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## From Co-chairs April Adam and Sarah Holland

**Greetings!** We hope the October edition of this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy and enjoying your time at Winton Road Nursery School. We trust that each family is readily establishing a comfortable school day routine and looking forward to all that fall has to offer.

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting a harvest festival at Chase Farms on October 17, at 10AM. It's a great way to contribute to WRNS and to enjoy some family fun! We encourage everyone to attend and hope to see you there.

Open houses for the 2, 3 and 4 day "Big School" classes will be held this month. (Please see October calendar of events for more details.) It's a perfect time for you and your child to bring special loved ones like grandparents, aunts and uncles to Winton Road Nursery School for a visit. The children love being able to show off their artwork, their classrooms and their teachers to those who love them. We hope that you all attend! An open house for the Young Nursery School children will be held in early November – please be on the look-out for more information!

We would like to send out a huge thank you to Nicole Benoit, Chairperson of the Social Work Day/Supplies Committee for a job well done with our Social Work Day that was held in September. There was so much to accomplish and Nicole did a fantastic job of making the day as productive as possible as well as fun for all those who participated. Our sincere thanks to all the parents that took time out their Saturday schedules to help ready our school for the new year. We really appreciate it!

We wanted to reiterate on behalf of the teachers, parent representatives and ourselves that we encourage you to communicate with us regarding any questions, concerns or suggestions you many have. Attending a board meeting or two is a great way to stay informed about what's happening within our school and the direction we are taking. We look forward to hearing from you! **Have a great October!**

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## Reminders

### Board Meeting

The October school board meeting is **Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7pm** in the school's Art Room.

### Snacks

Please visit the WRNS Website to view the snack calendar and find out when it is your turn to bring in snack.

[www.wintonroad.org](http://www.wintonroad.org)

### Tuition

The final tuition payment is due to Amy Roode by **November 1st**

## October 2009 Dates to Remember

- October 2**..... First Friday Funtime
- October 12** ..... NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day Recess
- October 14** ..... Board Meeting, 7 pm in Art Room
- October 17** ..... Chase Farms Harvest Festival
- October 21** ..... 2 and 3 day AM open house 6:30-7:30
- October 22** ..... 4 day PM open house 6:30-7:30

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**HARVEST  
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
see page 2>

## 2009-2010

### WRNS Board Members

Chairpersons.....	Sarah Holland April Adam
Assistant Chair.....	Ginny Reynolds
Secretary .....	Gina Ludwig
Treasurer.....	Stephanie Chiumento Kathy Reid
Admin. Registrar.....	Amy Roode
Tour Registrars.....	Pam Viggiani Adjuah Van Keken
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Newsletter Editor .....	Lili Schwartz
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Publicity Chairpersons.....	Kellie Downes
Parent Rep Chairperson .....	Alison Guage
Cleaning Committee .....	Staci Pfeffer Lisa Polvino
Church Liaison.....	Mary Finucane
Website .....	Ben Agronick Joe Tunis
Copying.....	Johnna Nuefeglise
Babysitting .....	Melisa Kieffer
Scholastic .....	Alisa Hall
Substitutes .....	Sarah Horeth
Supplies .....	Nicole Benoit

## News from Fundraising

**Winton Road Nursery School has a few exciting events to start off the school year!**

### Young Masterpieces

Turn your child's artwork into beautiful keepsakes and gifts. Simply choose a piece of artwork and Young Masterpieces will make it into T-shirts, note cards, mugs, magnets and other items. Turn in artwork to the art room by October 8th.

**Questions? Call Meg Nolan 298-1477**

### Fall Family Farm Trip

Join other families from WRNS for a fun time at Chase Farm. Ride a wagon to the field, pick pumpkins and gourds, get lost (and found) in a hay maze, and enjoy some doughnuts and cider.

**Saturday, October 17th, 10am.**

**Chase Farm is on Pannell Road in Perinton.**

**\$6 per person/\$24 max per family.**

**Order tickets in advance in the art room.**

**Rain Date - October 24th.**

## Summary of WRNS Board Meeting

September 9, 2009 by Gina Ludwig

- Families that were unable to attend Social Work will be assigned another task.
- Teachers are going to stress hand washing more often in class this year and they are going to clean tables several times a day.
- Please keep sick children at home. Children who come to school with green, runny noses will be sent home.
- School tours for families interested in our school will start in late September.
- There will be a WRNS fundraising event at Chase Farms on 10/17 at 10:00. Rain date will be 10/24. The cost will be \$6.00 per person. Information about the Young Masterpieces fundraiser will be coming home soon.
- Visit the WRNS Website to view the snack calendar and find out when it is your turn to bring in snack.
- Tote bags are available through the Publicity committee.
- The cleaning committee is looking into using more eco friendly cleaning products and products that will kill the flu virus.

## Greetings from the Young Nursery

Young Nursery is up and running and busy, busy, busy.

By now you have seen some of your children's art projects, or experiments. We started slow by introducing markers, one color of paint with different tools, two colors of paint with brushes and finally moved on to projects that may or not be identifiable to you. We are letting the children explore different methods and tools and watching to learn not only their fine and large motor skills, but mainly what they are interested in doing. Next month we will be working with more materials and introducing other surprises!

This month, and next, we will explore colors by watching the leaves change, mixing paints to create new colors, discussing Halloween and just having fun! As far as Halloween celebrations go, we do some Halloween arts and crafts, but do not dress up in costumes at school.

Please note that we are always in need of paper towels and wipes. If the Monday/Tuesday parents could each bring in a package of paper towels and the Wednesday/Thursday parents each bring a replacement package of wipes, we'd be set for quite a while. This is purely voluntary, but greatly appreciated.

Sign-up sheets for play dough and working in the classroom are on the bulletin board outside our room if you still need to do so.

Please remember that I am always available for discussing any concerns you may have regarding your child's experience at school or any other worries. Of course, positive feedback is always welcome too! My home telephone number is 377-1288 and better yet my cell phone number is 233-8165. My cell is also the best number to call me during school hours.

Until November, have a great Halloween and feel free to share the kids' candy with the teachers!

## Greetings from the Morning Nursery

The school year is off to a great start and your little ones are settling nicely into our regular schedule and routine. During the first couple of weeks of school, we focused on becoming comfortable with new teachers, new rooms, school routines, making new friends, and renewing old friendships. The children have done an amazing job of making a smooth transition. Thank you to parents for bringing your children to school prepared for a fun filled and busy day. Thanks also to all the Committee members who were hard at work even before the start of school getting items done which allowed for a smooth beginning to the school year.

Our days have been busy: In the Art Room the children have discovered painting at the easel plus the chance to explore their creative side with the art projects that have been planned. The children have all looked happy and excited with their first creations. The Big Muscle Room always proves to be a very active room. Many children come down to visit looking forward to playing on the climber, setting up the doll house, driving the trucks and cars, using the train table, and pretending to be carpenters with the tools. The Housekeeping Room is also a busy room. The sand table, kitchen, and dress up clothes offer a variety of creative play areas that give children the opportunity to play together. We also were blessed with some beautiful weather that allowed us to get outside on our playground. While the weather is good we try to get out as much as possible - the fresh air seems to agree with everyone. If you have any question as to whether or not we will be going outside be sure to check for the sign, as you enter your child's classroom, that will let you know if will be going out or staying in.

For the month of October our theme will be fall. We will discuss the change of seasons, the change of the weather, the color changes in the trees, and will learn fall songs and finger plays, along with fall related activities. We will also include Halloween activities as the month progresses. In the Art Room, the children will be creating fall and Halloween masterpieces for you to proudly display at home. This is really a fun part of year!

For Halloween the children do not dress up in costumes at school. We prefer that you keep Halloween as a special family activity. We would hate to see treasured costumes get torn or stained at school.

