

FUN Times at WPDN

A History of WPDN

By Megan Brown

In 1939, Nelson S. Glass realized the need for a preschool in the Winter Park community. During World War II, mothers began working at the Gentile Packing Plant, a citrus factory and school-aged children were staying home with their preschool-aged siblings. Mr. Glass decided to take action. Along with Mrs. J.W. Traer and Mrs. U.C. Bradley, Mr. Glass brought his concerns to the attention of a welfare meeting.

Winter Park Day Nursery was founded in 1939 by the Junior Woman's Club. The first nursery was located on Garfield Avenue. The members of the Junior Woman's Club would come at lunch time and help prepare the meal for all of the students. In 1944, the Winter Park Day Nursery was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization with a board of directors. The board of directors would come in and volunteer in the classrooms and in the kitchen. Four years later, in 1948, WPDN moved to another location off of West Park Avenue.

As knowledge of the day nursery spread through the community and the community continued to grow, the board of directors recognized the need for new facilities. Winter Park Day Nursery was moved for a third time to our current location on Pennsylvania Avenue. With our recognizable Little Red Riding Hood mural on the side of the building, WPDN has become an integral part of the Winter Park community, celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2014 with community-wide support.

Recognized as one of the most respected early learning centers in the Central Florida area, WPDN is dedicated to providing a nurturing and educational environment to our children and families. We are here to support the families we serve as well as the community.



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Please check your child's parent folder every day. There is important information there! Also, make sure your child always has a change of clothes and pull-ups, if necessary. Thank You!

Pixie Butterflies

The Pixies are excited to begin a new school year and to meet new friends! We are exploring our centers in the classroom and learning the rules and routines. We are having fun being safe and kind. In the coming month, we will begin to focus on learning colors through the classic book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Eric Carle. The Pixies will even be making their own Brown Bear books! September is going to be an exciting month!



-Ms. Stacey & Ms. Stephanie

Julia & Buttercup Butterflies



Welcome to the 2016-2017 VPK school year! We are excited about meeting our new friends and the learning that will take place over the course of the year. Some of the things we will be learning about include letter recognition and sounds, writing our names, numbers, and shapes. In the meantime, we've been focused on learning the rules and routines and getting to know our school family.

-Ms. Vicky & Ms. Paige

Monarch and Blue Wave Butterflies

Welcome to the Monarch and Blue Wave classes. We are excited to be here with your children. This month we will be learning our rules and routines. We are also getting to know our new friends and our school family. We will also be working on numbers and colors. Please make sure that you are checking your child's folder daily for notes and important information. We are so excited to go on this adventure together!



-Ms. Sophia & Ms. Jasmine

Elf Butterflies



The Elf Butterflies are looking forward to an exciting new school year! The students have met new classmates and are now getting acclimated to their new classroom. This school year we look forward to meeting and achieving new milestones. Our class homework will begin on September 12th. We look forward to meeting and exceeding all of your child's educational goals!

-Ms. Theresa and Ms. Andrea



From the Desk of Rhiannon Blake, Director of Education

Parents,

This is a friendly reminder of our toy policy. Here is what is stated in the Family Handbook:

Toy Policy

We request that the children do not bring toys to school with the exception of one small, soft, quiet item for the child to hold at naptime. Such items should have the child's name on them and fit into the child's cubby. If a toy or stuffed animal (or other item) is brought to school and becomes a classroom distraction, the toy will be stored at the front desk. The Sponsor must then request these items from an administrator. WPDN is not responsible for items lost or broken at school.

We ask that parents please respect our toy policy and reinforce this with the children. We do not want to see a child's favorite toy broken or lost. Furthermore, toys from home can be distracting and take away from your child's learning time at school. If you have any questions regarding our toy policy feel free to speak with me directly.

Sincerely,

Rhiannon Blake
Director of Education

Becky Bailey's "I Love You Rituals"

I Love You Rituals were created by Dr. Becky Bailey, creator of Conscious Discipline as a way of sending the message of unconditional love to children. Loving, healthy rituals foster the development of loving, emotionally healthy children.

There are four goals of I Love You Rituals:

- 1) To optimize your child's brain for success at school and in life.
- 2) To increase your child's learning potential and effective through touch.
- 3) To create loving rituals that hold families together even through the roughest times.
- 4) To strengthen the bond between adults and children that insulates children from drugs, violence, and peer pressure, laying the foundation for mental and emotional health.

Here are some I Love You Rituals for you to try at home with your family:

Ba Ba, Black Sheep

Ba, Ba, black sheep. Have you any wool? (Raise your shoulders and open your hands as if you are asking a question.)

Yes ma'am, yes ma'am, three bags full. (Hold up three fingers) One for mittens, one for a cap. (Cover one of the child's hands as if you are putting on mittens. Then place both your hands on the child's head as if you are putting on a cap.) And one for the little boy (girl) who sits in my lap. (Pick your child up and place him or her in your lap. Then hug and squeeze your child to show your delight.)

The Hello Game

See my big finger (Hold up your index finger so the child can see it. You can use other body parts to play this game, for example, "See my big elbow" (hand, foot, thumb, elbow) .

Crawling by you? (Have your finger (or other body part) pass by the child's fingers (or other body part)

Here it comes — "Hello finger." (Touch your finger to your child's fingers as you say, "Hello, finger."

There it goes — "Good-bye finger." (Touch the child's finger and say, "Goodbye finger." Move your finger out of the child's sight.)

See my big foot (hand, finger, elbow, thumb)

Waving hello to you.

Here it comes — "Hello foot."

There it goes — "Good-bye foot."



Super Supper

September 16th
Vegetable Quiche
with Fruit

September 28th
Cheese or Pepperoni
Pizza with Tossed
Salad

Super Suppers are
\$5.00 and can feed
1 adult and 2 chil-
dren!

Upcoming Events

WPDN Closed on
September 5th in
observance of Labor
Day.

September 12th
Homework begins!!

September 30th
Mad Science Work-
shop from 3-5 pm

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Mission:

The Winter Park Day Nursery provides a secure, nurturing and educational environment that is affordable and supports family diversity.

Vision:

The Winter Park Day Nursery will build a stronger community by providing high-quality, affordable early childhood education that will prepare our children to succeed in school and life.

Winter Park Day Nursery is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization.