



# winton road nursery school

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## Dates to remember:

### Sat. Jan. 7th:

Public Open House 9:30 to 11:00 am.

### Mon. Jan 9th:

Conferences for 3-day AM & YNS M/T. No school (all others in session).

### Tue. Jan 10th:

Conferences for 2-day AM. No school (all others in session).

### Wed. Jan 11th:

Conferences for YNS W/Th. No school (all others in session).

### Wed. Jan 11th:

Board Meeting 7:00 pm.

### Thu. Jan 12th:

Conferences for 4-day PM. No school (all others in session).

### Mon. Jan 16th:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No School.

### Tue. Jan 17th:

Registration begins (in-house).

### Mon. Jan 23rd:

Alumni registration begins.

### Mon. Jan 30th:

Public registration begins.

## From Your Co-Chairs

Happy New Year!

We hope your holidays were full of fun and rest.

We'd like to thank those of you who were able to participate in our community outreach projects at holiday time. It is nice to come together over something larger than ourselves. That said, we are asking Winton Road families to share their ideas for ways our school can give back to those less fortunate. If you have personal connections with local organizations, or have always wanted to "give back" and have an idea on how to do so, please share them with us at [amymetcalfewrns@gmail.com](mailto:amymetcalfewrns@gmail.com).

Also, remember that 2012-1213 registration processing for in-house families begins January 17. So please have your paperwork in on time if you are planning on returning.

Okay, stay warm and healthy!

Sincerely,

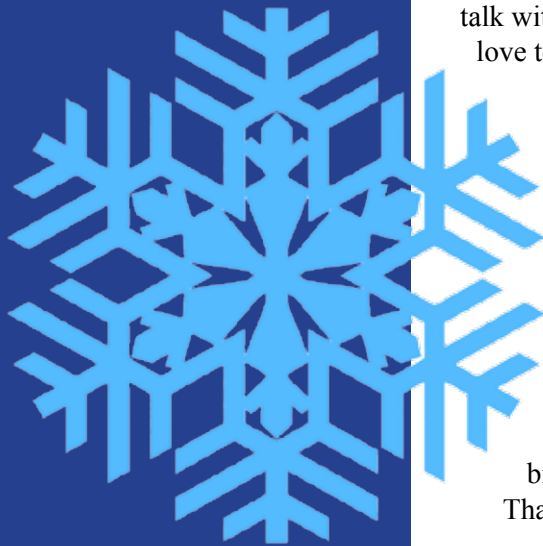
Amy Metcalfe & Karl Matzky  
WRNS Co-Chairs



## Friday Funtime Winter Registration!

Did your children miss their school friends over the holidays? Sign them up for Friday Funtime where they will enjoy lunch, crafts, and snowy outdoor fun with their classmates. Friday Funtimes, led by Mrs. L and Mrs. Colon, will run from 12-2pm each Friday, beginning January 6th. More information and sign-up sheets will be available the first week of January.

**Questions? Contact Amanda Costanza: [amanda@9x30.com](mailto:amanda@9x30.com) or (585) 719-7676.**



## Greetings from the Morning Nursery

Welcome back and Happy New Year!! The holiday season came in so quickly, making the time at school and at home very busy and fun packed. We all hope that you had the time to relax and enjoy family and friends during the holiday break. We are sure that the children will have lots to tell and share when they are back in school.

Now that we are into snow gear we do spend more time indoors. This gives the children more time for playing with friends, and spending a little more time with activities of their choice. Since we are indoors more during these winter months we take advantage of having special visitors come into the school to entertain and talk to the children. Our first special visitor for the season will be The Magic Guy, on Monday, January 23rd and Thursday, January 26th. We have had The Magic Guy perform at WRNS in past years and the children are always in for a great magic show. Also if you feel that there is some special hobby or interest that you have, and would enjoy sharing it with the children, please talk with your child's teacher - we would love to have you come in!

Just a reminder - with all of the snow gear coming into the classrooms, PLEASE label everything. This cuts down on dressing time and adds to playground time and we do go out as much as possible everyday. The teachers ask to please send your child in with mittens, and if possible mitten clips. Any bit of organization is a great help.

Thank you!

We have three teacher requests:

- Please be sure to pack an extra change of clothes if your child is potty training or has just completed the process. Accidents do happen and some children do not like to wear the extra clothing that we have at school.

- Could parents PLEASE encourage their child to leave their precious treasures at home. We do not want these treasures to be misplaced, only to have a child go home unhappy. Also, the children get confused as to what is someone else's and what belongs to the school. We certainly have enough toys for the children to play with.

- In our attempt to keep the children and staff as healthy as possible during this cold and flu season we are asking parents to make a reasonable decision on whether to send their child to school if they are dealing with any of the following:

1. Constant sneezing or coughing
2. Congestion – noses that are stuffed up along with mucus discharge
3. Listless or not him/herself
4. Fever

Please also check your handbook for our sick child policy on page 12. Thank you for your cooperation.

The following are some poems we will enjoy in January:

### ***Five Little Snowflakes***

*Five little snowflakes,*

*Fluffy and light.*

*Made of crystals,*

*Sparkly and white.*

*When the wind comes up*

*They twirl around.*

*Then gently float  
Back to the ground.*

### ***Chubby Little Snowman***

*There was a chubby snowman*

*Who had a carrot nose.*

*Along came a bunny*

*And what do you suppose?*

*That hungry little bunny,*

*Was looking for his lunch.*

*He ate that snowman's carrot nose*

*Nibble, nibble, crunch!*

## Greetings from the Afternoon Nursery

Newsletter from the Afternoon Program

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you had a wonderful vacation and were able to spend special times with family and friends.

We will be talking about winter weather, animals in the winter and doing snow related projects during the month of January.

We will also begin to talk about some important people in American history and introduce the children to Martin Luther King.

Please remember to label all the children's outdoor clothing. Everyone seems to have similar looking snowpants. Also, since we go out at the beginning of the day the children often come inside with wet socks and mittens. We'd appreciate an extra set of each in case they need dry things. Thanks for you help!

We will start having special visitors now that the new year has arrived. The Magic Guy will be making an appearance on January 23. If you know anyone or if you have a special hobby or talent and would like to come to visit, please let us know.

We are looking forward to meeting with you at conference time.

### ***Let it snow!***

*Snowflakes Falling  
Snowflake falling from the sky,  
from the sky,from the sky.*

*Snowflakes falling from the sky,  
to the ground below.*

*Watch them as they dance and whirl  
dance and whirl, dance and whirl.*

*Watch them as they dance and whirl,  
soft white winter winter snow.*

## Greetings from the Young Nursery

Mrs. Whiteside and I wish all of the families at WRNS a Happy and Healthy New Year!

December was a fun month even without the snow. The band was playing holiday music and we learned the Wake-Up Toes song.

This month we will continue offering the children a variety of art projects. I will begin to offer more small-group activities for the children and see if their interests are peaked. Also, I will be bringing out the Little Tykes Rollercoaster to give the children some large motor activity inside and more importantly to work on the whole "taking turns" concept.

Parent-Teacher conferences are held on January 9th and 11th. These are not mandatory, but if you would like to meet with me please sign-up. Mary Whiteside will be available to babysit your child's siblings if need be.

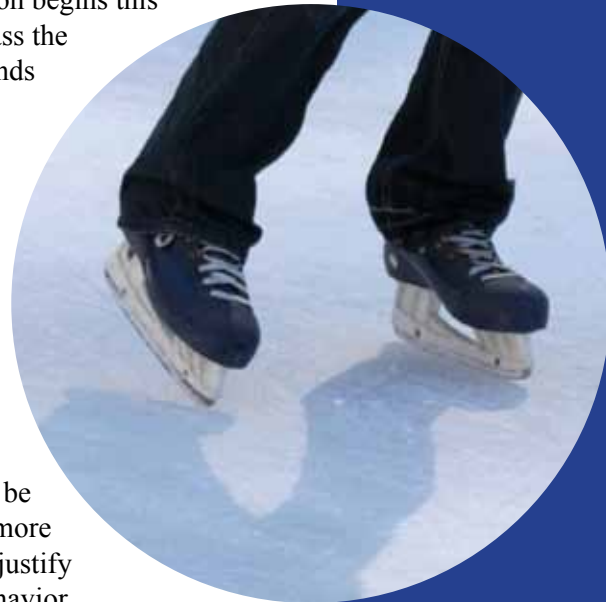
Finally, registration begins this month. Please pass the word to your friends and family.

Many times parents will see me wearing a funny hat or singing silly songs to the children. I am passing on a short article for parents to read that will not only be informative, but more importantly help justify my often silly behavior.

### **The Gift of Laughter**

Humor is an important part of our everyday lives. As a form of intellectual play, it grows more sophisticated with age. The kind of humor children express depends, in part, on the level of cognitive development they have achieved.

A child first experiences humor in the



second year of life in the context of playing with objects. A 3-year-old usually thinks it's hilarious to give objects or events names that she knows to be incorrect. She probably will giggle if a rabbit is called a bird. Most 4-year-olds laugh at objects primarily on the basis of their appearance. A drawing of a car with square tires, for example, might keep a boy laughing throughout the day.

Unexpected behavior also provokes laughter in young children. Seeing a grown-up jump rope, ride a tricycle, or dress up in play clothes and a wig can send a kid into a fit of laughter. A description of an impossible event, such as the term "It's raining cats and dogs" also can produce giggles.

Most 3- to 5-year-olds don't understand many of the jokes, riddles, or puns that seem funny to older children. Younger children do enjoy changing the words of jokes and repeating them often. For example, "Why did the chicken cross the road? ... Because he wanted to!" can break up a child. We adults may not understand the joke, but we can appreciate the reaction it brings to our children.

Humor is more than just a chuckle or a belly laugh. It releases pent-up energy and permits the expression of ideas and feelings. Growing up is stressful, and good mental health—which includes a sense of humor—allows children to cope with sources of conflict and distress.