### Following are a few requests from the teachers:

- We would like to mention once again how important it is to LABEL all of your child's belongings. As the colder weather approaches, please make sure all jackets, hats, mittens, boots, etc. are clearly labeled with your child's name. The new totes have been coming back with such beautiful and creative decorations they have been a treat to see. Parents have commented how much fun they and their child had with this little project - thanks for the effort.
- If your child is in Ms. Shafer's room (Big Muscle Room) we ask that you send in one box of tissues with your child. We like to keep a good supply on hand as the weather gets colder and cold season approaches. Thank you.

### Please note the following regarding dismissal:

- When parents socialize just outside the gate it gets congested and increases the risk of confusion in terms of children getting to the correct parent or caregiver. For safety reasons, once your child has been released to you please leave the area directly in front of the gate. We realize that dismissal time is a good time to socialize and set up play dates, but we would appreciate doing that away from the gate area. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Dismissal time is a very busy time of the day and it is very difficult to have a lengthy conversation about a concern you may have. Please let your child's teacher know that you would like to talk with her, and arrangements can be made to talk at a scheduled time. As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher with your questions or concerns.

We would like to give a very special thanks to all the parents who helped shape up the school on the special workday. You made our school look great!!

Fall/Halloween songs that we will be teaching the children:

### Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate

The first one said,  
"OH, it's getting late."

The second one said,  
"There are witches in the air."

The third one said,  
"Ah, we don't care."

The fourth one said,  
"Let's run, and run, and run."

The fifth one said,  
"It's Halloween fun!"

Then whoooooo went the wind  
and out went the lights!

And five little pumpkins rolled  
out of sight!

### Leaves are Falling

(sung to Mary had a Little Lamb)

Leaves are falling to the ground,  
To the ground, to the ground,  
Leaves are falling to the ground  
Pretty autumn leaves.

C'mon boys let's rake them up  
Rake them up, rake them up,  
C'mon girls let's rake them up  
Pretty autumn leaves.

C'mon all let's pile them high  
Pile them high, pile them high,  
C'mon all let's pile them high  
Pretty autumn leaves.

Now let's jump into the pile  
Into the pile, into the pile,  
Now let's jump into the pile  
Pretty autumn leaves!

## Greetings from the Afternoon Nursery

The school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. All the children seem very comfortable with the afternoon schedule. They become familiar with the routine fairly quickly coming to school four consecutive days. The P.M. program starts the day on the playground and then comes in for circle time. After our group the children have the opportunity to do the art project and explore the art room and housekeeping room. We usually save the Big Muscle Room for days we can't use the playground.

We spent the month of September talking about shapes and a favorite fruit of ours, apples. We counted, compared, graphed and cooked apples. We read stories about apples and learned finger plays too. You can't imagine all the things you can do with apples.

In October, we will discuss the change of seasons and we will be learning about other fall fruit and vegetables. We will take walks around the school looking for signs of fall. At the end of the month, we will be busy making Halloween projects. A word about Halloween at WRNS: we do not dress up at school but do plan special Halloween activities.

As cold weather approaches and we put on different jackets, PLEASE check to make sure all coats, mittens, etc. are marked with your child's name. This helps us get ready much faster.

We'd like to thank you parents one more time for getting our school into such great shape!



### Leaves

Five little leaves so bright and gay  
Were dancing around a tree one day.  
A wind came blowing through the town  
And one little leaf came tumbling down.  
Continue with 4 leaves, 3 leaves,  
2 leaves, 1 leaf

### Apples

Way up high in the apple tree  
Two big apples smiled down at me  
I shook that tree as hard as I could  
Down came the apples  
M...m...m...were they good!



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## PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH **Consent Form**

I hereby grant my permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Name)

to be photographed for possible use in the Winton Road Nursery School newsletter, bulletin boards, local newspapers, enrollment open houses, flyers and enrollment fairs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Name – Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Name – Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Check this box if you do NOT want your child's photograph used.

Please return completed form to the envelope in the art room marked "PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION."