

2016



# Park's Edge Preschool

## Put a little PEP in your life!

### A Letter from the Director...

#### Happy Birthday

Aleena Koser 07/02/2009  
 Ramya Madiraju 07/05/2014  
 Lydia Sperhert 07/09/2012  
 Aaron Kaluzny 07/15/2009  
 Gavin Heinzl 07/18/2012  
 Giselle Triggs 07/22/2010  
 Zachary Burr 07/25/2006  
 Colin Henderson 07/31/2004  
 Olivia Sciano 07/31/2011



Ms. Melinda 07/04/????  
 Ms. Rhianna 07/24/????

July



Ms. Emily 07/22/2013



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

Can you believe it is July already? Summer is really here and it feels like a family reunion celebration at Park's Edge Preschool! Many of the school-age children that leave us for the school-year have returned for the summer program and to reconnect with playmates from toddlerhood. One returning child had the opportunity to choose Park's Edge Preschool for summer care and confided in his teacher 'I feel safe here'! The fieldtrips planned this summer are educational and fun! Please pay close attention to fieldtrip departure time from PEP so your child is present when we leave for our fieldtrip destination. At summer's end we will take a poll to get parent and/or child's input on summer programming for next year. Again special thanks to our summer fieldtrip committee (Ms. Rhianna, Ms. Melinda and Ms. Jenele) for planning another awesome summer at PEP!

We are keeping our cool at Park's Edge Preschool with Granny's Treats. Summer-time, the old fashioned ice cream truck (since 2009) has been bringing children 18 months and over sweet treats. Thursdays at PEP are so cool!!

PEP's Annual Bike Blessing by Emanuel Church's Pastor Bill Utke will be Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. We will be showcasing our new wheeled toys and helmets. 'Squawk'

the safety parrot will be on deck to teach bike safety. Thank you to those of you that bought greeting cards from the Parent Advisory Council's Fund Raiser this past spring. You helped us profit over \$800.00 to purchase new wheeled equipment. Thank you to Carol Sprague for the \$200.00 donation and Colleen Resendiz from Benefit Realty who contributed \$300.00 for bike helmets. Thanks to all our donors for helping to make our dreams come true! Parents are welcome to join us for the bike blessing and lunch too! RSVP sign-up is on PEP's front desk.

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> please pick-up your free 'Magic Photographer's' t-shirt with your child's photo on it from 2 until 6 pm. You are under no obligation to purchase pictures to receive the free t-shirt. 'Magic Photographer's' portraits were taken by Sylvia the morning of Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Park's Edge Preschool has contracted with the Foresite Group is designing a new website. Videotaping took place on June 27 and 28. Several parents and teachers were interviewed for the new development. We are enthused about the new feature and will keep you posted on the unveiling. Thank you!

Speaking of summer fun... save the date for Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>...AugustFest! Park's Edge Preschool's former Family Carnival/Picnic and Emanuel Church's Corn

Roast are combined for an afternoon of family fun! You don't want to miss spending an afternoon here celebrating summer fun with family and friends. Activities include: bounce houses, games, tattoos, face painting and more. The menu: roasted chicken, corn, brats, hot dogs, chips, authentic German potato salad, desserts and more! This year we are featuring a 'Car Show'. The highlight of the day is in honor of Emanuel Church's former Building and Grounds Trustee lovingly named 'John Farina's Memorial Tug-of War' is a friendly competition between Park's Edge Preschool and Emanuel Church. Please mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and watch for a special invitation in your family's center mailbox.

Speaking of summer celebrations...I recommend spending the day in Hales Corners on July 4<sup>th</sup> there is so much to do; kiddies bike parade, Holz Chrevolet's annual car show, bed races, parade, fireworks and more. Past years we have participated in the Hales Corners 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, but this year our staff will enjoy an extended July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend celebration. Please have a safe holiday weekend whatever you choose to do on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
 Ellen M. Kvalheim



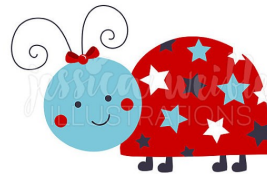
## Love Bugs

Happy Summer! We're so glad the warmer weather is here. Please make sure your child has a sun hat here every day for our daily walks. Also, please bring in a family picture if you haven't already done so. We thank everyone who came to our Father's Day Ice Cream Social. These events wouldn't be the success

they are without family engagement. We would like to welcome our new love bug, Mason and his family to our classroom. Our child of the month is Eli. He always has a big smile on his face and loves to roll around the room. Eli is also working on sitting up without support. What activity do you

like doing with your child outdoors? Please write it down or bring a picture to share. This is turning out to be a really great, fun filled summer. Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

Ms. Nicole &  
Ms. Ruslana



## Beautiful Butterflies



Thank you to all the fathers and grandfathers who came to celebrate Father's Day at Park's Edge Preschool.

Happy 1st Birthday to Elena on June 26th. Elena likes to talk, clap, and take walks.

Cannot believe it's already July.

Happy 4th of July to all families.

Our upcoming themes include: The 4th of July, Way Up High-Fun in the Sky (the children are already identifying birds and airplanes on our walks), Sports Week (they love

playing with the balls in the classroom), and Surf's Up- Beach Fun.

Milestone Achievements: Evan likes to clap and blow kisses, Sawyer is our greeter waving hi and bye and pulling himself up, Vivian always comes to school with a bright smile and she loves scooting around,

Brayden loves balls and our telephone, and Amelia loves dancing and pulling herself up. Elaina likes to smile and listen to stories and songs. Ben likes to sit up and build with blocks and play with cars. All

the children love bubbles and daily outside weather.

Please send in a photo of your favorite family summer activity or tradition.

As always we have Read a Story Stay for Lunch or anytime of the day that works in your schedule.

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Mee

## Darling Dragonflies

Summer is definitely here. We are surely enjoying all the warm weather we are having and will be adding water play to our lesson plans every week. Please be advise that we will only be participating in water play if the temperature reaches between 80-90 degrees. Policy states that we will stay in for any temperatures above 90. With that said, if you haven't already done so, please bring in swim diapers, a towel, and a swim suit or t-shirt for your child to keep here. A big thank you goes out to all the dads and granddads who made our Father's Day celebration a sweet success.

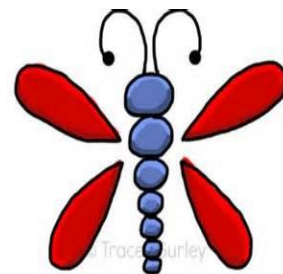
This month we will be learning about July 4th Celebrations. We will search high up in the sky to see what we can find and we'll be doing all sorts of different sports activities for sports week. We'll finish off the month by having some "beach" fun. A big Happy Birthday goes out to Ramya who is turning 2 on the 5th. Both Ramya and TJ will be havie lots of fun activities in the Busy Bees Room. We will sure miss them both. You might have seen some new faces in our room. William and Jacob are transitioning to our room from the Beautiful Butterflies Room. We also wish Nicco a big warm welcome as he

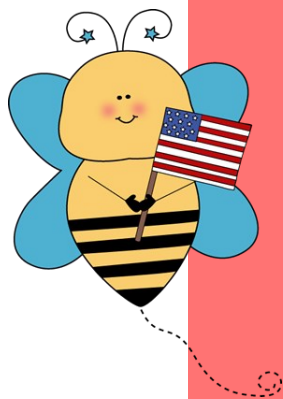
just started our program. Our child of the month is Violet.. She loves to take care of her babies, reading and listening to stories.

Violet also loves to dig in the sandbox.

Parents, could you share with us a picture of your family showing off your July 4th colors or a picture of your favorite July 4th activity. Thank you and have a great and safe July 4th weekend.

Ms. Jacoba & Ms. Sanja





## Busy Bees

Summer has arrived! The Busy Bees are doing a great job taking care of our garden. It's going so fast. The children are checking it daily for beans, tomatoes and peppers.

After we celebrate our great nation's birthday, we will be discovering "Way up High in the Sky," followed by a fun filled "Sports Week." We will finish up the month with "Surfs Up; Beach Fun." We will be going outside

for water fun on some days so please make sure your child has a bathing suit and towel here if you haven't already.

Our child of the month is Kyrin. He loves the outdoors, building race tracks for the cars and his own version of trains with the wooden blocks. Kyrin also likes to sing and dance and really enjoys our flannel board songs. Everyone is invited to come say "hi" and enjoy his

pictures.

Our Father's Day Ice Cream Social was a huge success and we thank everyone for joining. We hope to see you all at our next event which is Augustfest on Sunday August 7th.

We wish everyone a very safe and happy summer.

Ms. Beth & The Busy Bees

June, the first month of summer, was fun filled with our Father's Day Ice Cream Social, Granny's Treats every Thursday, sprinkler day, tie dying, bagged lunch day and more!

