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From Co-chairs April Adam and Sarah Holland

Hello WRNS families!

A chill is in the air and the holiday season is right upon us! As we have in previous years, this year we will be organizing a charitable donation for a local organization. We will again be working with Wilson Commencement Park, collecting new, unwrapped gifts for the children served by this worthy organization. More information will be available on the bulletin board.

It is hard to believe, but enrollment for next year is right around the corner. Enrollment for current families begins on January 11th; additional information and registration materials will be placed in your child's cubby in the coming weeks.

Now is also an excellent time to consider recommending WRNS to your family and friends with preschool aged children! We will be holding our first public open house for prospective families on January 9th. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce our program, teachers, and facilities to interested families. To encourage referrals, we are happy to continue the Enrollment Referral Incentive Program we introduced last year. The program will reward a \$50 tuition discount for current WRNS families whose referrals result in a new family enrolling at our school. For more information, please see the related article or contact me directly.

We hope you each have a joyous holiday season and that your New Year brings you continued good health and happiness!

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Reminders

Board Meeting

The December board meeting is **Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:30pm.**

Parking

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.

December 2009 Dates to Remember

Monday, Dec. 7 New Rooms – 3-Day AM
 Tuesday, Dec. 8 New Rooms – 2-Day AM
 Wednesday, Dec. 9 Board Meeting – 6:30pm
 Dec. 21 – Jan 1 NO SCHOOL – Holiday Recess

January 2010

Monday, Jan. 4 School Resumes

**Happy
Holidays**
to all of our
WRNS friends
and families!

2009-2010 WRNS Board Members

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| Chairpersons..... | Sarah Holland April Adam |
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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.

Our WRNS bulletin board has been 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 or bring in an item of your choosing. 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

Summary of November WRNS Board Meeting

November 11 14, 2009 by Gina Ludwig

- The updated snack calendars for the remainder of the school year are now up on the WRNS website.
- Toy donations can be made to the children at Wilson Commencement Park 12/7 - 12/11. Please choose a tag off the winter bulletin board in the hallway and then bring in the unwrapped gift.
- Your child's art work may be on display at the Brighton and Winton Road Library branches some time this winter. An e-mail will be sent letting you know when.
- Winton Road Nursery School applications for 2010 - 2011 school year will be mailed at the beginning of December.

WRNS Enrollment Referral Incentive Program

The best publicity for Winton Road Nursery School is done through word of mouth and in efforts to encourage WRNS families to spread the word about our fabulous school; the WRNS Enrollment Referral Incentive Program has been created.

The program is effective starting with December's early registration and will offer a \$50 tuition discount for current WRNS families whose referrals result in a new family enrolling at our school. The referred students must actually enroll for the 2009-2010 school year and the discount will be applied only when WRNS receives the new family's second tuition payment. (Please note that no discounts will be given towards the current school year's tuition.)

If you know families with preschool aged children, please let them know about Winton Road Nursery School! In the spirit of our semi-cooperative nature, we encourage each one of you to spread the word about WRNS and help our open enrollments be as successful as they can be.

Greetings from the Young Nursery

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family and friends. November sailed by with all of its beautiful fall colors and weather. We were able to take many nice walks through the woods behind school and run around on the labyrinth.

We have been sooooo fortunate with our opportunities to listen to various musicians around the school. In addition to the big band and the violinists, we have found rooms with flutes, clarinets, and percussion!!! The children thoroughly enjoy this time and have made quite an impression with the musicians.

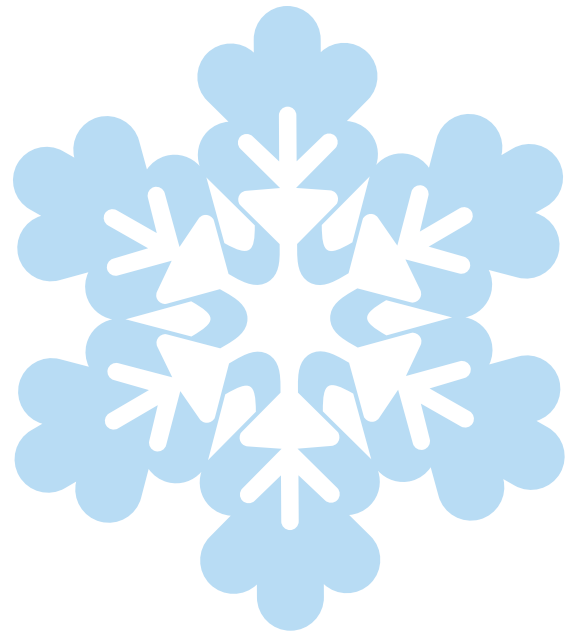
If your child has favorite music that they listen to at home, please feel free to bring it in for us to play during the school day.

Soon we will be adjusting to colder and snowier days. Please make sure to dress your child appropriately and that all the "pieces" are labeled with their name.

We will continue to go outside as much as possible. Whatever you want your child to wear on the playground, please leave on their hook and/or in their crate under their hook. Mittens and hats are best left inside the sleeve of your child's coat.

Please note: if the snow starts to fly soon, I will be asking for volunteers to come into the classroom about 10:50 to help the children get bundled up. I would really like the children to practice getting themselves ready and an extra parent in the room at this time makes it easier.

