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From Co-chairs April Adam and Sarah Holland

Hello WRNS families!

It is hard to believe that it is already February! We would like to begin by thanking those families who contributed to our teachers' holiday fund. Your generosity was much appreciated by the teachers!

Thank you to the publicity committee, teachers and board members for making our first Open House a success, and the cleaning committee for helping prepare by making our school shine! We would also like to thank Lili Schwartz who designed new posters and other promotional materials for the school that look wonderful! **We have a second public Open House on February 6th.** Not only is this an excellent opportunity for new families to learn about our program, it is also a great time for current parents to find out more about the different programs we have to offer. Spread the word! Remember that we have a referral program- so you can save money off of your tuition next year if you refer a family to our school and they enroll.

If you missed the social workday at the start of the school year, you may be called upon to do another job at the school during the school year. Thanks in advance for your cooperation- our school runs smoothly because of the hard work of all of our parents!

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Reminders

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is
Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Save the Date! WinterFest

**Sunday, March 7
3-5:00pm**

February 2010

Saturday, Feb. 6 Public Open House (9:30-11am)

Wednesday, Feb. 10 .. Board meeting (7pm)

February 15-19 NO SCHOOL - February Recess

Snack Calendar!

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newsletter!
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2009-2010 WRNS Board Members

Chairpersons.....	Sarah Holland April Adam
Assistant Chair.....	Ginny Reynolds
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Church Liaison.....	Mary Finucane
Website	Ben Agronick Joe Tunis
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Babysitting	Melisa Kieffer
Scholastic	Alisa Hall
Substitutes	Sarah Horeth
Supplies	Nicole Benoit

Summary of Board Meeting

January 13, 2010 by Gina Ludwig

- The January Open House for perspective families was very successful. Another Open House will take place in February.
- Registration has started for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Sign up for WRNS Summer Camp held in June will take place in March.
- Many people have been forgetting to bring in snack when it is their turn. Starting in February the snack calendar will be e-mailed monthly.
- On March 7th there will be a WRNS family event held in the gym at Seton Catholic School. The theme this year will be spring lions and lambs. A list of raffle ticket items will be out in February.

News from the Cleaning Committee

26 seconds after you smell a chemical it is in every major organ of your body. These chemicals affect brain function and performance. Children's bodies and body systems are developing, and are less able to process toxic substances. Pound for pound they take in more contaminants than adults. Children will often put things in their mouths and spend more time in direct contact with surfaces and can accidentally ingest harmful substances. Children are closer to carpets and floors which may be cleaned with chemicals. These could range from petrol, cleaning agents, carpet cleaning solvents and other household chemicals. A study of more than 7,000 children shows that children born into households which use chemicals such as bleach and cleaning solvents are twice as likely to suffer persistent wheezing, often a precursor to asthma.

For these and many other reasons, the cleaning committee decided to green our cleaning products for the 2009/2010 school year. We went in and cleaned out 4 bins of overflowing cleaners containing chemicals and toxins. These cleaners included an unbelievable number of half full bottles of Windex, Simple Green, Fantastic, Clorox, and many others. We combined what we could and donated the cleaners to another school. These were the products they use regularly, and if the cleaners are going to go into the drain anyway, they might as well be used first.

We replaced all of that with Benefect concentrated cleaner and Benefect disinfectant. Both are made from 100 % renewable, sustainable and biodegradable resources. They require no warning labels and are safe for children, the chemically-sensitive and those with Asthma & Allergies. They do not contain petrochemicals, phosphates, fragrances, dyes, EDTAs, NTAs, perfumes, preservatives or pesticides and they are not tested on animals.

The disinfectant comes in bulk but is not a concentrate. It is the only disinfectant to ever have a Green-Certification. It is EPA-Registered, Hospital-Grade, and 100% Botanical. It kills bacteria, virus, fungus, mold, mildew and odors using natural Thyme rather than chlorine, ammonia & oxidizers which are corrosive, flammable and reactive nor does it pose a public health risk.

Many commonly used cleaning products contain toxic ingredients. If you are not using a 100% natural product, you are probably using dangerous chemicals in your home. In a few easy steps you can improve your indoor air quality and decrease exposure to toxic chemicals and fumes. Making the shift to natural cleaning products will also help the environment outside of your home. By decreasing the amount of chemicals that are released into our soil, water supply, and air you are contributing to the shift toward eco-friendly, healthier ways of living for everyone.

