



# May/June Newsletter



2016

## Director's Note

*Dear Western Branch Families,  
Can you believe there are only 7 weeks left of the school year? It's hard to believe our fifth year at Western Branch Academy is almost over. We have been truly blessed to watch your children grow this year.*

*Thank you for allowing us to care and love your children and get to know your families. We view each of you as part of our WBA family. We hope everyone has a relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you this summer and in the fall.*

*Blessings,  
Cindy and Natalie*



## Spring Tea

Our Spring Tea is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at WBA (both PK 2 classes) and Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Westside Church for all other classes. We will serve finger food and light refreshments. We hope everyone can attend and celebrate this special day with us.



## End of School Year Survey

Please help us improve our program by completing the end of the year school survey. We are dedicated to providing a quality program for WBA's children and families, and your input helps us accomplish this goal.

## Spring Field Trips

We will be visiting Norfolk Zoo for our Spring Field Trip. Each child must have a chaperone and transportation to and from the zoo.

Meet us at Norfolk Zoo at 9:45 AM- The field trip begins promptly at 10:00 AM. If picking up your child at school, please pick up no later than 9:00 AM.

**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>-** PK4 & Kindergarten

**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>-** PK3

**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>-** PK2

## Donuts for Dad

In honor of Father's Day, we will celebrate with Donuts for Dad on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 for both PK2 classes. Donuts for Dad will be on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for all other classes. The PK4 classes will be at 8:00, and the PK3 & Kindergarten classes will be at 9:00. We will serve juice and donuts. We hope everyone can attend and celebrate this special day with us.

## PK4 & Kindergarten Graduation

Our Graduation is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> for the PK4 classes at 9:00 am and the Kindergarten children at 10:30 am. The graduation ceremony is at Westside Church. Invitations will be sent out soon.



## Enrichment with Miss Natasha and Miss Aimee

**IN MUSIC**, we are rehearsing for our Mother's Day Tea, on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be learning songs about land and sea animals! We will also will be learning songs for graduation for the 4s and Kindergarten.

**IN SPANISH**, we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo (May 5<sup>th</sup>), which is the anniversary of the victory of the Battle of Pueblo fought against the French army in 1862. The children were so great with counting to 10 that we have expanded to 20! We also have a new unit with farm animals.

**IN YOGA**, we will be closing out the year with a new song. We continue to work on our "big breaths" and figuring out how to fill up our bellies with air rather than lifting our shoulders.

**IN CHAPEL**, we will continue discussing miracles and will also focus on God's Earthly gifts to us throughout Spring and into Summer!

**IN TECHNOLOGY**, we learned about important keys on the keyboard last month. Next, we will learn more about buttons and apps on tablets. Please look for a progress report at the end of the school year, showing all your child's activity practice on the Hatch tablets. It's been a wonderful year, being able to see just how "tech-savvy" these kids are!



## Important Dates

### Thursday, May 5-

Spring Tea (PK2) 9:00 at WBA

### Friday, May 6-

Spring Tea (PK3, PK4, and K), 9:00am at Westside Church

### May 24-26

Spring Field Trip to the Zoo

-May 24: PK4 & Kindergarten

-May 25: PK3

-May 26: PK2



### 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, 8:00am at WBA (PK 4)  
9:00- K & PK 3

### Friday, June 10-

PK4 and Kindergarten Graduation at Westside Church

-PK4 at 9:00am

-Kindergarten at 10:30am

### Monday, June 13-

Summer Camp Sneak Peek from 6:00-6:30pm

### Thursday, June 16-

Last Day of School

### Friday, Jun 17-

No School

### Monday, June 20-

First Day of Camp

### Tuesday, September 6-

First Day of School Year

## Sunscreen and Insect Repellant

As the weather gets warmer, sun exposure and bug bites become a concern. We are not allowed to apply sunscreen or insect repellant to the children without written parental consent. Please apply sunscreen and/or insect repellant to your children before they come to school. Consent forms are available in the front office for WBA to reapply after nap.