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Washington University Nursery School

Director's Newsletter

Chicks and Butterflies



With the arrival of spring, the Nursery School is full of energy and egg-citement!! The Big Bear class is the caretaker of 24 chicken eggs. Today, 5 chicks hatched - more eggs are cracking by the hour. Each classroom had an opportunity to observe the eggs in the incubator and we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the babies. Each classroom has also placed larva in containers with food where they are becoming chrysalises and will soon be beautiful painted lady butterflies. The older children will set their butterflies free at the Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden. The younger classes use areas nearer to the school to watch their butterflies locate new homes.

Bike helmet fitting at April 29 play date

Many children and families enjoyed time on the playground and exploring in the MySci Investigation Station earlier this month during our April 8th play date. Next week, we welcome St. Louis Children's Hospital staff to our April 29th play date, where children can have their bike helmet fitted or purchase a new helmet. Siblings are invited to join as well. See you there!

Save the Date!

Family Play Date

Wednesday, April 29, 3:15-5 pm

Join us on the playground.
Siblings are invited!

Mom's Day

Friday, May 8

Moms, grandmas and special friends are invited to school for a visit.

School Picnic

Tuesday, May 12, 5:30 pm

Potluck dinner at Shaw Park – North Shelter



Teaching Teams 2015-16

We are excited to announce our teaching teams for next school year. We will miss Lisa Schoenecker in the Sun Bear room, as she has decided to spend more time at home with her family. We wish her the best and are happy we will still see her as a substitute teacher next year!

Teddy Bears

Marbie Reap and Chona Carson will continue to lead the Teddy Bear children. WUNS is so lucky to have this dynamic teaching duo!! The Teddy Bear class is almost full (2 openings).

Bear Cubs

Marsha Graeber and Katie Loynd had a fantastic first-year together. They are looking forward to meeting their new Bear Cubs class.

The Bear Cub class is full.

Big Bears

Betsy Lawlor and Suzy Frillman also had a wonderful first-year together. They will continue to lead the Big Bear class this coming school year. The Big Bear room has one opening.

Panda Bears

Chona Carson will join Marsha Graeber in the Panda Bear class. We are happy Chona will be with us in both morning and afternoon rooms! The Panda Bear room has several openings.

Sun Bears

Colleen Corbett will move from Panda Bears to join Katie Loynd in leading the Sun Bears. Colleen is looking forward to teaching the pre-k group and is excited to work with Katie. The Sun Bear have several openings.

Bear Tracks

Colleen Corbett will lead our morning Bear Track class, while Alicia Santiago-Haslag will lead the afternoon Bear Trackers! We are thrilled with creative energy in these two extended-day rooms.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

We enjoyed meeting with parents last week to discuss each child's growth and development. It's rewarding to look back and document these changes and share them with you. Thank you for making time in your schedule to meet with the teachers.



Special Day for Moms, Grandmas and Special Friends

Save the date! All moms, grandmothers and special friends are invited to school to play, share a snack and sing a few songs with your child on Friday, May 8. Invitations from each class will be sent home in the next couple weeks.

School Picnic, Tuesday, May 12

All families are invited to celebrate the end-of-the-year with a picnic at Shaw Park. Families should bring a side dish to share and a main entrée for themselves. WUNS will have the grills ready if you want to BBQ.



Summer Camp Sign-up still open

Does your little one have plans for the summer? Our summer camp includes time to discover and explore, play and make friends with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Session I – 6/8-26 and Session II – 6/29-7/17. Swim lessons offered for additional fee. Email or call the office to register!