

2016



# Put a little PEP in your life!

Park's Edge Preschool

## Happy Birthday

Logan DeNoble	05/05/2011
Cole Arnold	05/09/2014
Abby Woodward	05/10/2013
Gavin Zelinski	05/15/2012
Grayson Merkel	05/15/2013
Maeve Lalumondier	05/15/2013
Claire Eaton	05/23/2007
AJ Rick	05/24/2007
Charles Thaler	05/28/2009
Jack Nuccio	05/30/2013



Ms. Dee

05/28/???

May



Ms. Jenele

05/29/2007



## A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

May is the time of year for flowers, Mother's Day Celebrations, Parent-Teacher Conferences, NAC Survey, and PEP's Preschool Graduation too! Where did the time go, how can it be that the school year 2015-2016 is coming to a close already?

What a terrific school year to reflect upon. During spring break we distributed details of Park's Edge Preschool's summer program. Summer Enrollment Survey was distributed to families of children 4 and up who are eligible to participate on fieldtrips this summer. The survey was due **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, if you haven't returned it yet, please do, a.s.a.p. Summer fieldtrip permission forms will be distributed the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. **The completed summer packet permission forms for June, July and August are due no later than Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> with June Fieldtrip payment.** Thank you.

Park's Edge Preschool honored parents, staff and young children by celebrating the national Week of the Young Child April 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. P.E.P. celebrations included a WOYC Parade and Pot Luck Dinner on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The children paraded the grounds with unique classroom banners from every age group. This was an exciting evening of good food and fellowship among our staff and families. Thank you to all of our families that participated. The WOYC serves as a time to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every child experiences the type of environment that promotes learning...at home, school, and in the community. The

WOYC gives reason to honor all those involved with children!  
**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to Kate Egan and Jenny Meyer for initiating the WOYC teacher appreciation. Special thanks to all of our families for showering our staff with wonderful goodies throughout the week-long celebration. Our teachers appreciated breakfast bagels on Monday; massages on Tuesday, lunch from Qdoba on Wednesday, lovely individual floral bouquets for each staff member on Thursday, and a special thank you to Mario and Tanya Balistreri for the pizza party on Friday. It was a memorable week for all...other goodies included cake, chocolates and more! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Also, thank you to the many families that contributed and/or participated in the Pajama Day at PEP and helped raise funds for the March of Dimes fundraiser. Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> was the 'March for Babies' walk held in Milwaukee. A special 'thanks again' goes out to Ms. Jenele for raising awareness (and funds) for the 'March of Dimes' Campaign. P.E.P.'s 'March of Dimes' fundraiser happily raised \$175.

Park's Edge Preschool will be honoring Mother's and Grandmother's at **P.E.P.'s Annual Mother's Day Breakfast** held on **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Mother and child... and Grandmother's too we want to serve breakfast to you. A yummy, nutritious breakfast will be served in Kurth Hall (lower level) between **7:00-8:00 am**. Check your family mailbox for a special invitation. Please **R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, May**

4<sup>th</sup>. Happy Mother's Day to all women who nurture children!

## PEP's Preschool Graduation is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 7-8 pm.

In just a few weeks we will celebrate another milestone at Park's Edge Preschool. Children entering 5-k in fall will play an important role in our annual preschool graduation ceremony. **Please have your preschool graduate to the center by 6:45 pm.** The graduation ceremony, held in the sanctuary, will start **promptly** at 7 pm. Cake and ice cream will be served in Kurth Hall after the ceremony. Family members including siblings and grandparents are encouraged to attend. This is an exciting event for the parents, the children, and the Park's Edge Preschool staff to celebrate together. Don't forget your camera! Congratulations to all 2016 graduates...Mr. Cody is also graduating from Whitnall High School June 5, 2016!

We have had a very successful and busy school year and we hope to continue serving your family throughout the summer. According to the returned summer reservation responses we're going to have another active and fun-filled summer! The staff at Park's Edge Preschool is planning a 5-star quality-rated summer program 2016!

Happy Memorial Day Holiday! We are closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>—make it a safe, memorable holiday!

Sincerely,  
Ellen M. Kvalheim



## Love Bugs

Spring is finally in full swing! Please make sure your child has a spring coat and hat for our daily walks.

