

2016



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

Wesley M.	12/01/2008
Madelyn S.	12/02/2010
Jackson W.	12/15/2012
Rhys I.	12/20/2012
Timothy E.	12/24/2012
Jonathan R.	12/25/2008
Jack M.	12/28/2004



Ms. Michele 12/15/???

December



Happy Anniversary!

Ms. Jodi	12/05/2005
Ms. Dora	12/31/2012



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

November was a time of reflection, evaluation and thankfulness. **Thank you to the many families that attended PEP's Parent-Teacher Conference Night held on Thursday, November 17th.** Parents also reflected on Park's Edge Preschool's programs. Each family was asked to complete a NAC Parent Survey. The survey helps us focus on the quality of our child care services. The survey results are tallied and reported annually to the Association for Early Learning Leaders, which is the governing body of the NAC Accreditation. Early January the staff will review the parent surveys and set goals for the upcoming year.

Speaking of reflection, Friday, November 18th I completed a four course study, earning an **Early Childhood Leadership Credential through UWM.** The four on-line Leadership Courses consisted of the Disposition of the Leader; Leading in Your Program; Leading in Your Community and the Field; and Leading for Change. I truly recommend taking college credit courses on-line, to conveniently further your education.

The Frazzled Family Lasagna-to-go

Dinner was a success.

Wednesday, November 16th 'frazzled' families were blessed to have Emanuel Church's Good News Group serve a delicious meal to go. The menu consisted of heartwarming home-made lasagna, apples, vegetables, and yummy cookies decorated by PEP children with tender loving care. Prayers and conversation cards were included in every order. The intention behind the Frazzled Family Dinner is to find time to have a meal with your loved ones.

Celebrating the Christmas season is always a special treat at Park's Edge Preschool. Park's Edge Preschool has an **All-Center Christmas Party** for all of our families. **All families, including siblings and grandparents too are welcome to come and celebrate with us on Thursday, December 8th from 6:30-8 pm.** This annual holiday event is similar to Park's Edge Preschool's Open House featuring Christmas holiday activities in every classroom and a special visitor...Santa Claus...cookies and milk 'rounds' out the evening.

Jesus' Birthday Celebration at PEP! It's the time of year for giving and receiving at Park's Edge Preschool, so gift yourself and join us for a festive

celebration of Jesus' birth.

Park's Edge Preschool's children are planning a Christmas Play about Jesus' birth and singing Christmas Carols to celebrate Christmas.

Pastor Bill will share a Christmas story too. All are invited into Emanuel Church's beautifully decorated Sanctuary for the program. **Birthday cake and ice cream** will be served in Kurth Hall afterwards. Jesus' birthday party wouldn't be complete without **birthday presents!** A gift wrapped box for **non-perishable food** items will be at the entrance doors. **Donated food will be taken to the Hunger Task Force.** **All family members, including siblings and grandparents too, are invited to our annual tradition celebrating Jesus' Birthday on Thursday, December 15th from 4-5 pm.** Come celebrate Jesus and the season at Park's Edge Preschool...cherish the Christmas season and make new memories with your loved ones!

Merry Christmas!
Ellen Kvalheim



Love Bugs

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you for coming to Conferences, it's great to be able to take some dedicated time to discussing your child's development. As we enter December and the weather gets colder, please make sure your child has winter coat/snowsuit, hat, gloves, shoes/slippers here every day for outside time. Also,

make sure your child has warmer clothing in their cubby. Everything brought in for your child should be labeled to avoid any confusion. Please check your daily sheets for information about your child's day and any items your child may need. As the weather gets colder, our Love Bugs will be staying warm as they master their developmental skills.

Karyn is practicing sitting up without support, Finley is rolling from side to side and Justin has mastered rolling over. The child for the month is Ella. She likes telling us stories and enjoys going for nature walks. Ella also likes the large sensory tubes. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Ms. Nicole & Ms. Ruslana



Beautiful Butterflies



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Hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving! We can't believe how fast this year has gone. Our themes include: *It's a Gingerbread World, Festival of Lights, A Child is Born and Happy New Year- Celebrations Around the World.*

Our children/stars of the month are Benjamin G. and Abram. Benjamin likes clapping his hands, blocks and taking walks. Abram likes books and going outside. Our other Butterflies are growing and learning as well. Vivian likes taking walks and exploring the

playground and Evan loves playing with balls and waving to his teachers. William likes cars and says, "vroom, vroom," and Sawyer likes zoo animals. All of our children are working on fine motor skills and mastering walking.

