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## From Chairperson Cyndi Kerber-Gowan

### Greetings!

The spring is approaching and planning for next year is well underway. September seems like a long way off, but we are beginning to fill executive positions for the upcoming school year. In the next few months I will let you know specifically what positions will be open, but now is a great time to begin considering taking on a new role. Please let me know if you may be interested! If you are currently a committee head and would like to remain as such or would prefer a change, please feel free to let me know this as well.

We are also actively seeking to update our advisory committee; we are particularly looking for a physician, an attorney, and an accountant. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the parent who is working on this.

Enrollment for next year is going quite well and I would like to thank each of you for helping get the word out. I would like to especially thank the Tour Registrars and Publicity Committee for their hard work! We still have openings for many of the programs for next year, so if you know of parents with preschool-aged children, please feel free to direct them to our website [www.wintonroad.org](http://www.wintonroad.org), or have them call the school to set up a tour. Word of mouth from happy WRNS families is great publicity!

On Saturday, March 15th, we will be having a Fairy Tale Adventure party! There will be games, crafts, and lots of fun. The children always have such a wonderful time and it is a fun way to beat the end of winter cabin-fever! There will also be a raffle with great prizes to support our scholarship program. More information is coming soon – I hope you can come!

Sincerely,

**Cyndi Kerber-Gowan, Chairperson**

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## March 2009

### Dates to Remember

- March 11**..... Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- March 12**..... NO SCHOOL (Thursday)  
Teacher's Workday
- March 13**..... New Rooms – 3 Day
- March 17**..... New Rooms – 2 Day

## Reminders

### Snack Calendar

The snack calendars 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/>

## Committee Updates!

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## 2008-2009 WRNS Board Members

Chairperson..... Cynthia Kerber-Gowan  
Assistant Chairperson..... Sarah Holland  
Secretary..... Julie Gangai  
Treasurer..... Stephanie Chiumento  
Admissions Registrar ..... Amy Roode  
Tour Registrar..... Teresa Bergin  
Asst. Tour Registrar..... Pam Viggiani  
Scholarship Chairperson... Lisa Weld  
Newsletter Editor..... Lili Schwartz  
Fundraising  
Co-chairpersons ..... Tiffany Gibbons/Meg Nolan  
Publicity Co-chairpersons.. Beth Patterson/Terri Richardson

### Parent Representatives:

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

February 11, 2009 by Julie Gangai

- The chairs are continuing to work with the church on parking problems.
- The holiday gift money from families helped to purchase a laminator. Teachers are also looking into a digital camera and looking through toy catalogs.
- Last month's open house went very well.
- Registration for next year is going well: 68 applications have been received so far and classes are filling up.
- The picture day fundraiser went well and the kids had a great time.
- Class group photos will still be taken at the end of the year and sold as a fundraiser.
- The fundraising committee is still in need of more donations for the raffle at the March party.

## News from Fundraising

### Fairy Tale Adventure Party!

Our annual fundraising party and raffle will be held at the Perinton Rec Center on Sunday, March 15th from 3-5pm. Games, Crafts, Snacks, Music, FUN! Admission to the party is \$6/person in advance (\$24 max/family) or \$7/person at the door (\$28 max/family). An order form will be sent home and extras will be available on the bulletin board.

We are asking each family to help sell raffle tickets. As an added incentive this year, there will be a prize for the family who sells the most tickets. They cost \$2 each or 3/\$5. More information will come home with your child. If you have an item to donate to the raffle it is not too late. Gift cards for products or services, items for kids or adults like T-shirts, books, CDs, or toys, or anything else would be welcome. Contact Jay Rowe [jdrowe@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jdrowe@rochester.rr.com)

## News from the Advisory Committee

Dear Friends,  
Our nursery school needs to update our Advisory Committee. We are currently looking for an attorney and pediatrician that could answer questions for us if an issue should arise for WRNS. If you have recommendations of someone that may like to serve on our non-profit advisory council, please contact me. Thank you for your help!  
Sincerely,  
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## News from the Registrar

Reminder that the first tuition payment for the 2009-10 school year is due April 1, 2009. If you need to set up a payment plan, please be sure to contact Amy Roode prior to this date so that accurate payment amounts may be calculated.

All signed and dated registration contracts must be returned to the Registrar as soon as possible in order to accept Winton Road Nursery School's offer of a place for your child in the 2009-2010 program

All paperwork and payments intended for the registrar must be mailed directly to Amy Roode (address is on the registration contracts and in the handbook). Please do not mail them to the school or leave paperwork/ checks with the teachers, as it is not their responsibility to make sure they are delivered safely.

## News from Afternoon Nursery

### News from Young Nursery

The children are beginning to establish relationships with each other and having more and more conversations with each other. Their confidence is growing at an amazing rate. We are doing more difficult activities during circle time and the children in both classes have really showed a great enthusiasm for learning.