We will also be asking families to fill out sunscreen forms for ages 6 months and up.

We would like to thank everyone for making The Week of the Young Child a huge success. We had a lot of fun at our first family potluck and the parade was a blast as usual. Thank you to all the families for their

generous contributions towards teacher appreciation as well. As we move into spring our Love Bugs are really blossoming! Amelia is starting to sit up without support and Elaina is rolling and exploring everywhere. William is enjoying a lot of new foods and Ben G. loves to go outside. Quinn has really grown to enjoy looking at himself in the mirror during tummy time. Our child of the month is

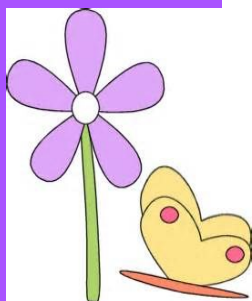
Ben E. and he always has a big smile on his face and loves to snuggle. Ben also enjoys trying new foods and loves to go outside and see the animals.

We hope everyone enjoys the warmer weather and we wish all the mothers and grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Nicole &  
Ms. Ruslana



## Beautiful Butterflies



Spring is finally here. Thank you for celebrating the Week of the Young Child with us, it was a great success. Thank you for your generosity and involvement. The Potluck was a huge hit.

Our monthly themes include: Teacher's Choice /Attitude of Gratitude, Marvelous Mothers, Gorgeous Gardens Growing, Bugs Galore and Dinosaurs. This month we say goodbye to Reid, Penelope and their families as they move to the toddler classroom. We welcome

Sawyer, Vivian and their families to our room.

Brayden is our child of the month. He likes to read books, listen to music and build with blocks. Our other Butterflies are moving and growing right along as well.

Easton likes exploring our playground and Jacob enjoys reading stories and playing with balls. Nolan enjoys books, Evan is learning to scoot and crawl and William is enjoying walking and stacking blocks. Joseph loves to move and dance and is learning to

say more words. For a parent engagement activity this month we ask that you please provide your child's favorite book to share with the classroom. As always, any family member is more than welcome to read a story and stay for lunch. We want to wish all the mothers and grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Terri

## Darling Dragonflies

Hello May. Spring is in full bloom. We had the honor of showing our appreciation by having a parade with the families and students for Week of the Young Child along with a potluck. Thank you parents for participation and bringing in the great food.

We would like to wish Cole a very Happy Birthday this month. He likes to play with toys that have wheels, little people and read Thomas the Train.

Grace is our child of the month. She

likes to play with baby dolls and build with blocks.

We also welcome our new friends, Reid, TJ, Addison, Penelope and their families to our room. Also, Nolan will start transitioning to our room, welcome. We wish Stella, Kyrin and Alexander luck as they move to the Busy Bees Classroom.

We welcome families to participate in all of the upcoming events we are having. We have our Conference night on May 5th, Mother's Day breakfast on May 6th and Preschool Graduation on May 26th.

This month we will be spreading our gratitude and making a present for that wonderful person we call "mom." We also will be learning about gardening and putting names to all the bugs we find on our walks and on the playground.

If you haven't done so, please check your child's cubby to see if they have spare clothes. We are also asking that each child bring a blanket from home in for naptime. Have a great month and a Happy Mother's Day

Ms. Mee & Ms. Jacoba





## Busy Bees

What a fabulous April we've had. The Week of the Young Child was great and we loved seeing all the families at the potluck. We also got to enjoy the beautiful weather outside for our parade. The family trees really turned out and we were proud to hang them in our room for display. We welcomed Kyrin, Stella, Alexander and Cole to our Busy little family. We hope our friends Abby, Maeve, Grayson, Jack and Ellie have fun in the Sunshine Room. This month we will be

learning about spreading the *Attitude of Gratitude* for National Teacher's Day. We will also learn how *Gorgeous Gardens Grow* and learn about *Bugs Galore* and *Dinosaurs*. We can't wait to have more of this wonderful weather so we can start planting our garden. We ask that all families check cubbies to make sure your child has spare weather appropriate clothing. We would also like **family pictures** to add to our 'Family Board' so we can show off our families in the Busy Bee's

Classroom. The children really love to look at the pictures throughout the day. Our child of the month is Evelyn. She like playing in housekeeping, reading books, and creating art. Please stop in and say, "Hi," to Evelyn. We hope all of our moms enjoy their Mother's Day breakfast and everyone enjoys the beautiful weather.

