

OCTOBER 15 THROUGH 19 IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST**

- Install and maintain smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Make and practice a family fire escape route.
- Post emergency numbers near each phone.
- Hide matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.
- Check electrical cords for fraying, cracks and exposed wires. Replace any cords that are damaged.
- Do not overload outlets. Use multiple-plug power strips that have built-in circuit breakers and surge protectors.
- Don't run electrical cords underneath rugs.
- Install ground-fault circuit interrupters in outlets near sink areas and outdoors.
- * Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can catch fire.
- Turn off space heaters and blow out candles before leaving a room or going to bed.
- Store cleaning products, aerosol cans, and flammable liquids away from sources of heat.
- Clean the lint screen on the clothes dryer before each use.
- Clear all exits of obstructions.
- Clean fireplace and chimneys before each heating season.



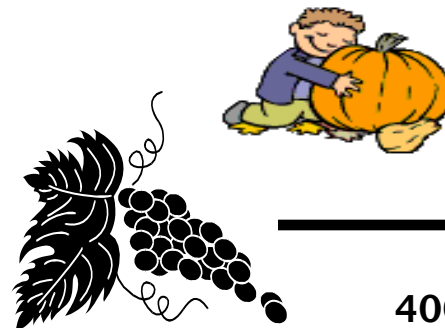
Our yearly Fire Station Walking Field Trip for 3s & VPK Classes is Tuesday, October 16th for VPK Classes & Thursday, October 18th for 3's Classes. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in being a chaperone and accompany your child for this special learning experience.



**Mark your Calendar: Preschool Clean-up Day
Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00am-2:00pm**

Our PAC committee is sponsoring a Fall Clean-up Day for the preschool on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00am-2:00pm. Activities planned for this day are planting, weeding, pressure washing, raking, trimming, painting, filling in holes in the pine parking lot, picking up debris, cleaning playground equipment and washing outside windows. If you would like to provide supplies or participate in this event, please contact our Fall & Spring Clean-up Chairperson, Jason Worley at j4w@hotmail.com. Sign-up Genius will also be available in the coming days. Thank you for your support!

Note: Babysitters will be available on this day.



The Grapevine

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Nature's Vision Catalog Fundraiser Kick-off Monday, October 8th



The PAC Committee would like to announce their upcoming Fall Fundraiser; Nature's Vision Fundraising for a Greener World. Nature's Vision donates a portion of their proceeds to help support Environmental Organizations. Families can order online or from a physical catalog a variety of items including "Faces of Nature" T-shirts, Environmental T-shirts and Fashion Fitted T-shirts for children and adults.

There are a number of other choices as well, including fleece throw blankets and beach or shower towels with nature related themes. This catalog also includes a variety of accessories including candles, nature related jewelry, kitchen essentials, many different types of tote bags, solar garden lights and other items for exploring nature.

Nature's Vision awards all 4 prizes listed on the back of the catalog and one free item of your choice from the catalog for families that buy/sell 12 items! See the back of the catalog for more information. Be sure to share this catalog and the website with family and friends!

When ordering off the website, please use the school code #54062 so our school will get the credit for the sale. The school will receive 40% of the proceeds. The money raised will go towards upgrading the toddler playground equipment.

Thank you for participating in this worthwhile event!





Calendar of Events October & November



October 3rd— Wednesday—Dad's Lunch—Noon—No Extended Day

October 5th—Friday—*WPPC Parent's Night Out—ages 3yrs old-5th Grade—5:30pm—8:30pm— limited spots avail.

October 8th—Monday—Nature's Vision Catalog Fundraiser Kick-off

October 9th—Tuesday—PAC Meeting—9:30am—Room #301

October 16th & 18th—Tues. & Thurs. — Fire Station Field Trips — Threes & VPK Classes

October 17th — Wednesday—Family Chapel—Mission: collect canned & boxed foods

October 22nd—Monday—Cookie Jar Presales begin!

