursday, March 17-

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 23-

Easter Parties (Miss Jennifer, Miss Carol, Miss Katie, Miss Stacey)

Thursday, March 24-

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April 11-15

Week of Young Child

Tuesday, April 12-

Spring Program (Times TBA)

Friday, May 6-

Spring Tea, 9:00am at Westside Church

Monday, May 30-

Memorial Day (No school)

Thursday, June 2-

Donuts for Dad (PK 2), 9:00am at WBA

Friday, June 3-

Donuts for Dad, 9:00am at WBA

Friday, June 10-

PK4 and Kindergarten Graduation at Westside Church

-PK4 at 9:00am

-Kindergarten at 10:30am