Greetings from the Morning Nursery

During February we will have a special visitor coming to WRNS. On Monday, February 1st and Thursday, February 4th we will be visited by a dental hygienist from Pittsford Pediatrics with the children getting some good information about keeping their teeth healthy. During the upcoming months the children will also be entertained by additional special visitors such as musician, Mike Kornrich, City of Rochester firefighters, and the Story Lady, so be sure to check your newsletter for those important dates. For Valentine's Day we will not be having any "special" celebrations, but if your child would like to bring in cards for his/her class they are welcomed to do so. If you send valentines in with your child, the teachers will help to make sure they are put into the children's cubbies. Please remember to include a card for each child in the class (little hearts get broken so easily). February will be filled with valentine related art projects, songs, and stories.

If one of your New Year resolutions is to clean out the clothes that no longer fit your children, please keep WRNS in mind. We are in need of socks, underpants and pants for both boys and girls. Donated items can be given to any of the teachers. Thank you

With all the runny noses and sniffles this winter our supply of tissues has run low so we are asking that if your child is in the Big Muscle Room with Mrs. Parker to please supply one box of tissues to the school. If you have already done so we thank you for your donation.

An important reminder to parents when their child is to be picked up by someone other than the parent themselves: If the person picking up your child is not on your child's car pool sheet, than a note has to be given to your child's teacher giving WRNS permission to release your child. Identification will be required before your child is released.

Also a quick reminder concerning the amount of snack provided for the school. By snack time the children are hungry so we ask that the amount of snack sent is sufficient enough to provide a decent portion for each child in the program. The number needed for the MWF class is 36, and for the T/Th class it is 26. Also since our parents have been more than generous we have a sufficient supply of napkins and cups for the remainder of the year, so it is not necessary to bring these items in when it is your snack turn. Thank you.

The staff would like to thank all who donated to WRNS for our holiday gift fund. Your GENEROUS gift giving is very much appreciated and we are looking forward to purchasing some new items for the children to enjoy at school. We will be letting you know what new items we have added to the school in future newsletters.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable winter break which runs from Monday, February 15 thru Friday, February 19. We look forward to seeing the children on Monday, February 22.

Greetings from the Afternoon Nursery

February may be a short month but it will be a busy one. We will be waiting to see if the groundhog sees his shadow so we know how many more weeks of winter are left. We'll explain why Phil is coming out of the ground and we'll talk about hibernation and shadows. Also, the children will be making lots of different Valentine projects for you to enjoy at home.

At WRNS we do not have a Valentine's party, but if you would like to send in valentines with your child we will help put the envelopes in the children's cubbies. Please remember to include a valentine for each child in the class.

The children really enjoyed the performance of the Magic Guy in January. He keeps us all entertained with his illusions and a special few even got to be his helpers. Kim Playfair, a dental hygienist from Pittsford Pediatric Dentistry will be coming to WRNS in February to talk about dental health.

The teachers would like to thank all of you who donated to our holiday fund. We are going to have a lot of fun picking our items from our wish list. We'll let you know what purchases we've made in future newsletters.

Enjoy your winter break!

Five Valentines

I have five valentines not one more
I'll give one to Mother, then I'll have ____.
Four paper valentines are all that I see.
I'll give one to Dad, and then I'll have ____.
Three paper valentines all bright and new.
I'll give one to Grandma, and then I'll have ____.
Two paper valentines this is lots of fun!
I'll give one to Grandpa, and then I'll have ____.
One paper valentine and I know what to do.
I'll give my last valentine to no one but you!

My Valentine

(Sung to "The Muffin Man")

Have you seen my valentine,
My valentine, my valentine?
Have you seen my valentine?
It was from me to you.

Yes, I've seen your valentine,
Your valentine, your valentine.
Yes, I've seen your valentine,
It said, "I love you."

Snack Calendar

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Jamanis Roode	1 Metchick Zimmerman	2 Adam Polvino	3 Matzky Reynolds	4 Andrews	5	6
7	Pfeffer Nicholas	8 Oliveiri Guage	9 Wright Schickler	10 Benoit Viggiani-Cole	11 Kieffer	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	20
21	Ludwig Gianforti	22 Welker Nolan	23 Nordquist McPherson	24 Rozzi Holland	25 Weld	26	27
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