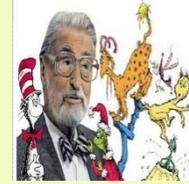


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**March and early April Dates at CPC WNS&K:**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> School Closed: Staff In-Service Day
- March 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> School Pictures
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> School Closed – Spring Break
- April 5<sup>th</sup> **Change in calendar** -School Closed for 3's; 4's  
Almost 5's -Zoom Parent Teacher Conferences-  
Normal schedule for Kindergarten
- April 9<sup>th</sup> **Change in calendar**-School Closed for 2 ½'s-Zoom  
Parent Teacher Conferences -Normal schedule all  
other classes

**Director's Corner:**

The school year 2020-2021 continues to constantly challenge us to adapt. Creatively we are committed to finding ways to provide experiences that traditionally have been important for our school community. The health and safety of your children and our teachers are at the forefront of every decision.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> -Staff In-Service Day:** -It will look different for teachers this year. Zoom workshops that were once foreign to many of us are now the norm. We are looking forward to two such workshops. The morning will be with Cindy Terebush an Educational Consultant that we were privileged to hear in person two years ago. This year's topic; "Observation and Assessment". The afternoon workshop is a Zoom presentation featuring Dr. Frank Sileo, a Psychologist and Executive Director of The Center for Psychological Enhancement in Ridgewood NJ. The topic; "Be Still and Be Calm: Using Mindfulness Practices with Students (and yourself)". Both are timely and surely will be well worth the time.

**School Pictures:** With COVID protocols in place, we are happy to bring this opportunity back in 2021. Individual pictures will take place (without their masks) with photographer masked and surface cleaning between children. The group picture this year will be a composite of the individuals as to not take the risk of grouping children close without masks. Note there are two days scheduled, but each class is assigned a specific day. Be sure to check the paperwork that goes home with your child and mark your calendar accordingly.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** In the past, these were scheduled from mid-March through mid-April, with each class having two dates for meeting with parents and discussing the child's progress. It involved relieving the classroom teachers and having substitutes and often myself teaching the class for the morning so the teachers could

spend this time with you. A month of involving different adults with the children goes against the health protocols. Past practices could lead to more individuals becoming ill; leading to unnecessary quarantines unless we adapt to the current situation. With much thought given to the health and safety of your children this year, the decision to make the change to the school calendar and provide a day to relieve the teachers from the classroom was made. They will schedule the zoom conferences with you for this day and continue this important opportunity to share their observations of your child in the classroom setting.

**In April, we will be expanding the "Library on Wheels" with the 2-1/2-year old class.**

I look forward to having this special time with our youngest group where I get to read a story each week, safely from the hall, and the children will learn what it is to choose for themselves and borrow a book for the week! They will be introduced to the Library mascot "Lambie" who is complete with a "mask" this school year!

**Ongoing Illness Report:** As we progress into the month of March, the memories of the "stay at home" order of last year consume our thoughts. We do not take any day for granted! We will continue to work with each of you to provide the best possible school experience for your child. Your cooperation and attention to every detail of reporting illnesses, reporting any COVID contact information, reporting any travel and following quarantine guidelines, keeping your children home with any symptom no matter how mild, goes a long way to keeping our doors open. Continue to email Barbara Powers with any COVID related question, concern and illness update [wnskhealth@gmail.com](mailto:wnskhealth@gmail.com). Keep informed by following the weekly report that is emailed. We are committed to keeping honest communication. The partnership established is one of the "silver linings" in this challenging time not soon to be forgotten. Thank you and Stay well!

