



# winton road nursery school

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## From Chairperson Cyndi Kerber-Gowan

### Hello parents!

Spring is an exciting time at WRNS. The children enjoy exploring the changing of seasons with exciting projects and stories. They also enjoy playing in the warmer weather outside! Our class photos are coming up and information and registration for summer camp at WRNS will be coming soon.

Registration for next year continues to go well. Thank you to those of you who have spread the word about our wonderful program. While we are on a waiting list for our 3-day program, we still have openings in our Young Nursery, 2-day, and 4-day afternoon programs.

You will be receiving your parent satisfaction survey in the next few days. As a semi-cooperative nursery school, your input is essential to continuing to grow our community and strengthen our school. I hope you will share your thoughts with us!

We still have several committee chair and board positions open for next year. I encourage you to think about making a commitment to helping us run our school. The following positions are still available: cleaning committee co-chair, babysitting chair, publicity co-chair, church liaison, substitute chair, secretary, and two board chairperson positions. I will be sending an email to parents registered for next year giving a description of each of these positions; feel free to contact me if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
**Cyndi Kerber-Gowan, Chairperson**  
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## Reminders

### Got Snacks?

The kids love yogurt as a snack, but the teachers have requested that Go-Gurt (or any yogurt in tubes) be saved for home. Yogurt in snack cups, or the drinkable kind with straws have the same great taste and appeal, but with much less mess! Thank you for understanding!

### City Parents...

The Flower City Parents Network is a new website and forum started by and for city school parents. For more info, check out their website: [www.flowercityparents.org](http://www.flowercityparents.org)

## May 2009 Dates to Remember

- May 13** ..... Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- May 15** ..... Last Friday Funtime
- May 21** ..... Wed/Thur YNS Last Day & Picnic
- May 25** ..... NO SCHOOL (Monday) – Memorial Day

## WRNS Summer Camp!

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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

April 8, 2009 by Julie Gangai

- Registration for next year is going well. There is still some room in Young Nursery, Tuesday/Thursday, and the afternoon program but spaces are filling quickly.
- Summer camp will be June 9, 10, 11 and June 16, 17, 18 from 9:00-12:00 and is open to current Big School students. Price will be \$110 for two weeks and names will be chosen by lottery. Camp registration letter will go home soon.
- Parent surveys will be coming out next week.
- There are still a number of board positions open for next year - a letter will be sent out soon to 09-10 families in an effort to fill them.
- The teachers have requested that "Go-gurt" be eliminated from the snack list as they are too difficult for the children to handle.
- An interest in using toxic free cleaning products has been expressed. We will use up the supplies that we have and then switch over.
- Class photos will be taken in May and available for purchase - dates to be announced.

## Summer Camp!

### Kick off your child's summer vacation with WRNS summer camp!

Campers will participate in summer themed art projects, science activities, and outdoor adventures. They will also have some cool wet fun. The camp will run on June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 (Tues, Wed, Thursday for two weeks) from 9-12pm. The cost is \$110 per camper for the six days. The camp is open to all current "big school" students who are fully potty trained. Sign up sheets will be coming home in your child's bag the week after spring recess and will be due by May 15th in the art room box. This program is open to 20 campers and if more than 20 sign up a lottery will be held. Contact Sarah Holland at sarahholland00@cs.com or 387-0166 if you have questions.

## News from Young Nursery

Last month we had a visit from the storyteller/puppet lady. Now it is May, our final month, it amazes me how fast this year went. With May comes the Zoo Mobile which is always a hit for me and the kids. I hope we will be outside a lot in May, we are due.

The children are interacting so well together. They are engaging in conversations and interactive play rather than just alone or side-by-side. They have begun to form friendships and I am optimistic that your children are talking to you at home about their school days.

Our last day of school is Thursday, May 21st for the Wed./Thurs. group and Monday, June 1st for the Mon. /Tues. group. We will be having a picnic from 10:15 to 11:30 at Buckland Park on Westfall Road. Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch for your family. Grandparents, siblings and friends are all invited. There will be a sign-up sheet for snack donations at the end of May.

I have had the opportunity this year to really get to know the families of the kids. I am grateful for that. I feel especially sad to see the children go this year and am hopeful that you will keep in touch with Mary or I to let us know how your child and family is doing, wherever they may be next year.

A special thanks to my mom "Miss Viv" for all her help and contributions to the classroom. I am very lucky to share this experience with her.

Finally, thanks to my co-worker and my friend, Mary, for all her support above and beyond the call of duty. She helps to keep me focused and grounded and most importantly she keeps me laughing.

## News from Morning Nursery

It's hard to believe that we're in the "home stretch" of our school year. At this time of year it is so satisfying to think back to September and see how all of the children have grown and developed and made such wonderful friendships!

We look forward to May and weather that will allow us more opportunities for outdoor fun. Please remember to dress your child for the changeable weather. Layers are a good idea since the temperature can rise quickly between drop-off and dismissal.

The month of May brings the last of our special visitors to WRNS for the children to enjoy. On Tuesday, May 5th and then again on Wednesday, May 6th - Wegman's Zoomobile will pay us a visit. The Zoomobile always has a variety of animals that truly holds the interest of the children, along with a story and some songs.

The teachers and children now have some new toys to play with as a result of the holiday gift giving. The teachers have been getting a lot of use out of the new laminator purchased for the school, Young Nursery has a new water table that includes 10 interactive accessories,

## News from Afternoon Nursery

Everyone is looking forward to the sunshine and the warmth of May. This month we will continue with the springtime theme in the art room and at circle time. We'll talk about the life cycle of plants and animals. WRNS will be getting some butterfly larvae so that we can all observe the transition from tiny larvae to pupa to beautiful butterfly.

The Storylady, Marabeth Nally, entertained us with her realistic puppets. We even got to feed her turtle puppet with our favorite food. In May, we will have a visit from Wegman's Zoomobile. They come with a variety of

and for the morning and afternoon programs four additional Zolo

building sets, unusually shaped building pieces, that allow the children to build very creative creatures and structures.

Before you know it, it will be time for our traditional end of year picnics. They are held on the last day of school out on our playground, weather permitting. For our M/W/F classes the picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd and for our T/Th classes the picnic will be held on Thursday, June 4th. Parents, siblings, grandparents, and other important relatives or people in your child's life are invited to join us on the playground at 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (if it rains the picnic will be held in the classrooms). Please keep in mind that the children do have a regular school day, and that the picnic takes place the last hour of the morning. So pack a picnic lunch and blanket and come join us for a fun way to end a wonderful school year!

We wish all the wonderful WRNS moms a VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY and a bright and beautiful spring!

animals for the children to observe and touch.

It is hard to believe we are so close to the end of the year. The growth and development we've seen in the children since September is astounding. Now that we are thinking about the end of school, let us just remind you that our last day is the school picnic. Families are invited to join us for the last hour of the day (2:30 - 3:30). Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome. We will have a sign up sheet closer to the picnic and everyone can sign up to bring a treat.

We wish all our mothers a wonderful Mother's Day!