We will be doing mainly snow-related projects in December, and will be discussing the change of season and how it affects our lives and the animals around us. We continue to talk about colors and play various games to help us learn them.



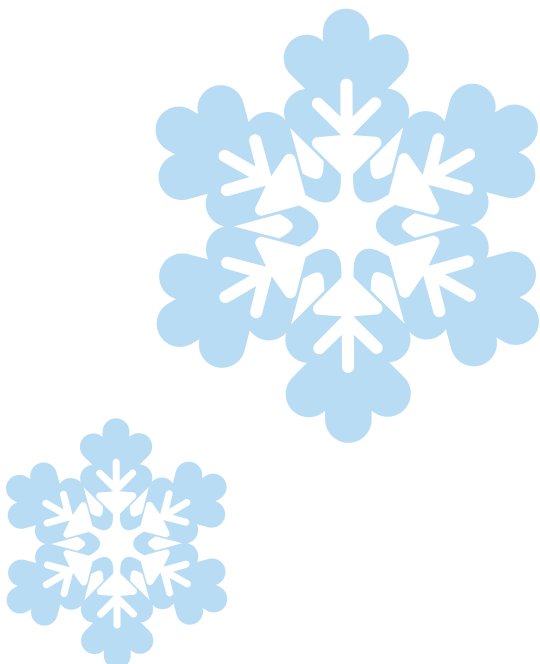
Greetings from the Afternoon Nursery

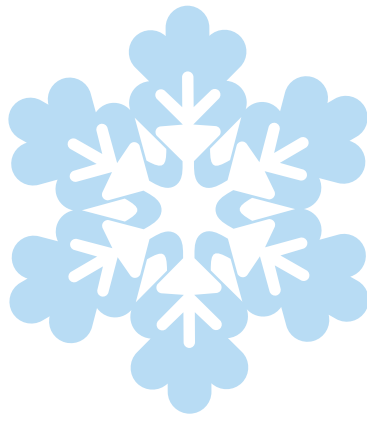
December is always a fun and busy month at WRNS. The children will be learning about the holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. The boys and girls will be exposed to the unique customs of each of these holidays in circle time and through their art projects and songs. This is always a fun and busy time in the art room. The children are enjoying the variety of materials they get to use. They are taking their time exploring and discovering all aspects of the art and housekeeping rooms. On those rainy and cold days when we cannot use the playground, the big muscle room is a fun place to visit.

Remember that the afternoon program starts the day outside so please send the children dressed appropriately for the weather. Also, please label everything! You have no idea how many black snowpants and similar looking boots come to school. Please send two pair of mittens even if they are not used everyday. It's nice to know there is a dry pair on hand. It would be great if you would reinforce the skills your child needs to dress for the outdoors. We will be working on this daily.

If you have any concern or questions, please don't wait for conferences to talk to us. We are always available!

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY!





Greetings from the Morning Nursery

We all enjoyed a beautiful November and are now getting ready for a very busy December. Even though we have not seen that much snow so far, it will be here before you know it.

To keep all the additional winter clothing organized please lend us a hand with the following: please hang up snow pants with your child's jacket, and tuck their hat and mittens into the sleeve of their jacket. At school we continually reinforce independence and self-help skills by having the children learn to dress themselves as much as possible without becoming frustrated. To help keep the frustration level low we ask that mittens be sent in with your child in place of gloves. It also helps to reinforce self help skills at home. The children are so proud when they can do it all by themselves, as we are proud of them. We do go outside in the snow and cold unless the temperature or wind chill are at a dangerous level, so please make sure your child is dressed for outdoor play. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

While on the topic of cold and snowy weather, if the school is closed due to the weather, announcements will be made on WHAM 1180, Channel 13 WHAM-TV, Channel 10 News NBC and R NEWS, cable channel 9 or 14. A message will also be posted on the WRNS web site.

We also ask parents to keep in mind that as winter weather sets in and travel time takes longer, that you adjust your schedule to meet the end of the school day – some children have a hard time being the last one on the playground.

We will also be changing rooms in December. Mrs. Parker and class will move to the Big Muscle Room, Mrs. Paul to the Art Room, and Mrs. Shafer to the Housekeeping Room. This is always an exciting event and we talk to the children about the move as we get closer to the room change. For M-W-F children, the first day in their new rooms will be on Monday, December 7th. For T-Th children the first day in their new rooms will be on Tuesday, December 8th. If your child is in Mrs. Parker's (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.

With the approaching holidays, the children will be learning about Christmas and Hanukkah through art projects, stories, songs, circle time activities, and finger plays. December is a short school month but an exciting time for everyone.

Happy Holidays! We sincerely hope all of our WRNS families have a very safe and peaceful holiday season!

Five Little Bells

Five little bells hanging
in a row,

The first one said,
"Ring me slow."

The second one said,
"Ring me fast."

The third one said,
"Ring me last."

The fourth one said,
"Ring me like a chime."

The fifth one said,
"Ring me at holiday time."

The Dreidel Song

I have a little dreidel

I made it out of clay

And when it's dry and ready

My dreidel I will play

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel

I made it out of clay

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel My

dreidel I will play

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

(tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

Way up high is where you are

Shining bright for all to see

On the tip top of our tree

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas star

Way up high is where you are