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From Chairperson Cyndi Kerber-Gowan

Hello All! It is hard to believe that April is already here! I have been so excited by the sunny days we have had recently and I am looking forward to warmer weather. I know my children are as well!

As the warm weather approaches, I want to let you know of a recent playground safety policy we have put into place. The teachers have requested that children not wear Crocs, flip flops, or sandals that are not securely attached to the foot. In recent years, such shoes have made climbing and playing on the playground difficult and dangerous. Please help us by sending your child in shoes that are securely fastened.

Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for all of your hard work organizing the fabulous Fairy Tale Adventure Party! The children had a wonderful time playing with their friends and enjoying all of the fun activities.

In the coming weeks you will be receiving the Parent Satisfaction Survey. This survey helps us recognize our strengths and also identify areas that we could make improvements. Your opinions are vital to the school's operation and in the past have helped us make important changes. I hope you will take the time to complete and return the survey. I look forward to hearing from you!

We are also still filling in board and committee chair positions for next year. Filling in one of these positions is an excellent way to get involved in your child's school experience and each position fulfills your family's cooperative requirement. The following positions are still available: secretary, assistant tour registrar, cleaning committee co-chairperson, church liaison, substitute committee chairperson, and babysitting chairperson. Sadly, as I will not have any children attending WRNS next year, there are also two open co-chairperson positions. If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you would like more information about any of them, please contact me.

Sarah Holland, our Assistant Chairperson, and I have been working with the church to renegotiate our lease. We have brought to their attention several areas we would like to make improvements in and are awaiting to hear back from them. An issue they brought up was in visitors to the school during school hours. If you are coming to the school during the school hours, but find our usual entrance locked, we are requesting that you enter through the playground and knock on one of the classroom doors instead of ringing the bell at the front door. While this is a small issue, it is important for the security of our children as our teachers better recognize who belongs at our school (and conversely who does not) than the church. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

Enrollment for next year continues to go well. We still have openings in our Young Nursery School, 2-day, and PM programs. Keep spreading the word!

Sincerely,

Cyndi Kerber-Gowan, Chairperson

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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 or 244-6356. <http://www.wintonroad.org/resources/>

April 2009 Dates to Remember

- April 8**..... Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- April 10** NO SCHOOL
Good Friday
- April 20-24** NO SCHOOL
Spring Recess

A Great Success!

The Fairy Tale Adventure Party

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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

March 11, 2009 by Jeff Stubbe

- The Chair and Assistant Chair met with the church for their lease negotiation; several issues were brought to the attention of the church including the need for additional 15 minute parking, liability issues with the playground, and rent increases over the next lease period. The church will be meeting to discuss our requests and will be bringing a new lease for our approval shortly.
- Several positions for next year's board are open including two co-chair positions, assistant tour registrar, a cleaning committee co-chairperson, a church liaison, a substitutes committee chairperson, a secretary, and a babysitting chairperson.
- The teachers requested that Crocs and other sandals that are not securely fastened to the feet not be allowed on the playground for safety issues.
- Enrollment is going well. There are still spots open in the 2-day, PM, and YNS programs; the 3-day program is full at this time.

News from Fundraising

The Fairy Tale Adventure Party

was a great success. Everyone had lots of fun and we raised about \$1000 for WRNS scholarships.

Thanks to everyone who donated items to our 2009 raffle.

Bruegger's Bagels	JDL Interiors
Sticky Lips Barbecue	Zollotech.com
Starbucks Coffee	Nissen's Honey Farm
Canaltown Coffee Roasters	Vision's of SugarPlums
Allison Nichols	Mike's Grenades Pickles
Color Me Mine	Hedonist Artisan Chocolates
Beth Patterson	Georganna Greenlee
Maggie Moo's	University of Rochester
Abbott's in Bushnell's Basin	Admissions
Pontillo's Pizza	Rock Ventures
Millenium Hotel Buffalo	Seabreeze
Struffin's	Wegman's
Seneca Park Zoo	Bill Gray's Restaurant
Genesee Country	The Cheesecake Factory
Village Museum	Bettercoffee.com

News from Young Nursery

The kids continue to amaze me with the changes they make. Their sense of humor is really blossoming which is something I believe to be very important. Also, they are showing empathy for their friends at school and beginning to notice that they are not the only ones in their world. We have yet to be able to walk through the woods, but are hoping the weather will soon break.

The "Music Man" came and sang many of our favorite songs and introduced some instruments we have not seen before. Our future visitors include, Mrs. Nally, the storyteller, and the Zoomobile which is always a big hit.

We continue to have a strong relationship with our violinist friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays and have been dancing up a storm with the band.

This month we will have fun talking about Spring and more importantly mud! Thanks for all your support. We have a great group of children in both classes and they are developing great conversation through their budding relationships!

News from Afternoon Nursery

March was a busy month at WRNS. We had two special visitors this month. Mike Kornrich, a local musician, came into entertain the children. He played the guitar, banjo, ukulele and harmonica. Some of them at the same time. He introduced the children to jazz, rock and roll and the blues. We all sang and danced to many favorite songs. We want to thank Andrew and Olivia Ludwig for bringing their dad into school. Their dad is a Rochester firefighter and he talked to the children about fire safety, stop, drop and roll and even dressed up in his firefighter gear. Thank you again! In April, we will have a visit from the Story Lady, Marabeth Nally, and her life like puppets.

We are thrilled that spring is finally here! The boys and girls will be walking around the school looking for signs of spring. During circle time we will talk about changes in weather, the beginning of the growing season and animal babies.

This month you will get to meet Buddy Bunny. Buddy Bunny is a stuffed animal who will be going home each night with a different friend. When Buddy Bunny comes back to school, we will find out what things he's done by reading his journal. Buddy Bunny is looking forward to visiting everyone.

April is Month of the Young Child and in honor of this some of the children's art work will be displayed around the community.

We hope everyone has a great vacation and a great month!

News from Morning Nursery

This past month has just seemed to zoom by bringing with it the official beginning of spring and, as we all hope, some decent and enjoyable weather. It has also been a very busy time for the children who continue to enjoy all the daily activities and outdoor play. In March we had a very special visitor that the children truly enjoyed - Mike Kornrich. Mike had the children clapping, singing, and dancing as he entertained them with his guitar, banjo, harmonica, and yes, a ukulele. He introduced them to jazz, the blues, and rock and roll with old and new songs. Along with everything else we made our final move of the school year and we are getting settled into our new rooms.

April also seems to be shaping up to be another fun filled month at WRNS. In the Art Room the children will be working on spring themes, plus looking for signs of spring. (Has anyone spotted the first robin yet?) Of course, one of the surest signs of spring at school is a muddy playground. Please keep sending boots and dressing your child in clothes that do not mind getting a bit dirty. We will also have a special visitor coming to WRNS during the month of April. On Thursday, April 9th and Monday, April 13th the very talented Marabeth Nally and her puppets will entertain the children.

We are also narrowing down our choices of what to purchase as a result of your generous holiday gift giving. Look for updates in future newsletters!

Finally, thank you to all the parents who help out in so many ways to keep our school running smoothly. We are very lucky to have such a supportive parent community.

We wish our WRNS families a Happy Spring !

A FAVORITE SONG:
(Sung to the tune of
"The Farmer in the Dell")

The days of spring
are here.

Warm, sunny days
are near.

Birds in trees,
flowers and bees,

The days of spring
are here.