Now July is here and we are really excited about all the themes this month. The first week of July is our patriotic week "The 4th of July."

During that week we are going to learn some

## Sunshine Room

interesting facts about our flag and the number of stars on it. Another theme is 'Fun in the Sky' where we will be discussing different ways we can have fun in the sky and all the things that can be found way up high. We are excited for 'Sports Week' when we will talk and learn a lot about sports. We'll finish off the month with 'Surf's Up- Beach Fun.' We are

going to have a sprinkler day

during that week, so please keep your eyes out for reminders and make sure your child has a swim suit and towel here.

We look forward to a fantastic month as we celebrate our Independence Day with children and families. May everyone have a safe and blessed holiday.

Ms. Syeda. Ms. Emily & Ms. Sandra



## Fantastic Frogs



June was a great month. The children really enjoyed having their dad's come to school for the Father's Day celebration. I hope the BBQ sauce was yummy. The big hit of June was the first bus ride, all the

children loved it. We also had a great time at the Botanical Gardens. There were giant fish and a special garden for Tinker bell. We also liked painting tiles with special paint that has to get baked in a kiln. Our tie dye

shirts turned out awesome! This month we are looking forward to a lot more fun. We will be doing many more fun trips like a hike in the park, going to the Betty Brinn Museum, going to the movies and one of our all time

favorites, Pump It Up. Please keep an eye out for any special postings (swim suit, towel, lunches). There will be a field trip to McDonald's for ALL of the Fantastic Frogs class. It will

be so much fun walking there to get lunch! The Frogs would also like to say thank you for all the donations towards our outdoor equipment. The new bikes & helmets are awesome!

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and has a safe, fun 4th of July.

Ms. Melinda & Ms. Michele



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"Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot" in July as the song goes. We are off to a great summer at PEP. Our first few weeks of field trips have been a great success. July has just as much fun-packed themes and field trips. Some of field trips we are looking forward to include; a walk to McDonald's, Betty Brinn Museum, Going to the Movies and Pump It Up. Our themes this month are; *July 4th Celebrations, Lights, Camera, Action, Jumping Into Art and Dance Our Stories Out.* Just a friendly reminder, please have your child wear tennis shoes and socks as we do a lot of walking and we always want safety first for our children. Also, please feel free to bring a water bottle labeled with your child's name to refill at the water cooler.

Thank you to all who participated in our Father's Day Ice Cream Social. It is always so nice to visit with your child's family. We hope all of our families return for the 'Noah's Ark' play. Keep an eye out for details.

If you're looking for a fun activity to cool off at home try making homemade popsicles in ice cube trays.

We wish Olivia S. a very blessed birthday and hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July.

Ms. Jodi & Ms. Mary

#### Safety First at Park's Edge Preschool

We remind all families that children need to be walked into the classroom when dropping off or picking up. Also, please be sure to acknowledge the teacher so we know your child is accounted for. When picking up your child from the playground please refrain from lifting your child over the fence and remember to drive slowly through the parking lot. We thank you for your help in keeping our children and families safe.

#### **Slithering Snakes**

Happy July! How does a chicken exit a room? He uses the "eggs"it! - submitted by Owen B. Keep the jokes coming We are having a blast so far. Our amazing field trips have been going great. The Botanical Gardens gave us an incredible opportunity to explore the colors of nature. Our Mentos

Experiment was a huge hit and a definite repeat this summer. We are excited to continue the adventures in July. Our field trips for July are sure to impress. We are looking forward to the Betty Brinn Museum, Ronnie the Apache story teller and a trip to the movies to see 'The Secret Life of Pets.'

- A few reminders-
1. Please walk your child/ children down to be sure you fill out all the paperwork needed.
  2. If your child will be absent, please call by 9am to let us know or turn in a slip to the office stating the days off.
  3. No flip flops are allowed. Children must have a back strap on their sandals.

We are excited to say our summer books are coming along greatly. The imagination and dialog that are going in to these books is incredible. Here's an idea for you to try at home:

Sit in a circle and each person says one or two

words to start and add to a story. For example;  
Mom: Once Upon A  
Dad: Time I  
Jane: Saw the  
John: biggest car  
And continue on. The story can be silly, scary, serious or however you wish to continue. This makes a great car Storytime as well. If your family wishes, we'd love to hear your stories. Just write them down and bring them in! We hope everyone has a pleasant and fun 4th of July. Be safe!

