



*Director's
Notes
April 2018*



**Celebrate the Young
Child.....
APRIL 16TH - 20TH**

During the month of April we celebrate the young child. The Week of the Young Child was established in 1971 by NAEYC to focus public attention on the rights and needs of young children. Early Childhood - the marvelous years from birth through age eight - is truly where our future begins. For young children, each moment is an opportunity to learn more about the world, practice social skills and gain critical thinking skills and knowledge. A good early childhood program prepares children to take full advantage of their educational opportunities and to become effective citizens, capable workers and loving parents of the next generation. Here at Wesley, we celebrate the children everyday!!! Thank you for sharing them with us.



May 7th - 11th

Please write a note to your child's teacher next month to thank them for their commitment to teaching. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my teaching staff for their hard work and dedication. Each of Wesley's staff is unique and special, just like the children. It takes a very special kind of person to be a preschool teacher. Wesley has the best and brightest stars on the block. Here's a little poem that describes my teaching staffs' jobs.



**NO SCHOOL – THUR, APRIL 12th
Parent Teacher Conferences**

**NO SCHOOL – FRI. APRIL 13th
TEACHER IN-SERVICE**

**NO SCHOOL
APRIL 16th - 20th**


**have a good
Spring Break!**

THE STAR POLISHER



By: Leah Becks



I have a great job in the universe of occupations. What do I do?
I'm a "Star Polisher". It's a very important job.
If you want to know how important, just go out at night
and look at the stars twinkling and sparkling.

You see, I'm a teacher. The stars are the children in my class.
My job is to take them in - in whatever shape they come -
and shine and buff them and then send them out
to take their places as bright little twinkling beacons in the sky.

They come into my room in all shapes and sizes.
Sometimes they're bent, tarnished, dirty, crinkly, and broken.
Some stars are cuddly, soft and sweet.
Some stars are prickly and thorny.

As I buff, polish, train and teach my little stars,
I tell them that the world cannot do without them.
I tell them they can do anything they set their minds to do.
I tell them they can be the brightest, shiniest stars in the sky
and the world will be a better place because of them.

Each night as I look at the sky,
I'm reminded of my very important job
and awesome responsibility.
I go and get my soft buffing cloth and my bottle of polish
in preparation for tomorrow and for my class of little stars.



Summer Camp

Before you know it, Summer will be here!! Consider sending your child to Wesley's camp for a week. It is fun and educational too. Registration is starting now.....Additional information will be in your child's cubbie.



I would like to remind parents that children are not allowed to run or play on the ramp in the front of the school. It is a safety rule that we insist be adhered to. Climbing on the railing or running on the ramp can be dangerous and lead to an accident or injury.

ANNUAL TEACHER SURVEYS..

After Spring Break the annual teacher surveys will be going out to families. Please return them by May 11th. There is a basket in the office for your completed surveys and a sheet to cross off your student name. These surveys are very important to us and I hope you will take a few minutes to complete one. Thank you...



BUNNY BREAKFAST

Many, many thanks to all of the families who supported Wesley at the Bunny Breakfast on Saturday morning, March 24th. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all the local and area businesses for their generosity and support, especially Newtown General Store, Big Y, and Dunkin Donuts. Thanks for the excellent face painting by Lucy Henderson. Thank you to the staff who worked very hard to keep things moving throughout the morning. A special thank you to the Easter Bunny and Mrs. Tani. Thank you also to My Mom, Jessie Ceccarelli for all her help and assistance in the kitchen. The day was a huge success and a heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the day possible.

Great job!



ILLNESS OF A CHILD

It is important that we maintain a healthy environment. For the benefit of everyone in our Center, please keep your children home if they do not feel well (diarrhea, fever, vomiting, congestion, uncontrolled runny nose, or coughing). **PLEASE NOTIFY THE CENTER IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT.** If your child is out for more than five (5) school days, a note from your physician is required for your child to return.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

1. Any child who is ill needs to be kept home.
2. A child who is too ill for outside play needs to remain at home until strong enough to enjoy the program.
3. Your child may return to school when
 - a. temperature is normal for 24 hours.
 - b. diarrhea or vomiting has stopped for 24 hours.
 - c. cleared to return to school with a physician's note.
 - d. your child has taken an antibiotic, ordered by the physician, for 24 hours.

Anyone of the following symptoms will require that a child be removed from the Center as recommended by the Connecticut Department of Health:

Vomiting	Chicken Pox	Diarrhea
Conjunctivitis		Mumps
Impetigo	Fever	Measles
Unidentified Rash		Strep Throat

Wesley Family

Picnic

Wednesday, May 16th

ALL GROUPS & FAMILIES

11:30 – 1:00

Festivities to include face painting
by "Alecia"

Musical entertainment by
"Red Supreme"

The playground will be open.

Food will be provided by Wesley.

We will be serving Hot Dogs, Potato
Chips, & Cookies

Water and Juice will be available.

More info to follow....



Field Trip!

We have planned a field trip to the Zoo for the Fours Classes (Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Fuchs, and Mrs. Daniels).

It is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th

Rain Date: May 31st.

More info will soon follow.



Congratulations!

*Moving Up
Ceremonies*

Dobson & Fuchs Classes

Thurs, June 14th

Students in

Classroom @ 8:45 am

Program begins sharply

at 9:00 am

5-Day Program - Daniels

Tues, June 19th

Students in Classroom @ 9:00

Program starts immediately

TEN THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOUR CHILD TURNS FIVE...

UNLIKE OTHER TO-DO LISTS, THIS ONE WILL BE FUN TO GET THROUGH.

- 1) **GROW A FLOWER:** *Guess the color it will turn out to be. Measure its progress:*
- 2) **WATCH FIREWORKS:** *Fire? In the sky? That makes beautiful shapes in pretty colors? Before you're old enough to understand the science of the thing, a fireworks display can seem like a miracle.*
- 3) **ROLL DOWN A GRASSY HILL:** *This is such a simple, silly thing, but we all remember doing it. And that's the whole point.*
- 4) **CATCH A FIREFLY, THEN LET IT GO:** *This one has an extra, "now or never" imperative. Reports show that fireflies are declining in numbers just about everywhere. So catch some while you can.*
- 5) **SEE A LIVE SHOW:** *There's nothing like a stage show, with humans performing right there in front of you. Pricey tickets not needed.*
- 6) **GO CAMPING:** *It sets children up for a lifelong love of nature.*
- 7) **STARGAZE:** *Talk about how it takes thousands of years for the light of the stars to reach us. Your kids probably won't grasp it all, but that's okay. What they'll remember is that they got to stay up way past their bedtime and go outside in their PJ's.*
- 8) **DO A CHARACTER MEET-AND-GREET:** *They will never be as excited about people wearing silly costumes as they are right now. And the resulting photos? Priceless.*
- 9) **BAKE FROM SCRATCH:** *Sugar cookies, carrot cake, brownies...it all works. The process is what matters. Let them see that not all food comes easy to us, and a lot of times it tastes better if it doesn't.*
- 10) **VISIT AN AMUSEMENT PARK:** *Walking around all day, eating fried concoctions, laughing your head off on automated rides, and then being carried, half-asleep, out of the park in your parent's arms should be a hallmark of every childhood..*