



Central Presbyterian Church Weekday Nursery School and Kindergarten



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CPC WNS&K End of School Year Date Reminders:

- June 8th Last Day of 3's, 4's, and Almost 5's Enrichments
- June 9th PTO sponsored -Ice Cream Truck for every class during the school day! No snacks required (more details to follow)
- June 9th Last Day of School- Kindergarten early dismissal and graduation festivities after school!
- June 9th Last Day of School for all other classes-normal dismissal times
Enjoy Your Summer, You Earned It!!!

Director's Corner:

As we near the end of this year I want to pause and thank this current years' PTO Board: Leslie Flax and Liz Meakim, Co-Presidents; Corinne White, Treasurer; Elizabeth Cox, Annual Fund and Fundraising; Margo Bieret, Fundraising-School Store; Pippa Riley, Parent Liaison; Becky Redpath, Class Parent Liaison; Courtney Stafford, Secretary; and Gina Riccio, Instagram. It has been a year like no other, with demands that far exceeded anyone's expectations on each of these Board members. It was a year like no other where my appreciation for every Teacher and Staff member can not be expressed enough. It was a year like no other where my heart is full of love for each of you and the support, understanding, and patience that was felt every day. I have included the letter below written by our Advisory Board, shared with Session of CPC as our budget for the 2021-2022 school year was approved, shared with our Teachers, and now I share with you. THANK YOU ALL!

Dear CPC Community,

When the reading skills of our Kindergartners are tested in first grade this coming September, they will not be encumbered by the virtual-slide and their reading will have progressed to levels at or above the expectations of first graders in a non-covid year. They will have built the stamina required to actively participate in school until 3pm, five days a week. They will have practiced sight words with friends and teachers and played together on Mabie Field. Our 4-year-olds will not only have mastered number and letter recognition, begun blending sounds and practiced 20-30 different sight words but they will have also started to take on the independence expected of them as rising Kindergartners. They will know it is their responsibility to put their coat and lunch pack away each morning. They will have practiced listening, sharing, and cooperating with their peers in an actual classroom. And our 3-year-olds and 2.5's will have spent the last year practicing school routines, learning to recognize their first and last names, letters, and numbers, and negotiating play-kitchen dynamics in a real play-kitchen and rug-time sing-a-longs on a real rug. None of this would have been possible without the incredible dedication of all our Teachers!

Our teachers have quarantined, disinfected, changed masks, changed classrooms, shared classrooms, washed hands, taken temperatures, worried about your health and the health of those dearest to you, risked your lives and sacrificed time with your own families and children so that Central Presbyterian Church Nursery School and Kindergarten could not only open its doors this past September but remain open for the entire academic school year for full-time, in-person learning. It is a feat very few schools have managed to accomplish and one we can be immensely proud of.

And you, our CPC families have taken the health of our community to heart and made many sacrifices for the greater good, changing plans, keeping children home, and following all quarantining and health guidelines so that everyone could safely participate in a full day of in-person school.

Our incredible Parent Organization, led by Leslie Flax and Elizabeth Meakim, set out this year to help CPCWNSK bridge the COVID expense gap created by the requirements set forth by the Department of Children and Families to reopen our school. This included a lower student-child ratio, the creation of "pods" to lower exposure, on-hand Personal Protective Equipment and changing requirements, additional cleaning expenses, and individual classroom supplies for each child, to name just a few. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and would not be in such a position of strength for the coming years if it were not for your efforts and success.

We appreciate all your time and thank you for your dedication and support throughout this trying year!

With gratitude and respect,

The WNSK Advisory Board

Suzanna Filip Devens, Chair of the Board

Claire DeLong

Pastor Deborah Huggins

Jessica Mills

Ariane Pfaff

Stephanie Sen

Elizabeth Somerlot

I can't say it any better! I also wish to thank each of these Advisory Board members as they provided endless hours of support and help to get this year on track and kept it moving successful forward!

**From all our homes to all of yours we wish you a Happy, Healthy, Safe, Fun Summer!
Thank you and Be Well!**

