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DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 1:**
NO SCHOOL--Teacher Work Day
- December 3:**
WRNS Winter Carnival
- December 14:**
Alex and Ani Fundraiser
- December 20-January 2**
NO SCHOOL--Holiday Recess
- 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

Happy December, WRNS families!

We're certain everyone has been enjoying the uncharacteristically warmer weather as of late, but as it gets colder please be sure to help your child with their winter gear and make sure everything is labeled. This is a great time to take advantage of Mabel's Labels; be sure to choose Winton Road Nursery School under "Support a Fundraiser" on the homepage!

A few dates to be aware of:

New Classrooms for 3-Day and 5-Day: Friday, December 2nd
New Classrooms for 2-Day: Tuesday, December 6th
Board Meeting – Budget Vote: Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00p.m.

Also, please join us on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00am – 12:00pm for the WRNS Winter Carnival! Get a jump start on holiday shopping with raffle/silent auction items while the kids enjoy crafts, live entertainment, and breakfast!

No matter what your family celebrates this time of year, we wish each of you special time with loved ones and a month filled with joy and wonder.

Warmly,

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SAVE THE DATE!

WRNS Holiday Carnival: Saturday, December 3rd, 10AM-12 noon

Back By Popular Demand! Join us for holiday fun, including:

- Meet Santa
- Breakfast, music, games, and a winter-themed craft for the kids
- Raffle for great prizes from local businesses

\$20 Family Tickets (\$25 at the door); \$7 Individual Tickets

Hosted by WRNS at Seton Elementary School. Watch bags for flyers and emails for more details soon.

Alex and Ani Fundraiser: Wednesday, December 14th, 6-9PM, Culver Rd Armory

Do your holiday shopping and a portion of all our sales go to benefit our school. There will be free refreshments and coloring for the kids if they need to tag along!

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!

We all enjoyed the November activities and art projects and are now getting ready for a very busy December. Even though we have not seen that much snow so far, it will be here before you know it.

To keep all the additional winter clothing organized, please lend us a hand with the following: please hang up snow pants with your child's jacket, and tuck their hat and mittens into the sleeve of their jacket. At school we continually reinforce independence and self-help skills by having the children learn to dress themselves as much as possible without becoming frustrated. To help keep the frustration level low we ask that mittens be sent in with your child in place of gloves. It also helps to reinforce self help skills at home. The children are so proud when they can do it all by themselves, as we are proud of them. We do go outside in the snow and cold unless the temperature or wind chill are at a dangerous level, so please make sure your child is dressed for outdoor play. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

While on the topic of cold and snowy weather, if the school is closed due to the weather, announcements will be made on WHAM 1180, Channel 13 WHAM-TV and Channel 10 News NBC. A message will also be posted on the WRNS webpage.

We also ask parents to keep in mind that as winter weather sets in and travel time takes longer, that you adjust your schedule to meet the end of the school day – some children have a hard time being the last one on the playground.

We will also be changing rooms in December. Mrs. Parker and class will move to the Big Muscle Room, Mrs. Hickey to the Art Room, and Mrs. Shafer to the Housekeeping Room. This is always an exciting event and we talk to the children about the move as we get closer to the room change. For M-W-F children and 5 day children the first day in their new rooms will be on Friday, December 2nd. For T-Th children the first day in their new rooms will be on Tuesday, December 6th. If your child is in Mrs. Parker's (Big Muscle Room) we ask that you send in one box of tissues with your child. We like to keep a good supply on hand as the weather gets colder and cold season approaches. Thank you.

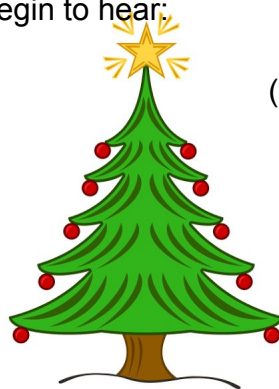
Holiday Songs

With the approaching holidays, the children will be learning about Christmas and Hanukkah through art projects, stories, songs, circle time activities, and finger plays. December is a short school month but an exciting time for everyone. As we get closer to the holidays you may begin to hear:



The Dreidel Song

I have a little dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
My dreidel I will play
Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made it out of clay
Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
My dreidel I will play



Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star (tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star
Way up high is where you are
Shining bright for all to see
On the tip top of our tree
Twinkle Twinkle Christmas star
Way up high is where you are

Happy Holidays! We sincerely hope all of our WRNS families have a very safe and peaceful holiday season!

Holiday Gift Giving

Though it may be too early for some of us to be thinking about holiday shopping, the teachers would like to take this opportunity to explain how holiday gift giving has been handled in the past at WRNS.

For the past several years the teachers have requested that in lieu of buying a gift for a teacher, a monetary gift donation be made to the school. The amount collected enables the teachers to purchase items on our wish list. In this way both your child and our program benefit from your generosity. Thank you so much!

Greetings from Young Nursery!

Open House for prospective students is January 7th from 9:30 – 11:30. Spread the word!

Parent-Teacher conferences are held on January 10th and 12th. These are not mandatory, but please consider meeting with us to discuss your child's growth and plans for next year. 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.

Hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Both classes are doing fabulous. The interactive play the children are now demonstrating is fun to watch as they test different roles. We have been able to not only do some one-on-one activities in the classroom, but also small group activities at circle time.

December is a short month, but we really do pack a lot in. We discuss the holiday season and do some holiday activities during circle time. We do try to keep it as low-key as possible.

We talk about the winter weather and begin to guide the children through getting dressed properly to play outside. This is always a time-consuming task, but once the children figure it out they are so proud. Parents can help by letting their child put their snow pants and boots on themselves while at home. Many of the children have mastered the "flip/flop over the top" technique of putting on their coat, so that cuts out one step. Also, label your child's clothing as much as possible. This is always a big help since often times just as we finish getting the last child dressed, the first child is undressing and their clothes are scattered.

We have noticed that some of the children are beginning to dig their heels in when given a direction in the classroom. (That was the politically correct way of saying STUBBORN!) This is perfectly normal and we can only imagine that it is happening more often at home than in the classroom. Below is another article to provide some tips and more importantly help you to realize that you are not alone.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. REMEMBER TO LAUGH AND TAKE TIME TO RELAX.

Take Care,

Leslie Ziegler and Patty Schwarz

Minimizing Power Struggles



No matter how compliant a child, there will be times when he does not want to put on his socks or when she refuses to pick up her toys. As young children develop, they begin to understand that they can make their own decisions. And occasionally they make a power play at an inconvenient time.

While a power play can be frustrating for the adult who is trying to get the child to do something, it is a healthy part of children's social/emotional development. These incidents help children develop a stronger sense of self and the capability to set their own limits.

We adults need to react appropriately. In many instances, trying to force the child to do what he has said he will not do escalates the situation into a full-blown power struggle. Try offering assistance instead. For example, you might say, "You can put on your socks by yourself or I can help you this morning." Or, "I could help you put away your toys. Would you like that?" Or offer choices. "OK, you don't want to wear these socks today. "Would you rather wear blue ones or green ones?" "Let's see. Which would it be easier to start with: putting the blocks in this tub or putting the cars back in their case?"

Children like to feel that they have some control in their lives. Power plays are simply a part of growing up. When handled by adults in a calm manner, they offer opportunities for children to develop self-esteem and self-control.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Thomas Kolar Charlotte Cicero	29 Nathan Langdon Avery Foster	30 Mateo Caroci Kaia Behr	Dec 1	2	3
4	5 Jack Cicero Ani Hochreiter	6 Olivia Stefano Simon Losevich	7 Adrian McMahon Evelyn Loflin	8 Talia Menzer Kunz Mila Berno	9 Alyssa Palermo	10
11	12 Andrew Caroci Vaughn Marshall	13 Teos Anthamatten Cameron Penner	14 Cora Curran Murphy Bodkin	15 Zaiya Johnson Harper Brederson	16 Cora Houpt	17
18	19 Daphne Batz Claire Vamivakas	20	21	22	23	24
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