

# School News



JANUARY  
2017

Director's Notes

Happy New Year  
And  
Welcome Back

Please remember to send your children to school with mittens, hats, and boots so they can go outside for a walk during the colder snowy winter days.



A heartfelt thank you to all the Wesley families for the wonderful donations for Wesley's adopted family for Christmas. I was overwhelmed with your generosity and I'm sure you made their Christmas very, very special.



NO SCHOOL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
DAY



## REGISTRATION / OPEN HOUSE

If you are registering your child at Wesley for next year, early registration for enrolled students and alumni begins January 3, 2017. Please remember to submit your "pink" registration form. Enrollment is open to the public beginning January 7, 2017.

All children who are presently registered for the 2017 - 2018 school year are welcome to visit Wesley on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Parents and children are invited to visit classrooms and meet our teachers. The school will be open from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. The school will also be available to the general public for visitation and registration purposes on that day. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our wonderful school. If you refer a new friend to Wesley and they sign up w/paid registration; you will receive a \$100. tuition credit for the 2017-2018 school year.





## **SCHOOL DELAY POLICY**

**NO MATTER HOW LONG NEWTOWN'S DELAY IS, WESLEY LEARNING CENTER WILL ONLY BE DELAYED ONE (1) HOUR.**

**\*\*Note: Pickup will be at the regularly scheduled time.**

**You can now find Wesley's School Delays or Cancellations on the following TV stations.**

**CHANNEL 8 NEWS – WTNH**

**CHANNEL 3 NEWS – WFSB**

**CHANNEL 30 (6) – WVIT**

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### **WHAT ABOUT KINDERGARTEN?**

Here are some things that might help you with getting your child ready for Kindergarten.

1. Find out if the school that your child will attend has a registration deadline. Start early to find out your school's policy and the procedures.
2. Learn as much as you can about the school your child will attend before the school year begins. Schools - even schools in the same district - can differ greatly. Don't rely only on information about kindergarten that you have received from other parents - their schools might have different

requirements and expectations. You will want to find out the following:

- The principal's name.
- The name of your child's teacher.
- What forms you need to fill out.
- What immunizations are required before your child enters school.
- A description of the kindergarten program.
- The yearly calendar and daily schedule for kindergarten children.
- Procedures for transportation to and from school.
- Available food services.
- How you can become involved in your child's education and in the school.

Some schools will send you this information. In addition, some schools will hold orientation meetings in the spring for parents who expect to enroll their children in kindergarten the following fall. If your school doesn't plan such a meeting, call the principal's office to ask for information and to arrange a visit.

3. Find out in advance what the school expects from new kindergarten students. If you know the school's expectations a year or two ahead of time, you will be in a better position to prepare your child. Sometimes parents and caregivers don't think the school's expectations are right for

their children. For example, they may think that the school doesn't adequately provide for differences in children's learning and development or that its' academic program is not strong enough. If you don't agree with your school's expectations for your child, you may want to meet with the principal or kindergarten teacher to talk about the expectations.

4. Visit the school with your child. Walk up and down the hallways to help him/her learn all the different rooms - his/her classroom, the library, the gym, the cafeteria. Let your child observe other children and their classrooms.
5. Talk with your child about school. During your visit, make positive comments about the school- your good attitude will rub off. ("Look at all the boys and girls painting in this classroom. Doesn't that look like fun!") At home, show excitement about the big step in your child's life. Let him know that starting school is a very special event. Talk with your child about the teachers she will have and how they will help her/him learn new things. Encourage your child to consider teachers to be wise friends to whom she/he should listen and show respect. Explain to your child how important it is to go to class each day. Explain how important and exciting the things that she/he will learn in school are - reading, writing, math, science, art, and music.
6. Consider volunteering to help out in the school. Your child's teacher may appreciate having

an extra adult to help do everything from passing out paper and pencils to supervising children on the playground. Volunteering is a good way to learn more about the school and to meet its staff and other parents.

When the long-awaited first day of kindergarten arrives, go to school with your child and be patient. Many young children are overwhelmed at first, because they haven't had much experience in dealing with new situations. They may not like school immediately. Your child may cry or cling to you when you say goodbye each morning, but with support from you and his/her teacher, this can change rapidly.

As your child leaves home for her/his first day of kindergarten, let her/him know how proud of her/him you are!!!

Kindergarten  
ROCKS

## The Health Corner Christine Riccio, RN

With the cold weather and winter months now upon us, it brings with it colds and stomach viruses. To help keep your child and yourself healthy, remember good handwashing is one of the best ways to decrease the spread of germs. Remind children to cover coughs and sneezes; plenty of sleep and eating nutritious foods helps keep your resistance to illness high. When children are sick, please keep them home from school for their own sakes as well as for their classmate's and staff. Some general guidelines on keeping your child home are:

- Fever of 100° or higher (children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school)
- Vomiting
- Continuous Coughing
- Continuous yellow / green runny noses

\*Our complete policy mandated by the Dept. of Health on ill children can be found on page 18 of Wesley's Handbook.



HAVE A GREAT  
MONTH



Knock – Knock  
Who's there?  
Pizza  
Pizza Who?  
Pizza's a really great guy!!!

Knock – Knock  
Who's there?  
Cows go  
Cows go Who?  
No Silly, Cows go "moo"

Q: What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?

A: A tuba-toothpaste...

Q: Where do pencils go for vacation?

A: Pencil-vania!!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Family Frozen Party  
Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>  
From 6:00 7:00 pm  
More info to follow*

**Bunny Breakfast  
Sat. March 25, 2017  
8:30 – 10:00 am  
More info to follow**