This month we have so much to look forward to. Thursday, December 8th is our center Christmas Party complete with a cookie exchange and pictures with Santa Claus. Thursday, December 15th is our Jesus' Birthday

Celebration which is a wonderful Christmas program put on by the whole center. On December 25th Merry Christmas to All!

Please remember to have warm spare clothing as well as outdoor clothing here every day. Make sure any snacks and items brought in are labeled with your child's name. This month we ask families to share a holiday tradition or memory with us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Jesus is the reason for the season.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Mary

Darling Dragonflies

Welcome to December! We can't believe in one more month we are entering a new year! It seems like yesterday when we celebrated 2016. The weather in last few weeks of November was been amazing. Now December is here and so are the colder days. Please make sure your child has a warmer coat, mittens and hat every day. Thank you all for signing up for the Frazzled Family Dinner, it sure was Yummy. We would love to thank all the parents for to child parent-teacher

conferences held on November 17th.

Our child of the month is Jacob. He loves to push the school busses in the classroom and he loves to push the lawnmowers on the playground.

His favorite story is: "The Three Little Pigs and the Wolf". That story is read about fifty times a day.

This month we will have fun with our themes including; Fun in the kitchen: Food from Around the World, It's a Gingerbread World, Festival of

the Lights, A Child is Born, and Happy New Year- Celebrations from Around the World.

Don't forget to attend our wonderful Christmas party celebration on December 8th from 6:30-8pm with Santa Claus and Jesus' Birthday Celebration on December 15th 4-5 pm, everyone is welcome. We are blessed and thankful for all the children because happy, healthy children are true gifts from God!

Ms. Jacoba
Ms. Sanja



Busy Bees



We hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. The Busy Bees are looking forward to all the festivities in the month of December as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

We start the month with "It's a Gingerbread World" and "Festival of Lights." We will follow with "A Child is Born" and end the month with celebrating the "New Year & Celebrations Around the World."

We invite everyone to come

and join in the festivities when Santa comes to visit on December 8th and when we celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 15th. It promises to be a great time.

Be sure to look for more information in your mailboxes.

Our child of the month is Ramya and we invite everyone to come up and "Hi." Ramya enjoys art, dancing to music, doing puzzles and enjoys story time.

We wish everyone a very safe and Happy Holiday season and hope everyone had a chance to spend time with their families and friends.

Reminder to parents, please make sure we have warmer clothing including hats & mittens. We do venture outside every day and will need boots and snow pants in the near future.

Ms. Beth & Ms. Emily

Sunshine Room

December is here, we hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Can you believe Christmas is just around the corner? What an exciting month we have ahead of us with fun filled themes planned for the holiday season. The first week of December kicks off with one of our favorite themes, "It's a Gingerbread World."

We will read a variety of Gingerbread stories and also get to decorate our very own gingerbread cookies. Other

themes include, " Festival of Lights" and " A Child is Born."

The children will learn the story of Christmas and participate in our annual Jesus' Birthday Celebration.

We will look at and learn about different celebrations around the world and recap all the wonderful things we did this year as we look forward to new year of blessings and God's Glory entering 2017!

Please take the time to stop in and let us know what

impacted you this year at Park's Edge Preschool and also don't forget to join us for our annual Christmas party on December 8th featuring pictures with Santa Claus and Jesus' Birthday Celebration on December 15th. We hope everyone has a blessed and joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Syeda, Ms. Sandra & Ms. Jenele



Fantastic Frogs



It's hard to believe that we are in the last stretch of 2016.

November was a great month, we enjoyed Mr. Rick's Magic Show and frosting cookies were the kids favorite activity for the month. They liked that they got the chance to help with the Frazzled Family Dinner. We also hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We want to remind everyone to please watch for postings

on all of our fun filled December activities.

Please make sure to check your child's cubby to swap out those summer spare clothes for winter ones. We are also asking that each child be appropriately dressed for outdoor play each day with a jacket, hat and gloves/mittens. Once the snow falls, children will also need

winter boots and snow pants as we do go outside daily. Oh,

about keeping warm, 'What does a gingerbread man have on his bed?' A cookie sheet.

Ha Ha Ha!

With the holidays around the corner, it would be a wonderful time to make some homemade Christmas ornaments with your child. You could even bring them in to share with the class! Have a toasty warm December.

Ms. Jodi & Ms. Michele



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Last month went by way too fast. I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. Conferences seemed to go very well, I enjoyed sitting down with parents and discussing goals for each child in the classroom. We are going to continue our letters and sounds along with working together and being kind to one another. I have very high hopes that we will be reading small words by the end of the school year. We are all very close to understanding our numbers 1-25 so when we complete that, we will start counting by 10's.

