



Put a little PEP in your life!

A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

Nolan P.	11/01/2014
James G.	11/03/2011
Ben G.	11/06/2014
Reid J.	11/15/2011
Amare H.	11/18/2009
Kate W.	11/20/2010
Nico B.	11/21/2014
Elijah M.	11/23/2015
William R.	11/25/2004
Tyler B.	11/25/2008
Easton S.	11/26/2014
Henry E.	



11/28/2012

Owen W. 11/30/2014

Dear Park's Edge
Preschool's Families:

What a month
October has been! Thank
you to the many families that
attended PEP's Family
Harvest Fest. We even had a
dance party with Mr.
Pickles! November is going
to be another wonderful
month at PEP and we get to
count all the blessings we are
thankful for! The NAC
Accreditation unannounced
validation visit is scheduled
sometime within the first two
weeks of November.

I hope all of our
frazzled families will sign up
and enjoy the free
home-made Lasagna-to-go
on **Wednesday, November
16th**. In this hectic world
who isn't going to appreciate
taking home a home-cooked
meal? Included in each
meal-to-go is a family
prayer. Emanuel Church's
intention is to treat Park's
Edge Preschool families to
quality time with a warm
meal. Thanks again to
Emanuel Church's
volunteers and the 'good
news' group who are serving
this treat again! Please
sign-up at the front office
desk so you do not miss out
by **Wednesday, November
9, 2016**.

Food is love and we
have a lot to go around at
Park's Edge Preschool.

Thank you to the many
families at Park's Edge
Preschool that collected
non-perishable food items
for the CROP Walk. CROP
is the acronym for
Communities Responding to
Overcome Poverty and it is
one of the many
opportunities to demonstrate
to the children Christian
values. Collected foods were
donated to Milwaukee's
Hunger Task Force/ CROP
Walk. Our next food
collection will be **Jesus'
Birthday Celebration—
Thursday, December 15th**.

Here's a great gift
idea—**Magic
Photographer's here
Wednesday, November
18th from 7-11 am**. Sylvia
the 'Magic' photographer
will be photographing
children (siblings together
and separate) with a holiday
background and regular
background for parents to
choose from. Photographed
children will receive a free
gift with their photo on
it—no purchase necessary.
Photographs displayed
before Christmas Season.

Effective
communication is so
important for your child's
growth and development.
November is the time of year
for evaluations. Center
evaluations, classroom
evaluations, and children's
evaluations are on the
horizon. Park's Edge

Preschool bi-annually offers
formal conferences in
November and May.

Conference Night will be
held **Thursday, November
17th from 5:30-7:30 pm**.
All parents of children in our
program are encouraged to
come. Make an appointment
on the 'Conference Sign-up
Sheet' posted in your child's
classroom. You will have an
opportunity to see his/her
portfolio while you are
waiting to confer with your
child's teacher. Also be sure
to take the time to fill out the
NAC Evaluation Survey
about Park's Edge
Preschool. We value your
feedback—it's important to
our program's growth and
development too!

Holiday reminder—
**PEP is closed Thursday,
November 24th and Friday,
November 25th** for the
Thanksgiving holiday
weekend. Holiday Charges
will be applied. Park's Edge
Preschool will be **closed
Monday, December 26th
and Friday, December 30th**.
Holiday charges will be
applied to staff Christmas
and New Year's Day holiday
benefits. Save these other
important dates: **Thursday,
December 8th from 6:30-8
pm—Center-wide Family
Christmas Party with
Santa Claus and Thursday,
December 15th from 4-5
pm—Jesus' Birthday
Celebration.** Watch for the



Ms. Ellen 11/01/2004
Ms. Michele 11/08/1999



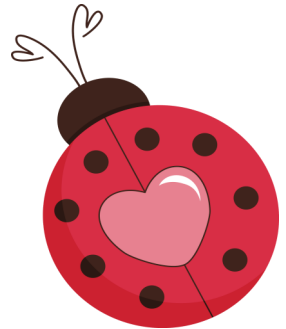
Love Bugs

Welcome colder weather. With colder weather, comes warmer clothing. Please make sure your child has a coat/snowsuit, hat, gloves and shoes or slipper here everyday for our continued adventures outdoors. Also make sure your child has warmer spare clothes in their cubby. Remember, everything needs to be labeled. Thank you to everyone that came to our Harvest Party. We had a blast seeing all the children and adults dressed in costumes, eating chili and

cornbread and dancing with Mr. Pickles. We hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween. The colder weather doesn't stop our Love Bugs from growing! Mason loves to stand and jump with assistance working his large muscles. Justin practices his social skills making silly faces and Ella is developing her fine motor skills batting at the toy bars. We welcome Finley and look forward to getting to know our newest Love Bug.

