

# Westminster Family Connection



February 2024



February is one of our favorite months! We reflect on kindness and friendship and prepare Valentines for each other in anticipation of Valentine's Day!

## Valentine's Celebrations

Mrs. Machin's class will exchange Valentine's Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bocian's and Mrs. Ripps' classes will celebrate on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Lucia or your child's teacher if you have any questions or need a class list.

## Upcoming Assemblies

- Lunar New Year is February 10 this year. We are so fortunate Christina Wu offered to give us a presentation on the Lunar New year this Wednesday - we said Yes, Yes, Yes! We're all looking forward to learning more about ways to celebrate the year of the Dragon!
- The *inflatable planetarium* is coming to Westminster's big room! We had to reschedule due to icy weather, and the new date is February 12<sup>th</sup>! It is the perfect culmination of our studies of the night sky and the solar system.
- Dentist! In honor of Dental health month, a representative from Pearly Whites will be coming Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> with a presentation about the importance of brushing our teeth and demonstrating proper oral hygiene.

## Fundraisers

We are still fundraising for a Little Tykes treehouse for our playground!

- Payton's Market is our ongoing fundraiser: choose from over 900 shelf-stable groceries and order online at [www.paytonsmarket.com](http://www.paytonsmarket.com). Place your order by noon each Wednesday, enter promo code WESTMINSTER, and your order will be here Thursday for pick up! Not only is it easy for you, Westminster receives 10% of every order!
- April 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a basket fundraiser at our annual Art Show. Please consider donating items for the baskets - last year this was such a fun night with many winners!

### **Music Week is around the corner!**

This year Music Week is March 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a morning assembly in the big room each day that week featuring an instrument from one of the musical families (strings, percussion, winds...). If you or a family friend plays an instrument and are willing and able to share their time, please contact Lucia. Proficiency is not required : ) we just want to introduce students to different instruments and the sounds they make.

### **2024-2025 Registration**

If you know of someone looking for a nursery school, please encourage them to register quickly! Our classes are just about full, but we will keep a waiting list. Tuition and application information is on our website [www.westminsternurseryschool.org](http://www.westminsternurseryschool.org).

### **Facebook**

Please check out Westminster's Facebook page for pictures of what we've been up to!

### **Snow Days and Delayed Openings**

The groundhog did not see his shadow, and we are all looking forward to an early spring! However, you never know if there's more icy snowy weather to come! Please remember to check your email if bad weather is in the forecast. Westminster Nursery School follows Berkeley Heights Public Schools when it comes to closings and delayed openings due to inclement weather. If there is a delayed opening, morning classes will be in session from 10:00am until noon and the extended day will be in session noon to 2:30pm.

### **Early Drop Off and Extended Day**

Early drop off is available daily at 8:30am for \$6. Lunch and Learn (11:30 - 2:30) has open spots on Tuesdays and Thursdays and occasionally on other days. Our 4's Enrichment class (11:30 - 2:30) has spots open Monday through Thursday. Please reach out if you are interested in having your child stay with us for the afternoon. The fee is \$35.

### **Upcoming Dates of Note**

February 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> School closed President's Day

March 13<sup>th</sup> - School closed for Staff Professional Development with other local area nursery schools and CPR/AED/First Aid training

March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup> - School Closed for Spring Break