



January Dates at CPC WNS&K:

January 4th School Re-Opens

January 4-7th Early dismissal – 2's; 2 ½'s; 3's; 4's; -11:30
Almost 5's and Kindergarten -12:00

January 17th School Closed -Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 19th Postmark and mail back applications for the 2022-2023 school year

January 26th Priority status for the 2022-2023 school year secured for applications postmarked by this date.

Mid -February Placement letter responses will be mailed to you.

Director's Corner:

Christmas 2021 is now a memory. How will this year be remembered? I know for many it was overshadowed by disappointment. I know we each have our own stories to tell. The sudden resurgence of COVID-19 cases came just when we were "so close" to feeling we could be back to normal. Lots of plans were in place for Christmas parties, travel, family gatherings, meeting with friends and more. With positive cases came reasons to cancel, to stay home, to stay apart. You may have been one of the fortunate ones who were able to move forward with original plans, but no one escaped the worries and anxiety of hearing about a record number of COVID-19 cases everywhere! I am reminded of the Dr. Seuss classic, "*How the Grinch Stole Christmas*". With everything he tried, the "Grinch" could not stop Christmas from coming. I hope you are left with memories of Christmas 2021 where "your heart grew three sizes" that day!

We are now welcoming 2022. Yes, it is starting off rocky, but I am holding on to optimism that together we will get through this. We can hope this blip will be short lived. The normal that we were beginning to sense, will return. With patience and understanding, let us work together and not give up hope. Let us continue to care for each other and make good choices. Let us do all we can to stay healthy and keep others healthy. Together I believe we will see the school thrive in 2022 and not be a "2020 times 2!"

School News:

COVID-19 protocols I am sure you are aware that the CDC released new guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine lengths. At this time, we have been advised by the Westfield Regional Board of Health that they are waiting for NJ Department of Health guidance for schools. However, we have been told that we should now follow the NJ Department of Health (December 15th document). For us that will mean some less restrictive guidelines:

Those who test positive for COVID-19 – quarantine 10 days

*Unvaccinated individuals who are a contact of someone who tests positive of COVID 19 – quarantine 10 days or 7 days with negative PCR test results collected at 5-7 days.

* Vaccinated individuals who test positive for COVID-19 -quarantine 10 days.

*Vaccinated individual who is a contact of someone who test positive of COVID-19 are not required to quarantine unless they have symptoms. They should get tested at 5-7 days after their exposure. Monitor for symptoms and isolate, quarantine and test if symptoms develop.

*** *Indicates changes in protocol for our school***

When your child is fully vaccinated (two weeks past second dose of vaccine) submit a copy of proof of vaccine for our records wnskoffice@gmail.com.

We anticipate changes to protocols forthcoming and will communicate that to you as we are advised.

Week of January 4-7th – We ask that the children who come back on Tuesday are healthy and following the quarantine timeline above. Look carefully regarding any COVID-19 cases that occurred within your family over the break or what contacts occurred. The most considerate and helpful way to protect classmates and keep classes in school is for everyone to strictly adhere to the protocols. It is concerning what January will bring with the speed of contagion especially with the Omicron variant of COVID-19. The shorter days the first week with no lunch or snack is for children to remain with masks on and lessen exposure of the children to each other within the group. You can send in light snack and when weather permits, we can have the children eat outside. Be sure they have had a full breakfast especially if you know your child gets hungry. We will keep you apprised as the days continue with the goal to get back to normal schedule swiftly and safely.

Registration Begins: for the 2022-2023 school year. All applications will be mailed to you as we return January 4th. The postmark date to send in applications is January 19th. Please follow this procedure and do not hand them into the office or via carline. We will reach out to any current families if we do not receive an application from you, so you do not need to fret over the mail service. Priority is lost for any applications received after January 26th. Be mindful of these dates, which you will also see stated in the cover letter you will receive with the applications. This process is all in place to be able to let everyone know of their placement in a timely manner.

Winter is here! In case of school closing for inclement weather – Decisions are made with considerations for travel safety! When dangerous weather is predicted, we follow the Summit School District. If Summit Schools close, you will be advised by text alert, e-mail and the webpage will also be updated (<http://www.cpc-school.org>). In case of school delays, we open at 10:30am. The message sent out will be specific as to timing depending on the weather situation, and the driveway conditions at the school.

The balance of **TUITION for the current 2021-2022 school** year is due January 31st. Statements with your ending balance will be sent home with your child shortly.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Our January phone or zoom conferences for all Nursery School classes are optional. If you desire a conference, please send in a note to your child’s teacher requesting a time be scheduled for you. The class teacher will notify you if they wish to initiate a conference with you as well. Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled March 4th.

Outside Play: We do go out and play every day, apart from rain or when there is snow on the ground, or the temperature is frigid. (Exception Kindergarteners go out with snow and you are asked to send in all snow gear). It is often quite cold for the morning

playtimes even when temperatures are forecasted to be mild for the day. With the cooler temperatures, especially cooler mornings, please make sure your child is dressed properly for the weather. It is important to have your children's name(s) in all their jackets, coats, mittens, hats, etc.



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