Ms. Jenele, Mr. Cody & Ms. Anna



# July

## 2016

### Important Dates:

**July 1st**– Bagged lunches needed & bake sale with homemade items from the preschool classrooms.

**July 4th**– PEP closed for the holiday. Regular tuition charges apply.

**July 5th**– Walk to McDonald's – Ages 4-5– 10:30am-12:15pm  
Ages 5 & up– 11:30am-1:40pm

**July 6th**– Bike Blessing with Pastor Bill Utke @ 10am– All are welcome

**July 7th**– Magic Photos on display 2-6pm  
Betty Brinn Museum– Ages 4-5– 8:30am-11:30am  
Ages 5 & up– 11:00am-2:00pm

**July 11th**– Fall Enrollment surveys distributed to mailboxes– Due Friday, July 29th

**July 12th**– Marcus Movie Theatre– The Secret Life of Pets rated PG  
Ages 4-5– 8:45am-11:45am  
Ages 5 & up– 12:00pm-2:45pm

**July 13th**– Hales Corners Care Center– Singing for Seniors  
Ages 4-5– 9:50am-11:10am  
Ages 5 & up– 9:35am-11:25am

**July 14th**– Big Back Yard– Ages 4-5– 9:50am-11:10am  
PBS TV Station– Ages 5 & up– 12:00pm-2:30pm

**July 19th**– Pump It Up– Ages 4-5– 8:30am-11:30am  
Ages 5 & up– 11:30am-3:00pm

**July 21st**– Art in Nature Hike @ Whitnall Park  
Ages 4-5– 9:00am-11:30am  
Ages 5 & up– 9:20am-11:50am

**July 26th**– Miss Becky Dancing (In House)- Ages 4-5– 10:00 am-11:00am  
Ages 5 & up– 1:00pm-2:00pm

**July 28th**– Bake Sale with homemade items for the preschool classrooms

**July 29th**– Ronnie the Apache Storyteller (In House)- Ages 4-5– 10:00am-11:00am  
Ages 5 & up– 11:00am-12:00pm

## NAC Nook

NAC Accreditation is a voluntary process of program assessment that examines all aspects of quality care and education for young children including curriculum, interactions between teachers and children, health and safety, family engagement, and professional preparation and development of staff. NAC Accreditation is a three-step process which consists of 1.) The Self-Study; 2.) Validation Visit; and 3.) Commission Decision.

The National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs will be visiting Park's Edge Preschool fall 2016. They will be here on an unannounced validation visit during the period of September 26<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2-day visit is throughout the entire center/classrooms to validate the level of quality care your child receives at Park's Edge Preschool each day.

Park's Edge Preschool was originally awarded NAC Accreditation with the Faith-based Component on February 26, 2013. Improving quality child care is a goal we strive for on a daily basis. To maintain our NAC Accreditation, Park's Edge Preschool reports to the NAC Commission annually. The unannounced validation visit is scheduled every three years. Park's Edge Preschool should have the NAC Accreditation

# Parent Advisory Council



I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer and enjoying the warmer weather.

A huge Thank You to our 'Sunshine Committee' (Heidi Ragan, Cassie Kvalheim, Danielle Paquin, and Tanya Balistreri) for making the teacher's birthdays and anniversaries extra special with a card and a sweet treat, we are very appreciative.

Just a friendly reminder, Sunday, August 7th is our 2nd annual Augustfest. If you are interested in volunteering, it would be greatly appreciated.

At our next meeting, we will be discussing Workshops and Training for the coming school year. If you have an idea, please bring it to our meeting on 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

#### 7/5-7/7 The 4th of July

- \* Celebrate the freedom God has given us

#### 7/11-7/14 Way Up High; Fun in the Sky

- \* Your loving kindness, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
Psalm 36:5

#### 7/18-7/21 Sports Week

- \* God gave us bodies, so let's take care of them

#### 7/27-7/31 Surf's Up-Beach Fun

- \* God created land and sea Genesis 1:9-10

### Downstairs Themes

#### 7/5-7/7 4th of July

- \* Celebrate the freedom God has given us

#### 7/11-7/15 Lights, Camera, Action!

- \* "Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of my splendor which I bestowed on you," declares the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 16:14

#### 7/18-7/21 Jumping Into Art

- \* Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. Luke 6:23

#### 7/25-7/26 Dance Our Stories Out

- \* Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises to him with the tambourine and harp.  
Psalms 149:3