

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 5

# Washington University Nursery School



Ready, set, here we go!

The school year is off to a wonderful beginning. Your children are ready for the adventure of a new school year. They have settled into their classroom routines, looking forward to seeing their teachers and friends and engaging in their favorite activities in the classrooms and on the playground.

The warm weather the past few weeks has allowed the children time with the outdoor water trough – water and sand are fun combo with kids!

The air temperature is cooling in the morning and slowly warms throughout the day. You may want to send in a light coat to keep them warm while they play outside. Likewise, be sure to keep a couple sets of extra clothes (shirts, pants, underwear and socks) in your child's cubby. You can switch out their shorts for warmer pants and long sleeve shirts soon.



Who's who?

**The morning classes and their teachers are:**

Chona Carson and Marbie Reap, in classroom 2 with the Teddy Bears.

Marsha Graeber and Katie Loynd in classroom 1, with the Bear Cubs.

Suzy Frillman and Alicia Santiago-Haslag leading the Big Bears in classroom 3.

**In the afternoon, the teachers are:**

Chona Carson and Marsha Graeber with the Panda Bears in classroom 2.

Colleen Corbett and Katie Loynd in classroom 3 with the Sun Bears.

Colleen Corbett and Suzy Frillman lead our morning and afternoon Bear Tracks, respectively.





## Enrichment classes

Our **enrichment classes** have begun.

Suzy Frillman teaches special Art class monthly and has met with a few of the classes. Your children have already had a fun and lively time singing with Laura Frank, our music specialist and mom to Brody (Sun Bear). All classes will meet Liz McCane, our Nature specialist to learn about “Nocturnal Animals” on October 19. Colleen Corbett, our Spanish teacher, has been meeting with each class for 10-15 minutes on Mondays. Parents can view their child’s upcoming enrichment schedule, weekly announcements and current newsletter by visiting their child’s classroom page on our school website. Monthly art lessons, song lyrics, Spanish lessons and Nature fun facts can be found on our website by clicking on classrooms and then enrichment programs.



## Playdate

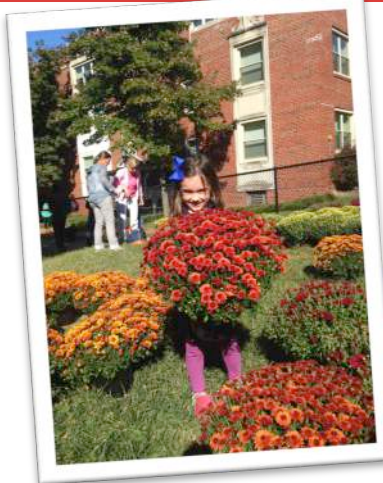
Our first **play date** of the year took place this past Wednesday, September 30. Many families came to enjoy the fun and friendship on a gorgeous fall afternoon. There were a few WUNS graduates in attendance with their younger siblings! Thanks for spending time meeting your child’s friends. We will have more play dates in the spring.

## Open House

**Open House** is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. On this special day, your child can show you the classroom, introduce you to their teachers, demonstrate their skills on the playground and share in a snack. WUNS t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase as well. The children love wearing their “bear school” shirts to school. Adult sizes are available too.







## WUNS “Mums” are the best!

I would like to thank the families and friends that participated in our fall Mums sale and fundraiser. We sold 153 plants and raised \$956.25 in profit for the Nursery School. Erin Toohey (Chloe and Cat’s mom) was instrumental in the success of the sale. The monies raised helped pay for 2 sets of resonator bells and 11 Djembe drums for the children to use during music class with Miss Laura.

Our next fundraiser will be a book fair at Barnes and Nobles at Ladue Crossing. This will take place on Saturday, November 21. The event is timed perfectly for holiday shopping. Five percent of all the money spent on books and merchandise will be donated to our school!

## Fire Safety Week October 5-9

On Tuesday, October 6, WUNS will enjoy a visit from the Clayton Fire Department to celebrate national Fire Safety week. Classes will read stories and discuss what to do in case of a fire at home. The firefighters will talk with the children about fire safety and how to STOP, DROP and ROLL! We will learn when it’s appropriate to call 911 and watch a firefighter put on all of his gear to see that he is not scary. If the weather cooperates, we’ll also see their ladder and pumper trucks. If you haven’t already done so, now is a good time to develop your family’s fire safety plan and talk about it with your child. We practice fire and severe weather drills monthly at school too.



## School Photos

Individual and class portraits will be taken this Thursday, October 8. Lifetouch Preschool Portraits will photograph every child. Your child’s proof photos will be sent home the following Monday for you to view and then place an order. I can’t wait to see their beautiful smiles. Photos will be taken outdoors.

## What's coming up?

### Cardinal's Spirit Day

Help us cheer on the National League Central Division Champs as they take on their opponent in the NLDS. Dress your child in **RED** or wear a favorite **Cardinals** shirt to school on **Monday, October 12**. We will be singing "Take me out to the ball game" each day they play for good luck!



### NAEYC Accreditation

This year our program is preparing for the renewal of our national early childhood accreditation. Every five years, we review and document our classroom and school practices to stay aligned with national early childhood standards. Our site visit and portfolio presentations will take place in the spring!

### Halloween Parade

The **Halloween Parade** and celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 28. Parents are invited to this school wide event. Teachers will be sending home invitations and details in the coming weeks. We try to keep the celebration low-key to not overwhelm the children.



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Parent-teacher conferences** will be held during the day on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30. There will no school on conference days. On-line sign-ups will be sent to all parents via Sign Up Genius in about a week. Childcare will be provided during your conference time.