

Westminster Family Connection



March 2024



March is here!

Green is the color of the month, shamrocks are appearing in our artwork, and we'll be dancing to Irish fiddle tunes in the big room before we know it!

Music Week

Reminder: March 18th - 22nd is music week! Each morning, we will hold an assembly introducing musical families and concepts. Please reach out if you or anyone you know has an instrument they'd like to share with us - proficiency is not required :) Classes are making their own instruments to play at the end of each assembly, and during the week there will be a variety of smaller instruments (xylophone, gong, drums, maracas...) for students to try. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to see and hear different instruments and get an idea of how we can make music together.

March Music

Jigs, hornpipes, reels...St. Patrick's Day is a coming! St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday this year, so Mrs. Hassen will play Irish fiddle tunes on Friday, March 15th. We'll even try a little Irish dancing! For those who may be interested, Sunday March 10 at 2:00pm, the Summit Symphony is playing at Summit High School. Mrs. Hassen plays in this orchestra, and it's a great opportunity to introduce children to the orchestral sound. There is no admission fee and children can sit in the back with easy access to the exits if needed :)

WNS Staff Goes to School!

School is closed next Wednesday March 13th! The Westminster staff, along with other area nursery school staff, will be attending a workshop, From Self-Care to Student Care: The ripple effect of wellbeing, In the afternoon we will receive our Pediatric CPR AED First Aid training.

Security

Last year Lucia Hassen, on behalf of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in conjunction with Westminster Nursery School, applied for a Federal grant from

the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) for "facility hardening equipment", We were notified that we received the grant last spring and since then the church and nursery school have been working closely together to procure security equipment for the building. The equipment includes cameras, improved lighting, new doors, and a generator. As this is a federal grant, the process is long and extremely detailed. In the meantime, please rest assured that all doors are locked during the school day. Visitors are limited during the day, admitted only after identity confirmation, and required to sign in (and out of) the visitor's log.

Art Show and Basket Fundraiser!

Mark your calendars! Our annual Art Show with Basket fundraiser is Wednesday April 24th 6:00pm -7:15pm. We look forward to this every year, students are so proud to share their art on display! The fundraiser is another opportunity for us to raise money for the Little Tots Commercial Treehouse for our playground. It seems the cost of this piece goes up every time I turn around, it is now \$4, 115, without installation! Please be thinking if you or your company can donate a basket, and bring in any empty baskets you may have for us to fill! Baskets are due by April 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Lucia.

Scholastic Books

Scholastic Flyers were sent home last week. Please take a look when you have a chance - the deadline for orders is Monday March 11th. This month, if your order is over \$25, you may choose an extra up-to-\$5 book with promo code READS.

2024-2025 Registration

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-2025 school year with openings in our 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ program and very limited availability in the 3's and 4's. If you know of anyone looking for a nursery school, please refer them to the office. Tuition and application information are available on our website www.westminsternurseryschool.org.

Upcoming Dates of Note

March 13th - School closed for Staff Professional Development

March 18th-22nd - Music Week! Morning assemblies featuring musical instruments

March 29th - April 5th - School closed for Spring, reopens Monday April 8th