

Where Learning Through Play Builds the Foundation for Academic Success

News from the Director

October 2017

Hard to believe that October is upon us! Hopefully cooler weather and colorful leaves are on the way. This month, our 3s and Pre-K classes go to Homestead Farm and yoga classes begin with Mrs. Creer. Our Storytimes at the Chevy Chase Public Library (just 2 blocks away on our side of Connecticut Avenue) also begin for the older children. The end of the month brings a very special holiday, **Halloween**. Look for information from your Teacher about class parties and opportunities to come take photos! Festive costumes are welcome, but please no masks or weapons. Halloween can be a magical time for our imaginative children and we embrace the fun of it all. I encourage you to go to our website for all the information you need about school events, conferences, admissions and more

www.ccpcwns.com

Did you know that Lead Teacher Kelley Abernathy is now also working as our Curriculum Resource Director? This new position is designed to help support Lead Teachers in their Lesson Planning and bring consistency from year to year for the children as they age up through our program. Kelley's research and knowledge will also be shared in order to help our entire community become better informed about the importance of Play-based Learning in Early Childhood Education.

Kelley found this wonderful article from Early Childhood News about the importance of outdoor play including some easy suggestions for parents. Please enjoy!

http://www.earlychildhoodnews.com/earlychildhood/article_view.aspx?ArticleID=275

Watch this moving 15-minute film about WNS student, Adnan Al Hazzouri. The film highlights the family's journey from Syria to a refugee camp in Jordan and finally to their new home in the US. Adnan was in Mrs. Creer's class, and Mrs. Manfreda's class. A picture of him as a strongman in our beloved annual circus appears in the movie. His mother, Qamar, worked in Mrs. Abernathy's class as an assistant last year. <https://vimeo.com/225871896>

Thanks to all our families for building our school community to be the welcoming, inclusive place it is!

Noni Lindahl

DATES TO NOTE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 1, 2:30pm

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

All are Welcome—see flyer at the bottom of this email

PARENT CO-OP ORIENTATION

Wednesday, October 4, (after drop off-9:30am)

Geneva Hall (second floor, directly above the Big Room)

For new Co-Op families, this brief meeting will go over important safety policies and tips for successful Co-Op mornings in your child's class.

FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING (\$95 per person)

Wednesday, October 18, 9:00am-noon

Geneva Hall (second floor, directly above the Big Room)

Parents are invited to join staff for this comprehensive training.

Please note: School is closed that day and we are unable to provide childcare

RSVP by October 12th at wnsoffice@chevychasepc.org

FALL FAMILY BBQ

Sunday, October 15, 4-7pm (rain date, Sunday, October 22)

Please RSVP to your Paperless Post invitation and join the fun!

Great Food, Bouncy House, Concert at 5pm with John Henry, and more!

REMINDER ABOUT TUITION PAYMENTS: MAKE IT EASY!

Tuition payments are due on the last day of each month for the following month's bill.

Please consider having a direct bank deposit made to WNS for your full tuition for mornings and afternoons if that is more convenient.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, October 9 Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 18 Professional Training for Teacher

Sunday October 1, 2017 2:30 pm



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE WE GIVE AND RECEIVE FROM OUR PETS CAN DRAW US MORE DEEPLY INTO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S GRACE. THE ANIMALS WE LOVE CAN HELP US SEE THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION. LET'S SHOW OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR OUR LITTLE BUNDLES OF LOVE AND BLESS THEM!

PLEASE BRING YOUR PETS (OR PICTURE OR STUFF ANIMAL) AND COME JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.

QUESTIONS:

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