

WINFREE MEMORIAL PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011



Toddlers Imagine Riding a Horse on the Playground
(Pictured: Daniel, Luke and Brooke)

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1	<u>School Holiday</u>
April 4, 5, 6	<u>W.H.E.E.L.S.</u> free vision and hearing screenings for all 4 and 5 year-old classes
April 7	<u>Kindergarten Registration</u> at all local public schools, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
April 12	<u>Men's Night</u> , 6:30 – 8:00
April 12	<u>Preschool Chapel</u> , 9:30, 11:45, 3:30
April 13	<u>Preschool Chapel</u> , 9:30, 11:45
April 13, 14, 15	<u>School Pictures for Toddlers and 2's Classes</u>
April 14, 15	<u>Pony Portraits</u> for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds
April 18-22	<u>Easter Holiday</u> , school closed
April 23	<u>Easter Eggstravaganza</u> , 9:00 – 12:00 AM
April 26	<u>Winfree Day at Monkey Joe's</u> , 1-4 PM
April 29	<u>TWCFC</u> , "Don't Talk to Strangers" 9:30, a delightful theater presentation by older children.
May 5, 6	<u>Parent Conferences for 3's, 4's and JK's</u>
May 15	<u>Preschool Recognition Sunday</u>
May 23	<u>School Bus Trips for 4 year-old and 5year-old classes</u> , 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM
May 26, 27	<u>Last Day of School, Reception on the Lawn from 12:00 – 1:00</u>

MEN'S NIGHT TO BE APRIL 12

Calling all dads, grandfathers and special men in the lives of our 3, 4 and 5 year olds. We need you to put April 12 on your calendar as you are invited to come to share in a classroom open house with your child. This event is a highlight of the year for children and men each year. Invitations will be hand made by the children. The invitations will clearly indicate the exact time for your child's class to come. Plan to be here to cook, play and experience school as your preschooler does.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR ALL RICHMOND AREA SCHOOLS

Date: Thursday, April 7 from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Place: The elementary school your child will attend

Requirements:

1. Your child's birth certificate (Your child must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2011.)
2. Proof of residency (lease or deed of residence, etc.)
3. An updated physical examination form (within the last 12 months), showing all immunizations, will be required prior to the first day of school.
4. Your child's social security number (requested).

There will be a 10 to 15 minute screening of your child at the time of registration for the purposes of planning curriculum for the incoming children. If you have questions regarding your child's readiness for Kindergarten, ask to conference with your child's teacher or Ginny. **Gesell Kindergarten Readiness Screenings** are available to determine maturational readiness for Kindergarten. The cost for a screening is \$30.00. See Ginny Brenner to schedule your child if you are interested.

Questions may be answered at <http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/CCPS/parents/register.htm>.

TAX TIME

If you are using the preschool as part or all of your child-care arrangements while you work, you are eligible to claim your child's tuition, extended care payments, and registration as a tax credit. You will need to have the **school's federal tax identification number, 054-1070190**. Feel free to call the school office at 794-1388 if you need a total of the payments you have made to the school during 2010. Your canceled checks are normally sufficient for receipts.

SUMMER FUN PLANS ARE IN PLACE

We are pleased to announce two summer programs to be offered this year at Winfree. The first will be an extension of the regular school year for existing 3's, 4's and 5's classes. Children may continue attending from 9:15 - 12:15 from May 31 through June 10. We will have one mixed class of 5 day 4's and 5's (\$180), one class of T-Th 3's (\$80), one class of M-W-F 3's (\$100), and some 5 day 3's (\$180). There will be no Lucky Lunch or Extended Care in either June or July.

The July Summer Fun will be offered from July 18 - July 29 between the hours of 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. You may sign your child up for one (\$110) or both weeks (\$220). The children will bring lunches to school and enjoy a picnic each day before going home. This program will have an increased amount of outdoor time and a more loosely structured format, but with a planned curriculum for discovery, fun and learning.

Both Summer Programs will spend much of their mornings outdoors on the playground, weather permitting. Children will have a camp-like experience, with water play, picnics, and exploring in the shady natural setting of Winfree's secure gated playground.

APRIL IS MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

The Month of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood association, with over 90,000 members and a network of nearly 450 local, state and regional affiliates. The purpose of the Month of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families. This year Winfree Preschool will be celebrating MOYC with a performance of "Don't Talk to Strangers" (an original play based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood), performed by area school children on April 29. Also, during this month, we will celebrate our annual "Men's Night" as we encourage fathers and male role models to take an active interest in the joy of education for young children.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Please take note of the blue ribbons being worn by the teachers at Winfree in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness month. We hope you will take the time to read this newsletter fully and to join Winfree faculty in championing the needs of children.

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

Don't forget to gather your gently used summer clothing as you do your spring housecleaning and bring it to Winfree on May 9, 10, or 11. We will be collecting our donations in the "rainy day room" where they will be given to *Art for Humanity*, a non-profit humanitarian organization serving the poor people of Honduras. For information on *Art for Humanity*, check out the web site: www.ARTFORHUMANITY.org.



Join us for this year's
Vacation Bible School!
SUNDAY June 26th to
THURSDAY June 30th

Open to all preschoolers who will be
4 years old by September 30, 2011.

Have a child who is younger?

Volunteer, and they can be part of our
Babies – Threes Program while you work!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

winfreechurch.com under "Sharing Christ"

WINFREE PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER FUN I : May 31– June 10, 9:15 - 12:15

AND

SUMMER FUN II : July 18 -29, 9:30- 1:00 (EAT LUNCH AT SCHOOL)

2011 REGISTRATION

CHILD'S NAME _____

FULL ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN _____

OTHER FAMILY LIVING IN THE HOME _____

PETS _____ ALLERGIES _____

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE _____

FEARS OR INFORMATION THE TEACHER SHOULD KNOW _____

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

CLASS INFORMATION:

May 31– June 10, 9:15 -12:15

Cost = \$20.00 / day

3's MWF..... \$100.00

3's TTH..... \$80.00

3's 5 DAY.....\$180.00

4's and 5's 5 DAY.....\$180.00

July 18 -29, 9:30 -1:00 (Lunch at school)

Cost= \$22.00 / day

YOUNGER CLASS 5 DAY....\$110.00/\$220.00

(3's through young 4's)

OLDER CLASS 5 DAY.....\$110.00/\$220.00

(older 4's and 5's)

Registrations are being held now through May 13. Tuition is due at the time of registration unless special arrangements are made. All payments are non-refundable.

Please enroll my child for the following program(s) and weeks: _____

Office use only: \$ _____
tuition paid date