

Dear WEE Families,

October was full of fun! The students enjoyed the visit to the pumpkin patch, nature walks, gardening and playing on the playground as the leaves fell. In November we will focus on being thankful.



Thank you to the many volunteers that have helped out during the past month – you make a big difference at the WEE Center! The students helped our Garden Angels clean up our flower beds and our Science Helpers taught a lesson on how cotton becomes clothing. Many of the students were surprised to see the process of picking and dyeing the cotton.

It can be very easy to make a difference in someone’s life while our children are watching. Share a smile, or a hug, or give a gift to those in need. Thank you in advance for participating in our Operation Christmas Child Ministry. We hope your children feel the joy in giving to others as they select the toys and goodies for other children.

We are so grateful to all of our WEE Center families. Your involvement in your child’s education and school help set the foundation for a lifetime of learning. It is a joy and a pleasure to have an opportunity to be a part of your lives. The WEE Center is committed to carrying out God’s work here at Parkwood Baptist Church. We do this by loving your children, and your families, while we all learn about God’s love. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!
Ann Lipton
Director

Psalm 107:1 “Give thanks to the Lord; for He is good; His love endures forever.”

Calendar - At A-Glance



Monday, October 29

Parent Conferences

Tuesday, October 30

After-School Session 2 Begins

Monday, November 5 &

Tuesday, November 6

No School – FCPS Workday

Wednesday-Friday Nov 7, 8, 9

Picture Days!

Wednesday, November 7

Caring for Kids **10:15 – 11:00**

Thursday, November 8

In-House Field Trip: Our Flag

Friday, November 9

Funtastic Friday! **5:30-7:30 pm**

Friday, November 9

Last Day for Operation Christmas Child Donations

Friday, November 16

Kids’ Night Out **6:30 – 8:30**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 21, 22 & 23

No School

Thanksgiving Holiday

Just Ahead

Picture Days

Wednesday – Friday, November 7-9

We will take individual pictures of each student. If you would like to include your other children who do not attend the WEE Center, please contact the office.

We will be using Photography by Trish Alegre-Smith. You will see the pictures digitally and order them on line!



Caring For Kids

Wednesday 10:15 – 11:00

Gather together with other parents, grandparents and caregivers to

share wisdom, faith and scripture. We meet alternating Wednesdays and some of the topics include:

Trusting in God,

Knowing each child is unique

Encouraging children to love Jesus

Teaching children to be Thankful

Contact the office if you need childcare during this time.

Our Flag

In-House Field Trip

November 8

The students will enjoy this special visit as Mary Kelly shares fun facts about the American Flag. Mrs. Kelly is a member of Parkwood Baptist Church and a grandparent of a WEE Center Student. She was also a volunteer at the White House.



Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 6

6:30 – 8:30 pm

\$20 for the 1 child, \$10 for 2, \$5 for 3



The WEE Center is hosting a Kids' Night Out for children 2 - 8 years old. Kids will have a pizza, crafts, and games and pick out a Christmas present to give to someone special. The event is open to families outside the WEE Center, so tell your friends! **Space is limited so [Register now!](#)**

News & Notes

Operation Christmas Child ends November 9



Each year, the WEE Center Staff teach our students about the importance of giving to others. One way we do this is by participating in Parkwood Baptist Church's Operation Christmas Child Ministry. Each class is collecting items to pack in shoeboxes to send off to less fortunate children around the world. We will continue collecting through Thursday, November 16. Parents please bring in small toys, tooth brushes, art supplies, and goodies for our Christmas shoeboxes!

After-School Classes Session 3 January 8 – February 14

Registration begins on November 27th

Tuesday: One Letter Day

With an emphasis on letter sound and pronunciation, this class will help children understand that symbols have meaning while they gain a love for literacy.

Wednesday: Amazing Authors

Focusing on a different children's author every week, this class will enhance the children's appreciation of literature through related activities and experiences.

Thursday: Magical math

Numbers are everywhere! This class will encourage a love of arithmetic while engaging the children in exciting math games and activities.

Register your child for one class to three classes a week. For first time participants, remember to include the enrollment form and the one-time \$25 enrollment fee.

1 day a week = \$50

2 days a week = \$95

3 days a week = \$135

The After School program has become very popular and space is limited. Optional "Stay and Play" opportunities **may** be used to accommodate additional students.

Parkwood Happenings

Funtastic Friday! Illusions & Magic

November 9

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Free Fun for the Whole Family!

Sponsored by the Children’s Ministry

Register early for an amazing night of illusions, close-up magic and face painting! **Please register for this event as soon as possible.** www.parkwood.org

5:30 - 6:15 PM (Fellowship Hall) – Dinner & table side magic

6:15 - 7:15 PM (Sanctuary) – Magic Show



Thoughts from Pastor Mike

*“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with **thanksgiving**; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!” Psalm 95:1-2*

“Thanksgiving” is such an odd word. It communicates gratitude and generosity at the same time. It acknowledges both “giving” and “receiving”. Actually, when you think about it, the word makes perfect sense because giving naturally prompts gratitude which, in turn, prompts giving, which prompts gratitude, which prompts giving...okay, you get the idea. At the Parkwood WEE Center we believe that “Thanksgiving” is more than a once a year event...it is a way of life. In fact, we believe that it is the way of God. The Bible tells us that “God so loved the world that He **gave...**” (John 3:16). God is a Giver not a Taker. His generosity is motivated by love and holds nothing back! Therefore, our relationship with God is a natural response to His wonderful Grace to us. It is an expression of our gratitude for all that He has done for us. It is no coincidence that the Latin word for “thanksgiving” is “Eucharist”. For thousands of years this is the word used for the Holy Communion or Lord’s Supper which commemorates the sacrificial giving of Jesus.

So, as you celebrate Thanksgiving this holiday season please know that we are very thankful that you are part of our program here and we are committed to express that gratitude to you and your family by giving our best to your children. May God bless you and continue to shower His love upon you throughout this holiday season!

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