This month will be very busy with events and learning. Please watch for details on our center Christmas Party, December 8th and Jesus' Birthday Celebration, which is our Christmas program, December 15th. We will be having fun learning with our themes for the month which include: It's a Gingerbread World, Festival of Lights, A Child is Born and Happy New Year— Celebrations Around the World.

Reminders: please check cubbies for extra weather appropriate clothing. As the weather gets cooler and snow flies, please make sure your child has all the proper clothing for outdoor play here every day.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

Ms. Melinda and The Shining Stars

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

Sweet, Sweet December!
What is a French fries favorite language?
French!
As December's chill seeps into the air, we'd like to remind all families that jackets, hats, gloves, boots and snow pants are necessary! With that in mind here are December's events:
Thursday, December 8th the Park's Edge Annual Christmas Party will begin in the evening with a special appearance by the one and only, Mr. Claus. Our next event,

on **Thursday, December 15th**, is Jesus' Birthday Celebration (PEP's Christmas Program). All families are welcome to take pictures at their leisure. As Christmas approaches, the Whitnall School District will have off **December 23rd– January 1st**, resuming January 2nd. If your child will be here during these days off, please make sure to sign up with Ms. Jenele or Mr. Cody.
As with every month, we will continue to explore the world around us, in addition this month, we

will be focusing on Christmas and it's history. We will discover the spirit of Christmas and what the season is truly about. The children will be exploring some other traditions and celebrations around the world. We look forward to spending time learning about the winter world and some winter traditions. While winter may batter us with it's frozen gale, we hope to all find warmth amongst one another. Have a delightful December!

Ms. Jenele & Mr. Cody

December

2016



Important Dates:

Thursday, December 8th– PEP Annual Christmas Party 6:30-8pm

Thursday, December 15th– Jesus' Birthday Celebration
(PEP's Christmas Program) 4-5pm

December 23rd– January 1st– Winter Break for all schools

December 26th– PEP Closed for the Christmas holiday
* Regular Tuition Charges Apply*

December 30th– PEP closed for the New Year's holiday
* Regular Tuition Charges Apply*

Parent Advisory Council



Thank you to everyone who came to conference night and came to visit me! I had a booth set up with a calendar of events that Park's Edge Preschool could use a second set of hands. If you are available, we would really appreciate it.

Park's Edge Preschool is launching a fundraiser just in time for Christmas. Log on to lovablelabels.ca and make sure to add Park's Edge Preschool's name at checkout for our center to receive 20% of all sales. The labels are perfect for bottles, snow pants, boots, coats, etc. They work great and come in a variety of sizes and shapes. The deadline to receive free shipping before Christmas is Friday, December 9th.

A special thank you to the dedication of the 'PEP PAC' who have made this council a success. Our New Year's resolution for the council is to create a calendar with topics for 2017 and have guest speakers come and present on topics such as nutrition, tummy time, guidance and discipline, etc. If there is a topic you would like us to discuss or would be willing to present, please let me know.

Merry Christmas,

Kristin Burr
Assistant Director

NAC Nook



I hope your family had a restful, healthy, Thanksgiving weekend. **The staff and I had a lot to be thankful for this year...our NAC Accreditation Validation Visit was a success!** Monday, November 7th two evaluators were here for a full day observing our program and business practices. The commission reviewed our criteria and we were notified on Monday, November 28th that Park's Edge

Preschool successfully passed our validation visit!

We are accredited through November 21, 2019. We have more than just the holiday season to celebrate at Park's Edge Preschool this year!

Ellen Kvalheim

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

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Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

It's a Gingerbread World

- The Tower of Babel
- Not all gingerbread men are the same just like we are not all the same and speak the same languages

Festival of Lights

- This Little Light of Mine
- Jesus is the light of the world

A Child is Born

- The reason for the season
 - Jesus' Birthday
- The story of Christmas

Happy New Year Celebration-- Celebrations Around the World

- Jesus is the same in all languages
- He wants us to accept him and allow him into our lives
 - A new year of blessings and God's glory

Christmas is almost here and you can still take advantage of the great deals Scholastic offers for the month of December. The catalogs will be placed in your mailbox a little earlier this month. I am hoping to get all the orders in early so they can arrive just in time for Christmas! Remember that books make great gifts and stocking stuffers! Our children here at Parks' Edge Preschool enjoy reading books, especially the many different CD stories Scholastic offers!

Thanks again to everyone who orders books this month! Hope everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Sandra
Scholastic Coordinator