Ms. Beth & Ms. Emily

## Sunshine Room

Goodbye April, Hello May! What a wonderful time we had this past month. A special thanks to all the parents who took good care of us teachers during the Week of the Young child. Our parade and potluck was a success. We enjoyed testing all the delicious foods that were brought in.

The month of May we have exciting themes prepared. We will have a week of "Teacher's Choice" as we celebrate National Teacher's

Day on May 3rd. We hope to spread the attitude of gratitude to all the parents and children of P.E.P. Mother's Day is May 15. During the week of "Marvelous Mother's" the children will be making special gifts for moms also, we look forward to our annual Mother's Day breakfast! During the week of "Gorgeous Gardens Growing" we will plant seeds, water them and watch them grow. We also have "Bugs Galore" and "Dinosaurs"

themes. We are very excited about these fun themes. We have fun learning activities planned throughout the month. We would like to invite you to come during the week of "Bugs Galore" to make delicious dirt worm dessert with your child. Thank you for all you do and Have a blessed month!

Ms. Syeda, Ms. Sandra & Ms. Jenele



## Fantastic Frogs



**Happy May!** The weather is finally getting warmer but still make sure your child has a jacket/sweatshirt. Also, please check cubbies to make sure your child has weather appropriate spare clothes. We hope everyone enjoyed the potluck dinner, we had a great time eating delicious food with great company. Food is love. Also, thank you for all the love and appreciation you gave

us teachers during the Week of the Young Child.

We loved seeing the umbrellas that came in.

Our next project is "Beautiful May Flowers" - more information to come. April was a great month full of fun and great accomplishments. The children are improving so much on their counting skills. This month we will focus more on letter recognition and writing

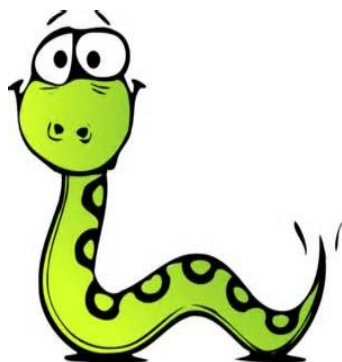
skills. We hope to be able to recognize all the letters of the alphabet and at least know half of the sounds they make. We also look forward to our field trip to The Big Back Yard on Wednesday, May 18th. It's going to be another great month of learning and growth.

Ms. Melinda & Ms. Michele





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## Shining Stars

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Yeah Spring is finally here with much anticipation. We had a blast during Week of the Young Child. Thank you for blessing our staff with the wonderful treats and food. Our first WOYC potluck was a great success. It was so nice to try the different foods you share with your families. There is another opportunity for food and fellowship at our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Sign up will be posted at the front desk and yes, grandmothers are welcome to this as well.

During the month of May we will be learning about Marvelous Mothers, Gorgeous Gardens and Bugs Galore. We have now completed writing our alphabet and are learning how to write and identify sight words. May is also conference month. It's a great time to sit down and discuss achievements since November and look at fabulous portfolios. Please reserve Thursday, May 26th for our annual Preschool Graduation. It is such a fun night as the children walk down the red carpet and cross the bridge into Kindergarten. As a bit of history, Kindergarten was first developed by Fredrick Froebel. The first Kindergarten was started in Watertown, WI.

Don't forget to hand in your summer surveys. If you are not staying with us for the summer, we hope you have a safe and fun summer and we bless you on your Kindergarten endeavors.

As a parent/child activity you can make binoculars by gluing paper rolls together, hole punching the ends and tie a string. Then kids can decorate them with colors and stickers.

We wish Logan a very blessed birthday on May 5. Have a safe and Happy Memorial Day and a blessed Mother's Day.  
Ms. Jodi & The Shining Stars

### Policy Reminder:

Parents must notify Park's Edge Preschool's office at least 1 hour prior to their child's scheduled school pick up time or a \$5 'finder's fee' will be assessed per incident; notify us ASAP. A 'finder's fee' is applied in the event Park's Edge Preschool is not notified of a school-age child's absence. It delays our scheduled bus route as we try to locate the missing child and could jeopardize the safety of other children. Safety 1st at Park's Edge Preschool! This policy also applies to late arrivals after 8:10am for P.E.P.'s a.m. bus transportation.

## Slithering Snakes

What do you call a cow with no feet? "Ground Beef." Keep them coming! That joke was submitted by our very own Mason Henderson. This month we would like all the students to bring in a picture of "Mom & Me." We would like to create a board using these. Did you know we are going to the art museum to kick off our summer? We are super excited and hope you can join us. Please feel free to volunteer for participation in any part of our summer program. We are looking forward to another great summer this year.

Ms. Jenele attended the after school conference and went to many workshops that were incredible. She learned a lot in "Bullies Need Friends" as well as "Who is Your Hero." All workshops were beneficial and exciting. We hope you can join us for our Mother's Day Breakfast and Conferences this month. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in your mailboxes. Just a reminder, Park's Edge will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. Please remember to call if your child will not be

attending P.E.P. before or after school. Last but not least, we want to thank everyone for making the Week of the Young child a huge success. We had a blast at our parade and the dishes were delicious at our first ever potluck. We truly appreciate each and every family here at Park's Edge Preschool. Our program wouldn't be a great one without your time and efforts.

Ms. Jenele & Ms. Anna

# May

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### Important Dates:

**Thursday, May 5th– Parent/Teacher Conference Night 5:00– 6:30pm**

**Friday, May 6th– Mother's Day Breakfast 7-8am**

**Wednesday, May 18th– The Big Backyard Fieldtrip for Fantastic Frogs and Shining Stars– 9-11am**

**Thursday, May 19th– Parent Advisory Council Meeting 5-5:30pm**

**Tuesday, May 24th– NAC Accreditation Anniversary Date**

**Thursday, May 26th– P.E.P. Preschool Graduation 6:45-8pm**

**Friday, May 27th– Fieldtrip packet due with June payment**

**Monday, May 30th– PEP Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**

 SCHOLASTIC

Thank you to all the families that ordered Scholastic books for the month of April. Your orders help us continue to add to our library.

This month Scholastic catalogs will be distributed earlier than usual. There are only two months left of Scholastic orders before the summer break and we want to make sure to get our orders in so everyone has plenty of books to read over the summer. Remember that reading to your child not only promotes literacy but also allows for a great opportunity to create moments that last lifetime.

Thank You,  
Ms. Sandra  
Scholastic Coordinator

## NAC Nook

May is 'Conference Month' at Park's Edge Preschool. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be offered Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 6:30pm. To discuss your child's progress and review their portfolio, please R.S.V.P. on the sign-up sheet in your child's classroom.

NAC Parent Surveys are requested from May 5-13. Submit a completed evaluation of Park's Edge Preschool for NAC and you can put your name into a drawing to win 1 vacation voucher. Your feedback is valuable to the development of our program.

# Parent Advisory Committee



We are happy to announce that our greeting card fundraiser has raised a total of 624 dollars so far! Card orders will be here in two weeks, however the fundraiser will continue. You can order more cards at our Mother's Day breakfast Friday, May 6th.

Our next PAC meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd. As always, we invite anyone who is interested to attend and child care is provided.



## Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

### 05/02-05/06– Teacher's Choice/Spread the Attitude of Gratitude

- Matthew 1:18-25
- Prayer: thank you God for all the people who take care of me. I want to especially thank you for...

### 05/09-05/13– Marvelous Mothers

- God gave us mothers to care for us and take us under their wings.
  - Sarah's mother in older age
  - Mary (Jesus' Mother)

### 05/16-05/20– Gorgeous Gardens Growing

- Grass withers, flowers fade, but not the word of God
  - Butterflies (new growth)

### 05/23-05/27– Bugs Galore!

- Proverbs 30: 24-28
- Prayer: Lord God, thank you for making shiny beetles, squirmy worms and slimy slugs. Amen