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## From Chairperson Cyndi Kerber-Gowan

### Hello WRNS families!

Happy New Year! I hope that 2009 brings each of your families continued health and happiness.

Our first Open House for prospective families will be held on Saturday, January 10. If you know of interested families with preschool aged children, please encourage them to attend. It's a great opportunity to tour our facility and to meet some of our fabulous teachers as well as speak with parents of current students.

In-house registration begins on Monday, January 12. For any families returning to WRNS or enrolling younger siblings, please complete your paperwork promptly and return it to Amy Roode. If you should have any questions on the registration process, please feel free to email Amy at [registrar@wintonroad.org](mailto:registrar@wintonroad.org). Public registration begins on Monday, January 26th. Please remember that if you refer a new family to WRNS and they actually enroll for the 09-10 school year, you are eligible to receive a \$50 credit towards your child's tuition.

I would also like to thank each of you for your continued support working on the various committees that keep our school running smoothly. Your hard work and commitment are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

**Cyndi Kerber-Gowan**, Chairperson  
[kerby@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kerby@rochester.rr.com) 585.256.1195

## Reminders

### Snack Calendar

The snack calendars for January through the end of the school year have been posted to the website. If you have any questions please contact Julie Gangai at [jgangai@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jgangai@rochester.rr.com) or 244-6356.  
<http://www.wintonroad.org/resources/>

### Welcome!

WRNS welcomes the Jamanis and Arnold families to our school!

## January 2009 Dates to Remember

- January 10** ..... Public Open House 9:30 -11:00AM
- January 12** ..... In-house registration begins
- January 14** ..... Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- January 19** ..... NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 26** ..... Public registration begins  
NO SCHOOL – 3 Day & YNS (M/T) Parent/Teacher Conferences  
(ALL OTHER CLASSES IN SESSION)
- January 27** ..... NO SCHOOL – 2 Day Parent/Teacher Conferences  
(ALL OTHER CLASSES IN SESSION)
- January 28** ..... NO SCHOOL – 4 Day Parent/Teacher Conferences (ALL OTHER CLASSES IN SESSION)
- January 29** ..... NO SCHOOL – YNS (W/TH) Parent Teacher Conferences  
(ALL OTHER CLASSES IN SESSION)

**Apply NOW to WRNS for the next school year!**

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## 2008-2009 WRNS Board Members

Chairperson.....	Cynthia Kerber-Gowan
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4 Day PM.....	Jennifer Gkourlias/Jennie Viggiani
3 Day AM.....	Joy Ramsey, Martha McKenna, Kathy Reid
2 Day AM.....	Jeff Stubbe, Alison Guage, Lisa Polvino
YNS.....	M/T Kristin Cipolla W/Th Gina Ludwig

## News from the Young Nursery

A heart felt Happy and Healthy New Year's wish to all our families at WRNS from Mrs. Schwarz and Mrs. Whiteside!! It is amazing to us how fast this year is going. Thanks to the Board for a fun Holiday meeting.

### ON TO THE CHILDREN...

In November I mentioned that the children are still mostly doing parallel play rather than playing with each other. Now, they are definitely playing with each other, developing their own games and taking turns with toys. I have had the opportunity to take a small group of them into the hall to play a game and expected only to work on the whole "taking turn" concept. I was pleasantly surprised that they not only took turns, but mastered playing the game as well. I was very impressed. They were also very supportive of each other in playing the game.

We are having sooooo much fun! December was a short month filled with much to do. We learned the Santa Pokey and sang Jingle Bells with the violinists. The children have also taken to dancing in a circle while we listen to the musicians. We all hold hands and walk in a circle and then walk into the circle with our arms up. We have been using the parachute when possible and they really enjoy this as well.

Now that we are back to school, we will be continuing to explore various art projects, manipulatives, and music. We will be going out to play as long as the snow is not too deep to run in. Also, we do not go out if the wind chill factor takes us below 20. We will be asking a parent to start coming in about 10:50 to help children dress themselves once the snow flies. This is something we practice every year but I must say that the children are really working hard at getting ready themselves. Please take the time to help them practice at home. They are so proud of themselves when they succeed.

This month we will get a visit from the Magic Guy which is a big favorite of mine.

Also, parent-teacher conferences are held at the end of the month so please sign up. If none of the times are convenient for you, I can make a special time for us to meet. Mary will be available to babysit your child's siblings if need be.

On a final note, we will be starting registration this month. Please pass the word to your friends and family.

## 2009/2010

# WRNS Applications

Application packets have been placed in all currently enrolled student cubbies for the 2009-2010 school year. Registration for returning students and siblings will begin January 12, 2009. Registration for alumni families will begin January 19, 2009 and registration for the public will begin January 26, 2009. Parents are strongly encouraged to return their application and registration fee before the designated date(s) as there will be no priority processing for in-house or alumni applications after the start of general public registration. Please feel free to contact Amy Roode at 278-8347 if you did not receive your packet or if you have any questions.