Our child of the month is Karyn. She likes to roll over and is starting to sit up. Karyn always has a smile on her face so feel free to stop in, look at her pictures on the board and say, "Hi!" We love getting pictures to hang around our classroom. This month, we invite all the families to share a picture of you and your child in costume. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving season.

Ms. Nicole &
The Love Bugs



Beautiful Butterflies



Welcome Fall. During October, the children enjoyed taking fall walks, playing outside on the playground, exploring leaves, painting pumpkins, finger painting, coloring and blowing bubbles. We hope everyone enjoyed the Harvest Fest as much as we did. It's hard to believe November is here already! Our themes include *Health, Nutrition & Fitness, Manners Matter, Fun in the Kitchen: Food From Around the World* and *Giving Thanks to Our Lord*. November is also conference month.

Our children of the month include Elaina, William & Benjamin. We wish Benjamin G. a very Happy Birthday on November 7th. The Beautiful Butterflies continue to grow and develop every day. Sawyer's been enjoying the sensory tubes and going for walks. Evan is also enjoying walks as well as cars and balls. Benjamin E. likes building with blocks and reading stories. Elaina enjoys music, books and puppets. Vivian has been walking independently and exploring the playground. Benjamin G. enjoys books and has been doing really well

standing on his own. William likes saying, "hi," blowing kisses and creating art. Our new Dragonfly, Abram, has been making new friends, enjoying the sensory tubes and using sign language. Don't forget to bring warm clothing every day including shoes with hard soles for safety and balance. We encourage all families to go outside, take walks and talk about what you see around you during this fall season. Have a blessed Thanksgiving

Ms. Julie & Ms. Mary

Darling Dragonflies

It's hard to believe November has arrived. This year is surely going fast.

As you have noticed, the weather has been a lot cooler lately, so if you haven't done so, please bring in a warmer coat, hat and mittens, especially for the mornings. Little hands and ears get cold really fast. We wanted to thank all of you who helped us celebrate our annual Harvest Fest. It was fun seeing everyone dressed in their costumes. Also, our parade on the

31st was a great success. Thank you all for walking with us.

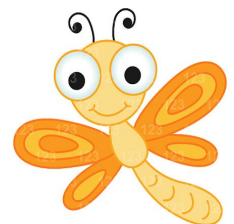
This month we are celebrating a few birthdays; Nolan on the 1st, Nico on the 21st, Easton on the 26th and Owen on the 30th. Happy Birthday to all of you.

Our child of the month is Easton. He loves going down the slide, pushing the lawn mowers, reading books and building blocks. This month we will have fun with our *Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows* theme. Then we will be moving

around learning about health & nutrition with *Food and Fitness are Love*. We'll finish up the month with a reminder for all of us that *Manners Matter* and to stay *Always Remaining Thankful*.

Just a reminder, this month is conference month and a sign up sheet will be posted in the classroom. Last but not least, don't forget to sign up for Frazzled Family Dinner. The Good News Group cooks, you eat & enjoy.

Ms. Sanja & Ms. Jacoba



Busy Bees



It has been a wonderful October filled with jumping in leaves and cool chilly weather. We've enjoyed making crafts with leaves, jumping in them, laying in them and playing with them in the sensory table. With the chilly weather here, we ask that families make sure children have a coat, hat and gloves here every day. We also ask that parents bring in warmer jackets because it gets very cold in the morning when we venture outside. Don't forget to make sure there are warm

spare clothes in your child's cubby too. We are looking forward to a fun filled November learning about *Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows, Food and Fitness are Love, Manners Really Matter, Always Remaining Thankful and finally, Fun in the Kitchen*. We also look forward to conferences on November 17th, so please look for a sign up sheet in our classroom and take the opportunity to come in and discuss your child's development.

Our child of the month is TJ. He enjoys building with Legos, solving puzzles and playing with cars. Come on in, see his pictures and say, "Hi." This month we are asking that everyone brings in a recipe from home that you would like to share in our classroom cook book. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving this month and spends time surrounded by family and Friends. God bless everyone.

Ms. Beth & Ms. Emily

Sunshine Room

Can you believe November is here already? We hope everyone has enjoyed the weather. It will get colder, so please make sure your child has warm clothing for outdoors and spare clothing in their cubby.

We have great themes planned for this month. The first week is *Food and Fitness are Love*. We will learn how to keep our bodies healthy by exercising and eating the right foods. We will talk about God's love and how He desires to see us healthy. We will also learn

about fruit of the spirit which is important to our daily living. Other themes include, *Manners Really Matter, Always Remain Thankful and Fun in the Kitchen*.

During this week we will taste different foods from Ms. Sandra's culture (Mexican), Ms. Syeda's culture (Indian) and Ms. Jenele's culture (Polish). You are all welcome to come and eat with us on Monday 11/28, Tuesday 11/29 or Wednesday 11/30 @ 10:45 am and if you have any special dishes you would like to share,

you can!

Don't forget parent/teacher conferences are coming up this month. Please look for a sign up sheet in our classroom. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's developmental progress.

We would like to welcome our new friends Kyrin, George, Tess, Maeve and their families to the Sunshine Room. Everyone is happy and adjusting well in our classroom.

We hope everyone has a blessed month.



Fantastic Frogs



We hope everyone is having a fantastic fall. Thank you to all of our families who attended the Harvest Party. The staff enjoyed dressing up as M&M's and our families showed off their creative costumes. As always, we enjoyed Ms. Dora's chili, cornbread and brownies for dessert. We danced the night away with entertainment by "Mr. Pickles." We also had a great time at the pumpkin farm and trick or treating last month.

November is a busy month here at Park's Edge Preschool. We are anticipating our NAC validation visit. We thank all the families for their involvement and support to help make PEP a 5 star program. This month is also our conference night on November 17th. It is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the classroom soon with 10 minute

time slots from 5:30-7:30pm.

Our weekly themes will be *Apples, Pumpkins and Scarecrows, Food & Fitness are Love, Manner Really Matter, Always Remain Thankful and Fun in the Kitchen*. We wish your families a blessed Thanksgiving and a Happy Birthday to Henry E. on the 28th! Speaking of Thanksgiving, what is a turkey's favorite dessert? Peach Gobbler! God's best to you!



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Happy Fall fabulous families! I hope everyone had a great time at our annual Harvest Fest Party. I think it's one of my favorite events.

I love seeing all the costumes and dressing up myself.

November is all about sharing and caring for others with yummy food thrown in too. What the Shining Stars will be working on this month is team work and communication with others. We are going to work together and find ways to solve problems. We also will be continuing to work on 3 step directions. All this along with our great themes including; Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows, Food and Fitness are Love, Manners Really Matter and Fun in the Kitchen.

Thank you to all the families that brought pictures in for our family tree, for the ones who didn't get to it yet, there is still time. You can even e-mail pictures to me from your phone at

melinda@parksedgepreschool.com and I will be happy to print them up for you. Also, since November is about giving thanks and family, we would love for any family members to come, read a story and stay for lunch. This month we also have our parent/teacher conference night on November 17th, so be sure to look for the sign up sheet in our classroom. We will have 10 minute slots available from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Just a friendly reminder; please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate spare clothes and make sure they dress warm for playing outside. Thanks so much.

Ms. Melinda

ATTENTION FAMILIES!!!

Parent's must notify PEP's office at least 1 hour prior to their child's scheduled pick up time or a \$5 'finder's fee' will be assessed per incident; notify us A.S.A.P. a 'finder's fee' is applied in the event that 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! Policy also applies to late arrivals after 8:10 am for PEP's a.m. bus transportation.

Slithering Snakes

What kind of music did the pilgrim like?
Plymouth Rock!

Hello again Park's Edge families. As November batters us with it's frigid winds, we strongly encourage all children to be properly equipped with outdoor clothing. This month the school age classroom will explore a variety of topics such as manner, Thanksgiving and it's origins and food from around the world. If any families feel compelled to share a cultural food dish with us during our "Fun in the Kitchen" theme, we ask that you speak to Ms. Jenele or

Mr. Cody. We would also like to remind all parents that Park's Edge will be closed for the

Thanksgiving holiday on November 24th and 25th so that all may enjoy the season surrounded by family and friends. Some other important dates to remember are:

November 11th-

Whitnall Schools closed. Please be sure to sign up if your child will attend Park's Edge.

November 17th- Parent/teacher conference night from 5:30-7:30 pm (look for sign up sheets)

November 18th- 1/2 day for Whitnall Schools at Park's Edge.

Make sure to sign your child up if they will be in attendance on these days.

November 23rd- 1/2 day for Whitnall schools. As we journey through this colder month, we look forward to seeing the children find warmth amongst each other as well as family this holiday season.

May you all have a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Ms. Jenele, Mr. Cody & Ms. Jodi

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Important Dates:

October 31st-November 11th– NAC Accreditation validation visit 2 week window

**Friday, November 11th– Veteran's Day– Wear Red, White and Blue
No School for Whitnall Schools**

Wednesday, November 16th– Frazzled Family Dinner– Sign-up at the front desk

**Thursday, November 17th– Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-7:30pm
Sign up in your child's classroom**

**Friday, November 18th– Magic Photographer 7am-11am
1/2 day of school for Whitnall Schools**

Wednesday, November 23rd– 1/2 day of school for Whitnall Schools

November 24th & 25th– PEP CLOSED for the Thanksgiving season



Parent Advisory Council

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Did you know your input is valuable to the operation of our organization? In 2014 we added the Parent Advisory Council to allow for a better two-way communication system with our families. If you'd like your voice to be heard, I encourage you to join us. The PAC meets every other month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016. Sign up at the PEP Office front desk to let us know you're attending.

At a recent PAC Meeting our discussion turned to the United Way Fund Campaign going on in some workplaces at this time of year. One of the parents of the PAC recommended that

Park's Edge Preschool is a non-profit organization and can be named as a non-profit alternative. If you so wish to give to Park's Edge Preschool rather than the United Way Fund our Federal Tax ID # is 39-1957627. Let me know if you have any questions or any other information to support your decision to donate to Park's Edge Preschool. Thank You.

If you want more information about the PAC be sure to check us out at the Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 17, 2016. See you then.

Kristin Burr

Assistant Director

NAC Nook

Did you know our staff meet monthly to review policies and procedures for in-service training? This month's topic presentation is 'Emergency Preparedness' by Ms. Melinda and Ms. Ellen who attended an 'active shooter' workshop in spring. This keeps all staff informed in the event we would face this type of situation. What Melinda and Ellen learned was better to be proactive!

Our National Accreditation Commission's validation window has been narrowed down a two week period, October 31 through November 11. During that time the validators will come for an unannounced visit to validate the quality of care our program delivers. The team will observe six out of eight of our classrooms. They also go through our business practices to ensure our program is serving families on all levels of quality. We are on our toes in anticipation of the visit. We look forward to reporting the outcome of our validation visit.

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

10/31-11/04: Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows

- The seed grows and flourishes where it is planted
- Apple of God's eye

11/07-11/11: Food & Fitness are Love (Veteran's Day 11/11)

- God says we need to take care of our bodies
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians)

11/14-11/18: Manners Really Matter (Conference Night 11/17)

- The Golden Rule: Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you
- The 10 commandments
- Beatitude Rules (Be kind, Be thoughtful, Be Gentle, etc...)

11/21-11/25: Always Remaining Thankful (Thanksgiving 11/24)

- Always remain thankful and grateful for everything
- Give praise to God
- Always pray without ceasing

11/28-12/02: Fun in the Kitchen: Food from Around the World

- Story of the loaves and fish
- Egypt, Greece, Nepal. Thank you God for loving us all From North to South and East to West, oh Lord God, You are the Best!-Amen
- Daniel has to go to distant countries and God is with him (Daniel 1)

 SCHOLASTIC

Thank you to all who ordered books for the month of October. Our catalogs for November are in and should be in your mailboxes the first week of November. Orders this month will be due on Monday, November 21st.

Just a reminder, our gift book catalog is included with this month's packet. Now is the time to shop for Christmas gifts. Books make great presents and stocking stuffers. You can find many books for five dollars or less. The gift of reading and inspiring imaginations is a gift like no others so make sure to stock up this month! May you all have a blessed holiday season.

Ms. Sandra