March is a long month so we are planning on doing a large variety of activities. We will be having a visit from a firefighter and a music man. We are hoping to begin to take walks through the woods (on the paths) towards the end of this month. Mary and I attended a water play workshop at the Museum and Science Center last month and are planning on bringing in the "BIG" water table to introduce an entire new level of exploration.

We have been splitting the children into smaller groups for a short period of time and doing different activities. These activities depend on the mixture of children, but may include a memory game, floor puzzle, or even tumbling on the mats. I am doing this so that I can have an opportunity to observe the children in smaller settings. It also gives me a chance to PLAY and LAUGH with your children on a smaller scale. I like to feel that I am giving the children equal amounts of attention.

March will bring St. Patrick's Day and learning about transportation and different vehicles. It will also bring us wherever the children lead us as they are beginning to express their interests.

Thanks to all the helpers in the classroom. Please remember that grandparents or other family members are welcome at any time.

Thanks also for being prepared to go outside every day. The weather has been so unpredictable that it is better if we have their winter clothes than not.

We are in great shape for tissues and cups, however, we could use some paper towels if anyone can bring a couple of rolls in.

Hope winter break was safe and fun!!!

March will be busy month for us. We will be waiting to see if March comes in like a lion or a lamb and we will use those associations to talk about opposites. We'll also celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and use his books to have some fun with rhymes.

You'll see us wear green the week of the 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. That week we'll be reading folk tales and talking about leprechauns. Most importantly, this month we'll be looking for signs of spring and talking about the change of seasons. Our art projects will revolve around all of these themes.

The week of March 23rd will be a week full of special events. We call it School Spirit Week. On Monday, we'll be displaying our school spirit so if you have WRNS tee-shirts or sweatshirts, we encourage you to wear them. Tuesday will be teddy bear and pajama day. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and wear your comfortable pajamas to school. Wednesday is silly, backwards day. Dress silly or wear your clothes backwards. It will be a week filled with fun things to do!

We want to thank Madeline Weld for bringing her mom to school one afternoon to read us a story. We all really enjoyed her visit.

Dr. Asiani-Breit came in at the end of the month and talked to us about taking care of our teeth and good foods to eat. In March, Mike Kornrich, a local musician will be at WRNS to entertain us.

We were very happy to get the opportunity to meet with each of you at conferences. Please remember if you have any concerns as the year continues to contact us.

Happy Spring!



# News from Morning Nursery

Well, believe it or not the first day of spring is March 20th, so spring is right around the corner and hopefully we will see lots of signs of it in the near future. Once things do begin to thaw we may have mud, so please keep sending in those boots for the playground.

For the month of March we will be talking about St. Patrick's Day, the wearing of the green, leprechauns, and pots of gold, plus the change of seasons as spring draws near. We will talk about looking for signs of spring, create great art projects, and have circle time activities to go along with this time of the year. Also in March we will welcome two special visitors to WRNS. On Tuesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 11 the children will learn about fire safety and be able to see the gear that firefighters wear when Rochester firefighters visit the school. Then on Monday, March 16 and Thursday, March 19, we will be entertained by Mike Kornrich, who brings with him an assortment of instruments, such as a ukulele, harmonica, banjo and guitar plus songs for everyone to enjoy.

The last full week in March will also be a week full of special events. **We call it School Spirit Week.**

- On Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24 we will be celebrating school spirit and we hope everyone will wear their WRNS sweatshirt or t-shirt if they have one.
- On Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26, it will be teddy bear and pajama day. Wear your comfortable PJs to school and if you want bring along your favorite stuffed animal.
- On Friday, March 27, it will be crazy hat day. We hope to have lots of fun throughout the week!

Also in March we will be making our third and final move to our new homerooms. We will be in our new rooms on Friday, March 13 for our M-W-F classes and Tuesday, March 17 for our T-Th classes. You may want to talk with your child about this switch so that he/she is prepared. Most of the children are looking forward to a change of scenery. Mrs. Paul's class will be moving to the Big Muscle Room, Mrs. Shafer's class to the Art Room, and Mrs. Parker's class to the Housekeeping Room.

This past month we purchased a laminator for the school, which the teachers are excited about, made possible by the holiday gift giving generosity of our parents. With these funds we are also looking to purchase a digital camera for the school and several manipulative toys for the children. Thank you again!!!

With the cold and flu season in full force this time of year the teachers are asking for parents help in reinforcing the purpose and technique of hand washing. In our attempt to keep germs from spreading the teachers will remind the children to wash their hands if we see them wipe their nose with their hands, put their fingers up their nose, when they use the bathroom, and before snack.

The teachers would also like to thank parents for their promptness during the recent conferences days. Please keep in mind that, although conferences are over, the teachers are available, through a phone call or scheduled meeting, to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