## Holiday Gift Giving Thank You!

I would like to thank all of the families who donated to our Holiday Gift Giving Program this year for your amazing generosity. We collected more than 70 gifts to benefit Wilson Commencement Park. I was able to see first hand how grateful the director of this program was, especially during a year like this when some past donor organizations were not able to contribute as they have in the past. Our gifts along with those from other groups were distributed to Wilson's families the week before Christmas. It is a great feeling knowing that our school helped make sure that other children in the community had a joyous holiday. I hope that all of you enjoyed the holiday season as well and were able to share with your children the fulfillment that comes from sharing with others. —Julie Gangai

## News from Fundraising

**Say Cheese!** A CLIX photographer will be coming to take "dress-up" pictures on February 3rd and 4th. The children can choose from a wide selection of costumes to be photographed in. Children are welcome to bring their own costumes from home or wear regular clothes if they would prefer. Parents will receive a proof sheet and may purchase photos if they choose to.

**Save the Date!** The annual WRNS Raffle is coming up. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, please contact Jason Rowe at lkrueger@rochester.rr.com. The raffle drawing will be held at our Fairy Tale Adventure Party on Sunday, March 15th. Watch for more information in the next few weeks. As with all of our fundraisers, money raised will go to the WRNS Scholarship Fund.

## News from the Morning Nursery

**Welcome back and Happy New Year!!** The holiday season came in so quickly, making the time at school and at home very busy and fun packed. We all hope that you had the time to relax and enjoy family and friends during the holiday break. We are sure that the children will have lots to tell and share when they are back in school.

Now that we are into snow gear we do spend more time indoors. This gives the children more time for playing with friends, and spending a little more time with activities of their choice. Since we are indoors more during these winter months we take advantage of having special visitors come into the school to entertain and talk to the children. Our first special visitor for the season will be The Magic Guy, on Monday, January 12th and then again on Thursday, January 15th. We have had The Magic Guy perform at WRNS in past years and the children are always in for a great magic show. Also if you feel that there is some special hobby or interest that you have, and would enjoy sharing it with the children, please talk with your child's teacher - we would love to have you come in!

Just a reminder - with all of the snow gear coming into the classrooms, PLEASE label everything. This cuts down on dressing time and adds to playground time and we do go out as much as possible everyday. The teachers ask to please send your child in with mittens, and if possible mitten clips. Any bit of organization is a great help. Thank you!

We have three teacher requests:

\* Please be sure to pack an extra change of clothes if your child is potty training or has just completed the process. Accidents do happen and some children do not like to wear the extra clothing that we have at school.

\* Could parents PLEASE encourage their child to leave their precious treasures at home. We do not want these treasures to be misplaced, only to have a child go home unhappy. Also, the children get confused as to what is someone else's and what belongs to the school. We certainly have enough toys for the children to play with.

\* In our attempt to keep the children and staff as healthy as possible during this cold and flu season we are asking parents to make a reasonable decision on whether to send their child to school if they are dealing with any of the following:

1. Constant sneezing or coughing
2. Congestion – noses that are stuffed up along with mucus discharge
3. Listless or not him/herself
4. Fever

Please also check your handbook for our sick child policy on page 17. Thank you for your cooperation.

January is also the month for parent/teacher conferences. Conferences for MWF (3 day) classes will be held on Monday, January 26th, and on Tuesday, January 27th for the T/Th (2 day) classes. Sign up sheets for the conferences will be posted, on the classroom doors, starting on Thursday, January 15th. Babysitting will also be available at school beginning at 8:30 am. If you have any questions please feel free to ask your child's teacher.

For the month of January the Art Room will be full of snow and winter theme projects. So start thinking snow! You will be seeing snowmen, snowflakes, and other snow related projects.

## News from the Afternoon Program

**Happy New Year everyone!** We hope you had a wonderful vacation and were able to spend special times with family and friends.

We will be talking about winter weather, animals in the winter and doing snow related projects during the month of January.

We will also begin to talk about some important people in American history and introduce the children to Martin Luther King.

Please remember to label all the children's outdoor clothing. Even though our numbers aren't great everyone seems to have similar looking snow pants. Also, since we go out at the beginning of the day the children often come inside with wet socks and mittens. We'd appreciate an extra set of each in case they need dry things. Thanks for your help!

We will start having special visitors now that the new year has arrived. The Magic Guy will be making an appearance on January 12th. If you know anyone or if you have a special hobby or talent and would like to come visit, please let us know.

We are looking forward to meeting with you at conference time. There will be a sign up sheet the week before the conferences.

Enjoy the snow!

### SNOWFLAKES FALLING

Snowflakes falling from the sky, from the sky, from the sky.

Snowflakes falling from the sky, to the earth below.

Watch them as they dance and whirl, dance and whirl, dance and whirl.

Watch them as they dance and whirl, soft white winter snow.

### CHUBBY LITTLE SNOWMAN

There was a chubby snowman  
Who had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny  
And what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny,  
Was looking for his lunch.  
He ate that snowman's carrot nose  
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

### FIVE LITTLE SNOWFLAKES

Five little snowflakes,  
Fluffy and light.  
Made of crystals,  
Sparkly and white.  
When the wind comes up  
They twirl around.  
Then gently float  
Back to the ground.