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## From Co-chairs April Adam and Sarah Holland

### Hello all!

It is hard to believe that November is already upon us! I hope this newsletter finds each of you happily settled into Winton Road and enjoying the remainder of fall.

Thank you to everyone who attended the open houses for the "Big School" classes; I hope that your children enjoyed introducing you to their classrooms, artwork, and teachers. We will be holding an open house for the Young Nursery School on November 19th. The YNS open house is an event for our youngest students to have the opportunity to show off their school to their families and loved ones!

I also want to thank our Fundraising/Events committee for all of their hard work organizing the Harvest Festival at Chase Farms. The children always have so much fun and I appreciate the time and dedication involved in planning for such outings. Also coming soon will be information regarding this year's holiday fundraiser, a voluntary gift giving campaign to help local families in need. Last year you generously donated toys and gifts for the children served by Wilson Commencement Park. Look for more information soon!

As the cold weather approaches, please remember to send your children with appropriate clothing and outerwear and please label everything.

**One other reminder: the driveway into the parking lot from Winton Road is one way for entrance only. Please do not exit the school parking lot onto Winton Road.**

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

### Have a happy Thanksgiving holiday!

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## Reminders

### Board Meeting

The November school board meeting is

**Wednesday, November 11, 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)

## November 2009 Dates to Remember

- 1 SUN..... Last tuition payment due
- 3 TUE..... NO SCHOOL – Teacher's Workday
- 11 WED..... NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
- 11 WED..... Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- 19 THUR ..... YNS M/T & W/Th  
Open House 6:30 – 7:30pm
- 25-27 W-F..... NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**CLIX**

**Picture Days**

November 17 & 18

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## 2009-2010 WRNS Board Members

Chairpersons.....	Sarah Holland April Adam
Assistant Chair.....	Ginny Reynolds
Secretary .....	Gina Ludwig
Treasurer.....	Stephanie Zeigler Kathy Reid
Admin. Registrar.....	Amy Roode
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Babysitting .....	Melisa Kieffer
Scholastic .....	Alisa Hall
Substitutes .....	Sarah Horeth
Supplies .....	Nicole Benoit

## Summary of Board Meeting

October 14, 2009 by Gina Ludwig

- Corrections have been made to the school handbook and directory. It will be e-mailed to everyone shortly. We will not be providing paper copies.
- Individual school pictures will be taken on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18.
- The WRNS Spring Fling will be on March 7.

## Share the Holiday Spirit...

In the spirit of the holidays, WRNS is once again partnering with Wilson Commencement Park to make the wishes of children come true. Wilson Commencement Park (WCP) provides comprehensive resources and services to enable low-income, primarily single-parent families develop skills for self sufficiency, create family stability and transition off welfare.

To support this valuable program, the families of Winton Road are being asked to donate toys and gifts for children ages 3-5.

Just before Thanksgiving, our WRNS bulletin board will be decorated with tags, each bearing the name of a toy or gifts on WCP's holiday wish list. To make a child's wish come true, please select from the bulletin board the item(s) that you would like to purchase. The unwrapped gifts should be dropped off at WRNS from Monday, December 7th until noon on Friday, December 11th. Purchasing gifts for children at Wilson Commencement Park is a voluntary program.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for spreading cheer to the community this holiday season!

**If you have any questions, please contact Gina Ludwig, 377-6598 or [nealandgina@frontiernet.net](mailto:nealandgina@frontiernet.net)**

## News from Fundraising

### Young Masterpieces

Everyone's artwork looks great. Remember to return your order by October 29th!

### Picture Day

CLIX will be coming to take photos November 17th and 18th. Parents will be able to choose either a traditional portrait or dress-up photo. Participation is voluntary and there is no obligation to purchase. More information and permission forms will be sent home with your child. Questions? Please contact Meg Nolan 298-1477 or [fernernolan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:fernernolan@rochester.rr.com)

# FOR SALE:

24"x48" Toddler Activity Tables

1 gray laminate with red border

1 gray laminate with light blue border

\$125.00 each

Please see Donna Parker or Patty Schwarz

## Greetings from the Young Nursery

The children are feeling more comfortable in their surroundings and the extra 30 minutes allows us more time outside!!! Mary and I are very pleased with the way the children are adjusting. We have already been able to take a long walk through the woods with one of the classes which is a rarity this early in the year. We love to go outside. As the weather becomes cooler (won't use the word cold yet), please remember to label your child's layers.

The kids are beginning to show an interest in each other. Although there is still mostly parallel play, they are recognizing their classmates and are not as protective of "their space" as they once were. Having a friend close by while playing with the same toys is becoming more common than not. It is interesting to watch their interactions and trust develop.

We will be exploring our colors this month. We have color games, books, songs, etc. This does not mean that your child will, or should, know every color or color combination by the end of November. We are just HAVING FUN WITH COLORS.

Much of our artwork is basic experimentation. We also will experiment with water, sand, and whatever we can get our hands on. We are allowing the children to use different tools for painting, pasting and drawing – WE MAKE A MESS!! Although we use smocks as much as possible, the children always seem to get messy. Your flexibility (and forgiveness) is appreciated as we encourage your child to learn about the world around them and how they fit in it.

Thanks to all of the parents and family members who have "rolled-up their sleeves" and played with us in the classroom. We love having you and I love the support, the extra hands and the extra eyes.

Once again I want to express the importance of keeping our lines of communication open. Although I do not have time immediately after class to talk, phone calls and emails are always welcome. This does not only go for problems or concerns you may have. If there is something we have done in class that has really touched your child or had an impact on them, please let me know so that we can put a STAR by that activity. Also, any ideas you would like to share or perhaps volunteer are always welcome. I can't express this enough.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know I am grateful for all the things I continue to learn from your children and the joy I get from teaching them. They crack me up!

A couple of reminders. We are in need of parents to sign up and volunteer. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside our room. Also, we are still in need of paper towels. If possible, please bring in a roll or two.

## Greetings from the Afternoon Nursery

It's hard to believe that the first two months of school are already behind us. The children are familiar with the routine and come to school eager to start the day. We had a fun October watching the leaves change and using things found in nature for our art projects and circle activities. We made pumpkins, baked pumpkins, pureed pumpkins and ate things made from pumpkins. At the end of the month we were busy making Halloween decorations.

For the month of November our activities will revolve around Thanksgiving. We will compare the first Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving celebrations of today. We'll talk about different kinds of food eaten for the feast and even do some baking ourselves. Most importantly, we'll focus on family and friends.

We want you to know that if you have any specific questions or concerns about the daily goings on or just need a little assurance that everything is alright call us or contact us via e-mail. We will not wait for conferences if we have any questions for you and we do not want you to wait if you feel there are things to discuss. We are always available. **Happy Turkey Day!**

## Greetings from the Morning Nursery

October was an exciting time for everyone at WRNS. The boys and girls are now happily settled into their daily routine and were busy with fall and Halloween activities. During the month we discussed the change of seasons, read many related stories, learned songs and rhymes for fall and Halloween, talked about pumpkins, carved pumpkins, and created wonderful seasonal art projects. Some of your children's masterpieces can be seen adorning the walls of the classrooms.

For the month of November our themes will be family and Thanksgiving. In addition to the theme-related art projects, stories, songs, and learning activities, we will be talking about the true meaning of the Thanksgiving season, and the people and things for which we are thankful for.

We are beginning to look into scheduling special visitors to come to school and make presentations for the children. During the year the children enjoy visits from musicians, storytellers, doctors, dental hygienists, firefighters, etc. In addition to these outside visitors we also would love to have anyone from our parent community to come in and share a special talent / profession / hobby with the children. In the past, parents have shared a musical instrument, cooking, storytelling, dancing, or just reading a book at circle time. Please contact your child's teacher if you are available to spend time with the children and share that special activity or talent. We would love to have you!

### **A few reminders from the teachers to help the year run smoothly:**

- Because of the generosity of our parents we have a sufficient supply of napkins for snack time. Due to this napkins are not necessary to bring in when it is your child's turn for snack. Please continue to supply 5oz cups and the appropriate amount of snack as indicated for your child's program in the handbook.
- For security, the door to the nursery school entrance will not be unlocked until 8:50 each morning. We will then lock the door at 9:30, after the children have arrived, again for security reasons. If you need to enter after this time please come through the playground and come to one of the classroom doors.
- With the weather getting colder please remember to dress your child appropriately as we do go out each day when weather permits. It is important to have LABELED boots, snowsuits, jackets, and mittens that are easy to get on. It is very frustrating for a child who is trying to dress them self to contend with boots, snow pants, or mittens that do not fit properly. Time is of essence when we are trying to get a group of children dressed in all that cold weather gear.
- With all the cold weather clothing that the children will be wearing very shortly we ask your cooperation in helping your child get settled when they arrive at school. Hats and mittens should be placed into the sleeve of their jacket or coat, and boots placed on the floor under the area where their jackets and snow pants are hung. Please hang on the hook whatever you want your child to wear on the playground. Your help in getting your child settled in the morning is greatly appreciated.
- Please be sure to call the school if your child will not be attending on their scheduled day. Knowing this information alerts the teachers that they may start their day on time and not hold up their circle time or special project waiting for a child to arrive.

The teachers truly appreciate your cooperation on these matters. Thank you. We wish our WRNS families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

## The Turkey

The turkey is a funny bird.

His head goes wobble, wobble, wobble.

And all he says is just one word.

Gobble, gobble, gobble.

## Five Little Turkeys

Five little turkeys flew up in a tree.

The 1st one said,  
"There's a farmer I see."

The 2nd one said,  
"He's coming our way!"

The 3rd one said,  
"It's Thanksgiving Day!"

The 4th one said,  
"What are we going to do?"

The 5th one said,  
"He's coming after you!"

Mr. Farmer stopped to say,  
"Turkeys have a great Thanksgiving Day!"