

2016



# Park's Edge Preschool

Put a little PEP in your life!

## A Letter from the Director...

### Happy Birthday

Grace O'Donnell	06/03/2014
Jovie Sodemann	06/05/2012
Hailey Helsper	06/08/2007
Alexia Rick	06/14/2006
Maxxwell Bonilha	06/16/2011
Sophia Stipan	06/17/2011
Kaleb Szupica	06/17/2012
Dylan Baughman	06/18/2007
Bobby Fuerst	06/19/2010
Ellie Harcarik	06/19/2013
TJ Shaw	06/27/2014



Ms. Jenele	06/24/???
Ms. Anna	06/29/???

May



Ms. Terri	06/18/12
Ms. Julie	06/25/15



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

**Congratulations to our 2016 Park's Edge Preschool Graduates!** What an exciting school year 2015-2016 has been. Park's Edge Preschool celebrated 'new beginnings' for twenty preschoolers with our annual preschool graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. During the ceremony the tassel was turned as each graduate walked over the wooden rowboat, converted into a bridge, to receive their framed preschool graduation diploma... symbolic as they cross from preschool to kindergarten. All of the preschool graduates will be entering 5-year-old kindergarten in the fall. Congratulations to all the family and staff that contributed to this important milestone in each special graduate's life. We are confident that Park's Edge Preschool contributed to laying the foundation for life-long learning supported by Christian values. A special 'thank you' to Emanuel Church's 'Good News' group for the preschool graduates goodie bags and books. **Congratulations to all 2016 graduates!**

**Mr. Cody Tess a former Park's Edge Preschool student will be graduating from Whitnall High School Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and plans to continue with his studies.** He has already completed the state required entry level early childhood courses, along with the state approved school age course. 'Mr. Cody' will be an assistant teacher in the Slithering Snakes (older school age group) this summer with Ms. Jenele. Speaking of summer... PEP's Summer Program Planning Committee; Ms. Rhianna, Ms. Jenele and Ms. Melinda have planned an exciting summer for children ages 4 and up. Our summer plans include a variety of fieldtrip destinations that are educational and fun! All age children at PEP are required to have a swimsuit and towel for daily, summer water play activities. Each child needs signed permission forms for sunscreen application and field trips. All of us at PEP, staff and children,

are looking forward to a happy, healthy and safe summer 2016!

**Happy Anniversary Park's Edge Preschool was established June 1, 1999.** Park's Edge Preschool is also a recognized ministry of the United Church of Christ's Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) and will be on display at the CHHSM booth at the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Green Lake, Wisconsin, June 10-12. Thank you to Sue Sorce, PEP Board Secretary, will be representing Park's Edge Preschool at the CHHSM booth. This year the Wisconsin CHHSM ministries put together a calendar with photos from each ministry as a gift to each participant that stops by the CHHSM booth. If you'd like to know more about the UCC's Wisconsin annual meeting go to [wcucc.org/annualmeeting](http://wcucc.org/annualmeeting).

To maintain our **NAC Accreditation with the Faith-based Component at Park's Edge Preschool** we will have a validator visit to evaluate the entire program, this summer, 2016. This is an unannounced during a 2-week period established between the National Accreditation Commission and the center. The evaluation process usually takes about 2 days. The decision to continue as an accredited program takes about 6 weeks. I will keep you informed as we progress towards re-accreditation. **We are in good standing until December 24, 2016.**

Emanuel Church's **2016 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 until 7:30pm** (dinner too). This year's VBS theme is Animals of the Bible. Park's Edge Preschool's children age 3 years old and up are encouraged to participate. Ms. Julie and Ms. Jenele are actively involved in the planning. As part of our outreach ministry Park's Edge Preschool offers Sunday childcare during Emanuel Church's 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service for children age infant through 36 months (3 years old)...your toddler is able to play while you pray at

worship year 'round. Ms. Jenele is Park's Edge Preschool's liaison teacher for Emanuel Church's Sunday school program during worship service for children 3 and up from September through May. Did you know a 10% weekly tuition discount is given to participating Emanuel Church members? **If you have any questions about Emanuel Church please see Ms. Ellen or Ms. Jenele to find out more. Thank you!**

**Save the date for AugustFest... Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm.** This event is a collaboration between Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool to celebrate summer with family and friends! 2016 AugustFest is Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Food—roasted chicken, brats, hot dogs, chips, home-made, authentic German potato salad, roasted corn, pickles and desserts! Fun—Bounce houses, bingo, games and a dunk tank! A 'Car Show' will be on the grounds too...and the highlight this year will be a tug-of-war match between Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool in memory of the late John Farina, former building and grounds trustee. **You won't want to miss out so be sure to watch for celebration details out soon!**

**Park's Edge Preschool is closed Monday, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.** Celebrate Hales Corners Community on July 4<sup>th</sup> it is a great place to celebrate our great nation's birthday with your family. The Hales Corners July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade starts at 4 pm. Hales Corners is a great place for families to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July... with a kiddie parade, Holz's car show, bed races, parade and fireworks too!

**Have a safe summer with your family this season...make it memorable and enjoyable!** Sincerely, Ellen M. Kvalheim, Park's Edge Preschool Director



## Love Bugs

Hello to the warm weather!

Please bring in a sun hat, light weight coat and socks every day for our daily walks. This is also a good time to make sure your child has weather appropriate spare clothes in their cubby.

We thank everyone for participating in the Mother's Day Breakfast, it was another wonderful occasion. Please look out for the sign up sheet for our Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 16th from

4-5pm.

We say goodbye to Amelia, Elaina Benjamin E. and their families as they transition to the Beautiful Butterflies classroom. We welcome Eli and his family to our Love Bugs family.

Our child of the month is Benjamin G. He loves rolling around the room and listening to stories. Benjamin is always smiling and laughing so stop in and say "Hi" to him.

Please bring in pictures of

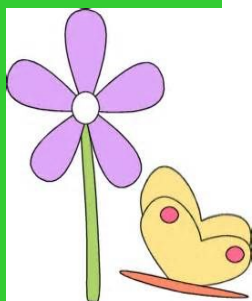
you and your child doing a favorite activity. We would like to display these in our classroom.

We look forward to a wonderful summer season in the Love Bugs classroom and hope everyone has a great start to their summer.

Ms. Nicole &  
Ms. Ruslana



## Beautiful Butterflies



Welcome June, we are happy to say summer is right around the corner. Just a reminder to make sure your child has appropriate clothing in their cubby such as shorts, sun hats and short sleeve shirts.

A few of our friends have mastered or are working on skills. Evan and Sawyer are crawling all over now. They are also pulling themselves up. Vivian recently started crawling and is full of smiles. Brayden can stack 4-5 blocks and claps. William and Joseph are starting to use utensils and talking more. Jacob is walking a

lot more and mastering exploring the playground.

Our child of the month is Evan. Evan is always exploring the room and interacting with others around him. You can always catch a smile on Evan's face so stop by and say "Hi."

We'd like to say goodbye to Nolan and Easton as they move to the Darling Dragonflies room. We welcome Elaina, Amelia, Ben and their families as they join the Beautiful Butterflies room.

Thank you to all the moms and grandmas who joined us for our Mother's Day Breakfast. A reminder to all the dads and granddads that we will be having an ice cream social on June 16th from 4-5pm. We hope to see you there!

Please bring in a family picture for us to hang in the classroom.

If you're looking for an activity to do with your child during this nice weather, we recommend getting outside to explore and appreciate nature.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Terri

## Darling Dragonflies

Hello Summer. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the warmer weather.

Having said that, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their cubby. Also, if you want, you can bring a hat for your child to shield them from the sun. Thank you to all the families who came to our Mother's Day breakfast.

As always, it was a great success.

We had to say goodbye to Cole, Kyrin and Alexander. They are now having fun learning and playing in the Busy Bees classroom.

We welcomed Easton, Nolan and their families to our classroom. So far they have made themselves right at home in the Darling Dragonflies room.

This month we will be learning all about different kinds of dinosaurs, we'll see what kinds of animals are at the zoo, we will celebrate our fathers, learn about construction and tools. And then explore the many colors of summer.

We ask that you bring in a swim suit (or swimming diaper) and a towel for your child to leave here. We will

be taking advantage of the really warm days for water play throughout the summer.

We'd like to remind all father's, uncles and grandfathers that our Father's Day Ice Cream Social is June 16th from 4-5pm. We hope to see everyone there for some sweet fun. We hope everyone is enjoying the start to their summer. We can't wait to kick ours into full gear!

Ms. Mee & Ms. Jacoba





## Busy Bees

Warmer weather has finally arrived! The Busy Bees worked very hard last month and got our garden planted. We are looking forward to caring for it and watching it grow. The month of June promises to be a lot of fun starting with "Dinosaurs," taking a make believe trip to see "Zoo Animals," and then helping our dads celebrate their special day with "Fabulous Father's." We will end the month with "Busy Builders; Tools and

Construction" and "The Wonderful Colors of Summer." We are also planning on having some fun filled days playing in the water so please bring in a swim suit (or swimmer diaper) & towel for your child to leave here. Reminder to parents to check cubbies for weather appropriate change of clothes. Our child of the month is Kylie. She loves to "cook" in housekeeping, build lego

castles and enjoys coloring and drawing. Kylie also sings all of our songs throughout the day and loves to act silly. We welcome everyone to stop in and say "Hi." Our Father's Day Ice Cream Social is June 16th from 4-5pm. We hope to see everyone there. We are excited to get our summer started and wish everyone a very safe and fun filled summer.

Ms. Beth & The Busy Bees

In the month of May we celebrated National Teacher's Day and also had our annual Mother's Day Breakfast which was a success. Thank you to all the families who came to share the occasion with us. Please join us for our Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 16th from 4-5pm. There will be a sign up sheet at the front desk and more information in your mailboxes. For the month of June we have exciting themes prepared. We

## Sunshine Room

will be learning about *Zoo Animals* and celebrating our *Fantastic Father's*. We will also be exploring the *Beauty of Our World* and making *Crafty Creations*. During the week of *Fantastic Father's*, we will be making special gifts for dad. We are also going to tie dye t-shirts this month. We are excited about the fun filled activities we have planned for our children.

As we head into the summer season, please make sure your

child has weather appropriate spare clothing. We are also asking that every child bring in a labeled swim suit and towel to leave here for those outdoor water play opportunities. We hope everyone has a very safe and blessed start to their summer.

Ms. Syeda, Ms. Emily & Ms. Sandra



## Fantastic Frogs



The summer is finally here and the weather is getting warmer. Since this is Wisconsin, we do suggest keeping a sweatshirt here, just in case. Over the summer we would appreciate extra weather appropriate clothing along with a swim suit and towel. Please make sure all items are labeled with your child's name on them. We are also asking that no flip flop be worn at Park's

Edge. We suggest sandals with a strap.

Don't forget, Friday is 'Show and Tell' day so please feel free to bring in one item for your child to share with our class. We ask that you keep toys at home the other days of the week. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

We have lots of great activities planned for the summer, so please make sure you check the parent

board for reminders.

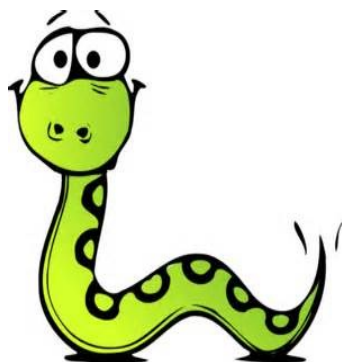
This summer we are focusing on fine arts so we intend to have tons of fun exploring different kinds of art and getting ready for the end of the month bake sales. We hope everyone has a fabulous summer.

Ms. Melinda & Ms. Michele





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Summer time has finally arrived! We had a fun Spring. Thank you for all that attended our annual PEP Graduation night. The red carpet was rolled out with our favorite songs, distribution of diplomas and our minors and majors of the future...God bless you on your future Kindergarten endeavors. We also thank all who came to enjoy our Mother's Day breakfast. It was a wonderful morning of good food and company. Our weekly themes for this month will be Zoo Animals, Fantastic Father's, The Beauty of Our World and Crafty Creations. This month we are practicing telling time. Ask your child to tell you how to play "Foxy, Foxy, what time is it? It's a great game to play at home. Our summer program starts with The Beauty of Our World, so please make sure you have all summer paperwork filled out and turned in. We are looking forward to a fantastic summer. It may be a good time to swap out any winter clothing in cubbies for summer. Please be advised that flip flops are prohibited for the safety of everyone. Sandals with straps around the ankle are recommended. As Father's Day approaches, we will have a sign up sheet for our Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 16th from 4-5 pm. We would like to wish Sophia and Maxwell very happy, blessed birthdays. If you are not staying with us this summer, we hope you have a blessed summer.

Ms. Jodi & The Shining Stars

#### Policy Reminder:

Due to the safety concern for all involved, flip flops are NOT allowed at Park's Edge Preschool. We recommend sandals with straps around the ankle.

