

WEE Notes

September 2023

Dear WEE Families,

Welcome to another wonderful year at the WEE Center! We are excited to inspire your preschooler to grow in their love: for God, for learning and their understanding of the world around them. We hope your children come home with stories to share about the many things they are learning at school.

We are happy to welcome Carolyn Mooteb to our staff. Carolyn is new at assisting in a preschool class but has prior experience working with children. In fact, her niece and nephew attended the WEE Center! We look forward to her contributions to the program. The rest of the teachers are returning from last year although some are in different classrooms.

Communication between parents, teachers and administrators is important to create an optimal care and learning environment. You can help your child have a richer experience by reading the daily note or email from the teachers and extending the learning experiences at home.

Check your email inbox for communication from the office. We send out important updates and reminders as needed. Make sure emails from **weecenter@parkwood.org** will be accepted.

There are several ways you can communicate with staff members:

- Email the teachers who will respond before or after the school day
- Call the WEE Center Office 703.978.0640 during the school day.
- Send a note in your child's folder

Please remember that the teachers are not expected to check email on the weekends so some responses may not be immediate.

Did you know we have a Facebook page? <u>The Parkwood WEE Center</u> Check it out and "like us" for another way to receive information.

Making connections between home and school is vitally important for your child's educational progress.

Blessings, Ann Lipton WEE Center Director weedirector@parkwood.org

Calendar-At-A-Glance



*Tuesday, September 5*First Day of School

Bears & Lambs – ½ day all week Parent Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 6 & 7 10:00-10:45 am

Parent Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, September 7 6:30 -8:00 pm

Back to School Night Ice Cream Social

Monday, September 11

Kiss & Ride Begins

Week of September 11 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Stay and Play Begins

Friday, September 29

Family Movie Night!

Psalm 25:5

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Just Ahead

Parent Welcome - Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 5th – 6th 10:00 – 10:45 am in room 104 Please join other parents after you take your child to class. This is a great way to start off the school year!





Back to School Night & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, September 7th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join WEE Center teachers and families for a yummy treat. You can meet other parents, enjoy a sweet treat and the children can show off their room.

This is an "open house" style event so come and go as you please as there isn't a formal presentation.

Enter through Door #5, or your child's classroom door.

Stay and Play Session 1

Monday - Friday**; September 11 - October 20



The WEE Center's Stay and Play program is from 2:00-3:00pm and for children who are toilet trained and at least three years old. Each session will run for six weeks. **Dependent upon sufficient enrollment and staffing**

Option 1:

One-Time Enrollment Fee: \$30.00

Register and pay for specific class days to attend for the entire 6-week session: 1 day/week \$70 for all 6 weeks Enroll up to 5 days a week

Option 2:

One-Time Enrollment Fee: \$30.00 Pay as you go fee: \$20.00 per day

You must get confirmation that your child may attend class.

Kiss & Ride Begins!

September 11th 9:55 - 10:10 am

We encourage parents to take advantage of this service. Teachers and volunteers will assist your children out of the car and escort them to their rooms.



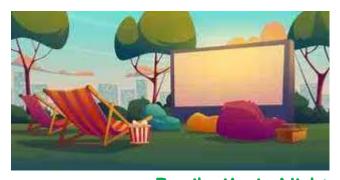
Kiss & Ride Safety

To ensure everyone's safety, follow these procedures:

- Seat your child in the back, *right* passenger seat.
- Keep your child safely buckled in their car seat until you have completely stopped at an orange cone.
- Put the car in park.
- Remain in your car
- Staff & volunteers will help your child out of the car from the right side of the vehicle only.
- Drive slowly out of the unloading lane.

If you do not want to use Kiss & Ride:

- Park in the upper parking lots only.
- Walk with your child on the sidewalk to the lower entrances.



Family Movie Night Friday, September 29

6:30 pm

Join other families for a movie in the outdoor classroom! Bring a blanket or low chair, and a picnic dinner. We'll provide a movie, popcorn, and cocoa.

A message from Pastor Trenda Jacocks Pastor for Community Life



Welcome to the new WEE Center school year! Parkwood Baptist Church welcomes all preschool children, care givers and families as a gift to our community. We love and cherish the children of the WEE Center. You make our community stronger, encouraged, and blessed by being here.

We welcome you to explore the offerings we have as a church too. Worship is on Sundays at 11:00am in both English and Spanish. We also offer children's ministry of Sunday School and Children's Church at 9:30am and then again during the 11:00am service.

Something else that's exciting...

We have a family meal on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm and then activities that follow at 6:30-7:30pm for adults and children. Check out our website at <u>parkwood.org</u>. We would love to have you bring the family and join us for t a warm meal any Wednesday when you are available! Your first night is free and subsequent visits are only \$5.00 per person with children eating for free.

Please reach out to me anytime if you have questions about our community. I'm available to share more information about Parkwood or just have a chat. You are a vital part of life at Parkwood, and we thank you for being in the community with us. I look forward to meeting you this fall during our WEE Center welcome coffee and other events.

May God bless and keep the children and staff of our WEE Center this year.

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