October 26th—Friday—Teacher work day/training—No School—9am—2pm

October 27th—Saturday—*WPPC Trunk or Treat—4:30pm-6:00pm

November 3rd—Saturday—Playground Clean-up Day—9:00am-2:00pm

November 7th—Wednesday—Birds of Prey In-house Field Trip—10:00am-11:00am

November 10th—*WPPC 2018 Global Christmas Market—Sat. Nov. 10th —9am-1:30pm, Sun. Nov. 11th—12-1pm

November 13th—Tuesday—PAC meeting—9:30am—Room 301

November 14th—Wednesday—Family Chapel—Mission: collect canned & boxed foods

November 19th—23rd —Monday—Friday—Thanksgiving Break

*NOTE: The Events above marked "WPPC" are sponsored by Winter Park Presbyterian Church —www.winppc.org

September Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News

Kimberly Stuart- Committee Chair

Julie Gillespie- Committee Co-Chair & Room Parent Liaison

Hayley Sherrill - Secretary

Christine Armstrong - Mission Chair

Jason Worley & Amanda Burke - Fall/Spring Clean-up Co-Chairs

Lauren Kennedy & Carissa Macedo - Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs

Kara McKean & Ashley Fraebel - Cookie Jar Fundraiser Co-Chairs

Kimberly Stuart & Kate Tasillo - Holiday Shoppe/Breakfast with Santa Co-Chairs

Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month from 9:30-10:30am in room #301. The dates are 10/09, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/09 and 5/14.

The purpose of the PAC: Building community, getting to know one another, offering parental perspectives and ideas, helping with school events, hands-on help for teachers, helping out around the school, coordinating with class parents and preschool office, involvement in fund raising and other school activities such as Open House, Scholastic Book Fair, Santa's Breakfast/Holiday Shoppe, Miscellaneous Fundraisers, the Spring Fling/Basket Auction and Teacher Appreciation events. The PAC is like a PTA and all are welcome!

Advice from the Desk of: Anne Bensinger, MAT



Mrs. Bensinger was Director of WPPP from 1987-1998 and has done countless early learning training classes for teachers and parenting workshops for families over the many years since then.

Hello, Parents. I'm Anne Bensinger, now semi-retired and available to you from December through May if you have questions or concerns about child development and parenting. Welcome back to our re-turning parents and congratulations to new parents. You and your child have made it through the first month of preschool!

For all parents – here are some reminders of the most basic developmental tasks your child will accomplish during each year from birth to five. I won't cover the many specific skills and concepts they will gain here at WPPC, but give you a reminder of the single most important "jobs" your preschooler has to do, and how you and his or her teacher can reach this goal together.

When to Rock and When to Rock and Roll - From birth to 12 months, your child needs to be able to relax and know that he is loved. We help him do this by feeding him when he's hungry, changing him when he's wet, and talking to him and playing with him when he is interested. This sets up a smooth pattern of brain waves that he uses for high quality learning and intelligence.

Toddlin' On - The basic developmental responsibilities for Toddlers are to begin to talk and walk, to begin to listen with some understanding, and to begin to take part in LIMITED group play. We help them accomplish this by offering them daily opportunities to talk, sing, dance, walk, run, and climb. We watch carefully for signs of fatigue and distress and we do not push or pressure with toilet training or sitting still and listening past their natural two to five minute attention span.

Two by Two – The developmental job of the Two is to separate from his oneness with Mom or Dad and become his own person (and it isn't easy for you or Two). Our job is to provide daily opportunities for language development, encourage group interaction, and again, not to push toilet training – especially for boys.

Social Butterflies – Three's job is to enjoy making social connections and to express himself through music, dance, role play, and art. It is up to us to offer hundreds of ways for that expression to develop, and to watch out for the mid-three year old tendency to whine and have tummy aches. (She's getting ready to be FOUR!)

Like the Circus?!?! – Fours are LOUD and moody and extremely active!!! They like potty talk and burping and their job this year is to learn to self-regulate and listen. Teachers and parents need to be firm but fair and to offer appropriate outlets for all that energy.

Big School – Fives are calmer, but can be nervous and insecure. Their job is to overcome their self-doubt and feel proud of their accomplishments. Our job is to keep their spirits up and help them feel ready for kindergarten EMOTIONALLY and SOCIALLY as well as to work on academic skills through active means.

For New Parents – Going to school for the first time is HARDER on you than on your child. You may see changes in behavior and language that worry you, fatigue, more illnesses than usual, aggression or hesitancy, and you may see no changes at all! We feel your pain. We cried when our kids went to preschool, kindergarten, middle school, high school and college, and off to see the world and we know your children are your very hearts. We'll take good care of them. We will cherish them. They are 'our kids' now too.