Please make sure to bring in a labeled swim suit (or swimming diaper) and towel for your child to leave here throughout the summer. This will allow us to take advantage of hot days with water play.

#### Slithering Snakes

Happy June! Q. How do you catch a squirrel? A. You Pretend to be a nut! That joke was submitted by Matthew. Keep them coming, we really enjoy them.

Summer break is an exciting time at P.E.P. as friends and families are reunited for celebrations under the sun. 2016 summer is no exception and can not wait to kick it off with a trip to the art museum! Our focus will be the fine arts both in and out of the classroom this summer.

We also are looking forward to our field trips to the

Botanical Gardens and St. Ann's Aquatics. This month we will also be doing the ever popular mentos experiment, tie dying t-shirts and having a bake sale. Make sure you watch for details. If you haven't already, please make sure you have your summer packets completed and returned. A successful summer would not be complete without a few reminders:

\*Flip flops are NOT allowed. We recommend sandals with straps around the ankles.  
\* Please bring a labeled swim suit and towel to

keep here at Park' Edge. You never know when water fun may arise.

\*All field trip forms, including ones in the classroom MUST be filled out.

We are also excited to continue with book 2 of "Devotions for the Average Kid; The adventure of Billy and his Friends.

Lastly, don't forget to sign up for our Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 16th from 4-5pm. We can't wait to have an amazing summer.

Ms. Jenele, Mr. Cody, Ms. Rhianna & Ms. Anna

# June

## 2016

### Important Dates:

**Thursday, June 9th– Last Day of School for Whitnall and Franklin Schools– Half Day**

**Tuesday, June 14th– Field trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum  
Younger– 9:00am– 11:30am  
Older– 11:30am-2:00pm**

**Thursday, June 16th– Father's Day Ice Cream Social 4-5pm**

**Tuesday, June 21st– Field trip to the Botanical Gardens  
Younger– 9:15am-11:45am  
Older– 12:15pm-2:45pm**

**Thursday, June 30th– Field trip to St. Ann's Aquatics \*Swim Suit and Towel Required\*  
Younger-8:00am– 10:30am  
Older– 12:00pm-2:30pm**

 SCHOLASTIC

Thank you to all the families that ordered Scholastic books for the month of May. Your orders help us continue to add to our wonderful collection as well.

There is only 1 month 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. Just because the book orders will stop for summer, it doesn't mean the reading has to! Make sure to take advantage of the great deals in June.

Thank You,  
Ms. Sandra  
Scholastic Coordinator

## NAC Nook



Park's Edge Preschool is committed to children's health and safety. We are requesting that you make time to help and/or encourage your child to wash their hands upon entering the classroom. Proper hand washing is one of the few preventative measures to keep children healthy. We appreciate your help in maintaining children's good health at Park's Edge Preschool.

# Parent Advisory Council



Our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was a success. We discussed our Mother's Day Breakfast and the Week of the Young Child. Our main topic of the evening was the difference between Family Involvement and Family Engagement. **Family engagement** is a **family**-centered and strength-based approach to partnering with **families** in making decisions, setting goals, and achieving desired outcomes. If there is a topic you would like to see discussed or Introduced in our program please let myself or Ellen know, we are always looking for new ideas to enhance our program.

**Our next meeting will be held Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** We are always looking for any family members who would be interested in joining the 'P.A.C.' We look forward to seeing you then.

**Ms. Kristin**  
**Assistant Director**



## Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

### Upstairs Themes

06/06-06/10– Zoo Animals

\* Genesis 7:13-19;8:13-19

06/13-06/17– Fantastic Father's

\* Story about a father and 2 sons  
(Luke 15:11-32)

06/20-06/24– Busy Builders; Tools & Construction

\* We are workmen of god  
(2 Timothy 2:15)

06/27-06/30– Wonderful Colors of  
Summer

\* The story of Joseph & his coat of many colors

### Downstairs Themes

06/06-06/10– Zoo Animals

\* Genesis 7:13-19;8:13-19

06/13-06/17– Fantastic Father's

\* Story about a father and 2 sons (Luke 15:11-32)

06/20-06/24– The Beauty of Our World

\* God made all the beauty of the world  
\* We thank you God for all the natural beauty that surrounds us

06/27-06/30– Crafty Creations

\* In The Beginning (Genesis 1)