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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 7:

Public Open House

January 12-13:

NO SCHOOL

Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 16:

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17:

In-House Registration Begins

January 23:

Alumni Registration Begins

January 30:

Public Registration Begins

February 20-24:

NO SCHOOL--February Recess

Welcome back, WRNS families! We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and took time to see the wonder all around us.

Please spread the word to family and friends with little ones regarding the WRNS Open House on Saturday, January 7th from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. Looking forward to showing off our great program to new families!

Speaking of the great programs WRNS offers...in-house registration for 2017-2018 begins on Tuesday, January 17th.

As always, if you have any questions and / or concerns, please contact us. Happy New Year!

Cheers,

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SAVE THE DATE!

Public Open House: January 7th 930-11am at the school

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thursday-Friday, January 12-13th

There will be no school for students on these two days. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the classroom. Babysitting is available, so please note whether or not you will need one when you sign up.



Greetings from AM Nursery!

Welcome back and Happy New Year!! The holiday season came in so quickly, making the time at school and at home very busy and fun packed. We all hope that you had the time to relax and enjoy family and friends during the holiday break. We are sure that the children will have lots to tell and share when they are back in school.

Now that we are into snow gear we do spend more time indoors. This gives the children more time for playing with friends, and spending a little more time with activities of their choice. Since we are indoors more during these winter months we take advantage of having special visitors come into the school to entertain and talk to the children. Our first special visitor for the season will be The Magic Guy, on Monday, January 23rd and on Thursday, January 26th. We have had The Magic Guy perform at WRNS in past years and the children are always in for a great magic show. Also if you feel that there is some special hobby or interest that you have, and would enjoy sharing it with the children, please talk with your child's teacher - we would love to have you come in!

Just a few reminders:

- Parent/teacher conferences will be on Thursday, January 12th for the 2-Day program and on Friday, January 13th for the 3-Day program. There is no school those days and babysitting will be available starting at 9:00 AM. Sign-up sheets for the conferences will be posted starting Tuesday, January 3rd for the 2-Day program and Wednesday, January 4th for the 3-Day program.
- With all of the snow gear coming into the classrooms, PLEASE label everything. This cuts down on dressing time and adds to playground time and we do go out as much as possible everyday. The teachers ask to please send your child in with mittens, and if possible mitten clips. Any bit of organization is a great help. Thank you!

We have two teacher requests:

- Please be sure to pack an extra change of clothes if your child is potty training or has just completed the process. Accidents do happen and some children do not like to wear the extra clothing that we have at school.
- In our attempt to keep the children and staff as healthy as possible during this cold and flu season we are asking parents to make a reasonable decision on whether to send their child to school if they are dealing with any of the following:
 1. Constant sneezing or coughing
 2. Congestion – noses that are stuffed up along with mucus discharge
 3. Listless or not him/herself
 4. Fever

Please also check your handbook for our sick child policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

For the month of January the Art Room will be full of snow and winter theme projects. So start thinking snow! You will be seeing snowmen, snowflakes, and other snow related projects.

Winter Poems

The following are some poems we will enjoy in January:

Five Little Snowflakes

Five little snowflakes,
Fluffy and light.
Made of crystals,
Sparkly and white.
When the wind comes up
They twirl around.
Then gently float
Back to the ground.

Chubby Little Snowman

There was a chubby snowman
Who had a carrot nose.
Along came a bunny
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little bunny,
Was looking for his lunch.
He ate that snowman's carrot nose
Nibble, nibble, crunch!



Greetings from Young Nursery!

Mrs. Ziegler and I wish all of the families at WRNS a Happy and Healthy New Year! December was a fun month especially with the first snowfall. The band was playing holiday music and we learned the song and dance, Wake Up Toes. We continued learning our colors and also practiced taking turns on the rollercoaster in the hall.

This month we will continue offering the children a variety of art projects. We will begin introducing shapes and do some shape activities during circle time to see if their interests are piqued. The Magic Guy will be visiting us and brings with him not only magic tricks, but lots of jokes and laughter! He is always a big hit with the kids.

Please Note: Registration begins this month. Please pass the word to your friends and family.

Thank you for all the donations of toilet paper and paper towel rolls. We now have plenty to use during our art projects. We do, however, need wipes if anyone is able to donate them.

Many times parents will see Mrs. Ziegler and I wearing a funny hat, singing silly songs or dancing with the children. Below you will find a short article that will not only be informative, but more importantly help justify our often silly behavior.

The Gift of Laughter

Humor is an important part of our everyday lives. As a form of intellectual play, it grows more sophisticated with age. The kind of humor children express depends, in part, on the level of cognitive development they have achieved.

A child first experiences humor in the second year of life in the context of playing with objects. A 3-year-old usually thinks it's hilarious to give objects or events names that she knows to be incorrect. She probably will giggle if a rabbit is called a bird. Most 4-year-olds laugh at objects primarily on the basis of their appearance. A drawing of a car with square tires, for example, might keep a boy laughing throughout the day.

Unexpected behavior also provokes laughter in young children. Seeing a grown-up jump rope, ride a tricycle, or dress up in play clothes and a wig can send a kid into a fit of laughter. A description of an impossible event, such as the term "It's raining cats and dogs" also can produce giggles.

Most 3- to 5-year-olds don't understand many of the jokes, riddles, or puns that seem funny to older children. Younger children do enjoy changing the words of jokes and repeating them often. For example, "Why did the chicken cross the road? ... Because he wanted to!" can break up a child. We adults may not understand the joke, but we can appreciate the reaction it brings to our children.

Humor is more than just a chuckle or a belly laugh. It releases pent-up energy and permits the expression of ideas and feelings. Growing up is stressful, and good mental health –which includes a sense of humor – allows children to cope with sources of conflict and distress.

December Board Minutes

- The board was updated about issues discussed at the executive board meeting which was held 11/30/16. This included staffing changes. Donna Parker will be retiring at the end of this school year and there are plans to fill her position. Patty Schwarz will take Donna's place as co-director. It was decided that we will no longer continue the school's New York State registration. It was noted that the majority of preschools in the area also do not have NYS registration.
- It was stated that the fundraising amount for the year has now reached \$2,348.28, which is greater than the amount at the same time last school year.
- The school's website has been updated.
- Results of the online survey to families regarding the school's program offerings were reviewed. Based on these findings, logistical considerations, and budget considerations, it was decided that the class offerings will remain the same for next school year.
- The Operations Manager presented budget options for the 2017-2018 school year. In taking into account expected enrollment numbers for the next school year, the board voted to increase tuition by approximately 3.73% (varied somewhat between the programs, as the tuition among programs has been inconsistent for the past several years). Following the board meeting, the Operations Manager adjusted two of the line items (per recommendation of co-directors) which reduced total expenses. Therefore, the average tuition increase for the 2017-2018 school year is now expected to be approximately 3.03%.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 1	2	3 Brooke Barrus Ava Carlton	4 Derek Allen Sidney Fox	5 Olivia Stefano Camille Kinley	6 Eleanor Osburg	7
8	9 Ellie Bertino Veda Chandragiri	10 Abigail Wodwossen Viana Shoari	11 Emily McAleavey Phineas Smith	12 Alexander Whitman Evelyn Stein	13 Fiona Diefendorf	14
15	16	17 Gabriel McMahon Charlotte Cicero	18 Kate Petrosino Mary Emmelise Wats	19 Lillian Smith Kaia Behr	20 Frances Schroeder	21
22	23 Isabella Letzring Avery Foster	24 Ariya Tyson Ani Hochreiter	25 Julia Hippert Evelyn Loflin	26 Beckett Majors Mila Berno	27 Juniper KelseyBean	28
29	30 Katell Fetter Simon Losevich	31 Carmelo Bertino Vaughn Marshal	Feb 1 Kidus Melaku Murphy Bodkin	2 Maanav Mukherjee Harper Brederson	3 Levi Houpt	4



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29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
	Katell Fetter	Carmelo Bertino	Kidus Melaku	Maanav Mukherjee	Levi Houpt	
	Simon Losevich	Vaughn Marshal	Murphy Bodkin	Harper Brederson		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Lila Intriligator	Edith Zarcone	Lillian Fero	Elliot Kyle	Margaret Alexander	
	Cameron Penner	Claire Vamivakas	Sidney Fox	Camille Kinley		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Matthew Schoepfel	Emily Kirsh	Morgan Cameron	Fiona Mooney	Naomi Barnabas	
	Ava Carlton	Veda Chandragiri	Phineas Smith	Evelyn Stein		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
	Nora Carroll-Nellenb:	Kieran Moore	Sadie Foster	Lena Fitzgerald	Sawyer Stokes	
	Viana Shoari	Charlotte Cicero	Mary Emmelise Wats	Kaia Behr		