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## From Chairperson Cyndi Kerber-Gowan

### Hello WRNS families!

It is hard to believe that it is already February! I would like to begin by thanking those families who contributed to our teachers' holiday fund. Your generosity was much appreciated by the teachers!

Thank you to the publicity committee and board members for making our first Open House a success, also thank you to the cleaning committee for helping prepare by making our school shine! We have a second public Open House on February 7. Not only is this an excellent opportunity for new families to learn about our program, it is also a great time for current parents to find out more about the different programs we have to offer. Spread the word!

We are aware of continuing parking issues and are working with the church. In the meantime, I appreciate your patience on those days when parking is difficult.

We are also in need of a new parent rep for our Young Nursery M/T class. If you are a parent in this class and are interested, please let me know.

Continue to enjoy the winter weather, spring is just around the corner!

Sincerely,  
**Cyndi Kerber-Gowan, Chairperson**  
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## 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 or 244-6356.  
<http://www.wintonroad.org/resources/>

## February 2009 Dates to Remember

- February 7** ..... Public Open House 9:30-11:00AM
- February 11** ..... *Board Meeting – 7:00pm*
- February 16-20** ..... NO SCHOOL – February Recess

**NEW  
Opportunities  
from  
Fundraising!**

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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.....	Gina Ludwig

## Summary of WRNS Board Meeting

January 14, 2009 by Julie Gangai

- Parking on Thursdays is still a major problem - this will be brought up with the church in talks about our next lease agreement.
- January open house went very well - 15 or 16 families attended, which is a great turnout for January. Next open house is in February.
- So far there are 28 in house/sibling registrations, 1 alumni, and 6 public registrations for next year.
- Photo fundraiser will take place on February 3rd & 4th. Parent volunteers will escort children from classroom to photo room.
- Raffle party is scheduled for March 15th. The committee is asking for prize donations to be raffled.

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## News from Fundraising

**Dress-up Photos!** A photographer from CLIX will be coming to take pictures February 3rd and 4th. Children may choose from a selection of costumes provided by CLIX or bring one from home. Parents will receive a proof sheet and may purchase more photos if they choose to. More information will be sent home in your child's bag. Please return the permission slip to the box in the art room.

## News from the Young Nursery

January is flying by. It is wonderful how the children have settled in and are comfortable in our classroom setting. True colors are showing and we love it! Instead of talking to themselves, they are all interacting with each other, carrying on conversations and building relationships. In January we talked about snow, did various snow-related art projects and even painted with ice. We also had a visit from our "Magic Man" which is always a thrill.

We have had a new child start in each class and they both settled right in as if they'd been there since the beginning. The kids welcomed them in such a carefree way it really warmed my heart.

I have been doing some more cognitive-based activities during circle and the children are enjoying it and really doing well. I am having fun trying new activities each week and of course we are still enjoying our music.

Thanks for all your support. I have really met some fabulous people this year and am grateful for that.

February is a short month but we hope to continue investigating the weather, snow, ice and outside. At this point I believe all the children have been coming to school with appropriate outdoor dress and that makes life easier.

## News from the Afternoon Program

February may be a short month but it will be a busy one. We will be waiting to see if the groundhog sees his shadow so we know how many more weeks of winter are left. We'll explain why Phil is coming out of the ground and we'll talk about hibernation and shadows. The children will also be making lots of different Valentine projects for you to enjoy at home.

At WRNS we do not have a Valentine's party, but if you would like to send in valentines with your child we will help put the envelopes in the children's cubbies. Please remember to include a valentine for each child in the class.

The children really enjoyed the performance of the Magic Guy in January. They were all very involved in his program and many got to help with his illusions. Dr. Asiani-Breit will be coming to WRNS in February to talk about dental health and visiting a dentist.

The teachers would like to thank all of you who donated to our holiday fund. We are going to have a lot of fun picking out items from our wish list. We'll let you know what purchases we've made in future newsletters.

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**Fairy Tale Adventure Party!** Our annual fundraising party and raffle will be held the afternoon of March 15th at the Perinton Rec Center. Money raised will support the WRNS scholarship program. More information about tickets to the event and raffle tickets will be available next month. If you have an item or service you would like to donate for the raffle, contact Jay Rowe at [JDRowe@rochester.rr.com](mailto:JDRowe@rochester.rr.com) or put it in the raffle box in the art room. Individuals and Companies who donate will be recognized in the newsletter. Deadline for donations- Friday February 13th.

# News from the Morning Nursery

During February we will have a special visitor coming to WRNS. On Tuesday, February 24th and Wednesday, February 25th we will be visited by a dental hygienist, with the children getting some good information about keeping their teeth healthy. During the upcoming months the children will also be entertained by additional special visitors, such as musician, Mike Kornrich, City of Rochester firefighters, the Puppet Lady, and the Zoo Mobile - so be sure to check your newsletter for those important dates.

For Valentine's Day we will not be having any "special" celebrations, but if your child would like to bring in cards for his/her class they are welcomed to do so. If you send valentines in with your child, the teachers will help to make sure they are put into the children's cubbies. Please remember to include a card for each child in the class (little hearts get broken so easily). February will be filled with valentine related art projects, songs, and stories.

If one of your New Year resolutions is to clean out the clothes that no longer fit your children, please keep WRNS in mind. We are in need of socks, underpants and pants for both boys and girls. Donated items can be given to any of the teachers. Thank you.

An important reminder to parents when their child is to be picked up by someone other than the parent themselves: If the person picking up your child is not on your child's car pool sheet, than a note has to be given to your child's teacher giving WRNS permission to release your child. Identification will be required before your child is released.

Also a quick reminder concerning the amount of snack provided for the school. By snack time the children are hungry so we ask that the amount of snack sent is sufficient enough to provide a decent portion for each child in the program. The number needed for the MWF class is 36, and for the T/Th class it is 32. Thank you.

The teachers would like to thank all who donated to WRNS for our holiday gift fund. Your GENEROUS gift giving is very much appreciated and we are looking forward to purchasing some new items for the children to enjoy at school. We will be letting you know what new items we have added to the school in future newsletters.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable winter break which runs from Monday, February 16th thru Friday, February 20th. We look forward to seeing the children on Monday, February 23rd.

## Together Time Activities

by Maxine Smith, Education Coordinator at Head Start

**The Living/Family Room:** Here is a place where your children can develop their social skills – interacting with the family- but it is also a place where they can develop the ability to amuse themselves.

**1.** Read to your child: the couch is a perfect place to cuddle and read together. You can extend this into a large muscle activity by reading and acting out the story together. Make sure you have a special place where you keep books and magazines. Old magazines are perfect sources for pictures to make an original "book". It can be a "house book", a "car book", an "animal book" or any other topic. When you finish there books, make sure that you let your child "read" them to you.

**2.** Socialize with your child: What does it mean to be a part of our family? Talk about who belongs to your family.

- Ask your child to name all of the members of your family
- Ask how we help each other in this family
- Have older family members tell stories about when they were little
- Ask your child if he/she would like to make a picture of your family
- Talk about how important it is to be part of a family

**3.** Large Muscle Activities: It is important to accept help from your child when he/she offers. At around 2 most children want to help or "do it myself". It is important to allow them to do these early chores and praise them for their efforts. If you correct them either in words or by doing the chore over, you give them a message that they are not good enough and very soon, they will not offer again – even when you want them to as they get older. The living/family room is a perfect place to allow your child to help with some of your chores.

- They can dust, water plants (with your help), sweep, even vacuum
- You can also imitate characters that you see on the TV – dance, exercise, march, sing, play an instrument.
- You can also play make-believe. Get old clothes out, dress-up and have pretend time. Here is a good place to hold a "Tea Party", play store, have a garage and fix toy cars.
- Have a parade where all of the family marches around the house to some lively music.

Above all, enjoy a little time with your child and encourage all of the rest of the family – even the older brothers and sisters to do the same.

## FIVE VALENTINES

I have five valentines, not one more.

I'll give one to Mother, then I'll have \_\_\_\_.

Four paper valentines are all that I see

I'll give one to Dad, and then I'll have \_\_\_\_.

Three paper valentines all bright and new,

I'll give one to Grandma. and then I'll have \_\_\_\_.

Two paper valentines, this is lots of fun!

I'll give one to Grandpa, and then I'll have \_\_\_\_.

One paper valentine, and I know what to do.

I'll give my last valentine to no one but you!

## MY VALENTINE (Sung to "The Muffin Man")

Have you seen my valentine,  
My valentine, my valentine?  
Have you seen my valentine?  
It was from me to you.

Yes, I've seen your valentine,  
Your valentine, your valentine.  
Yes, I've seen your valentine,  
It said, "I love you."