

Wesley United Methodist



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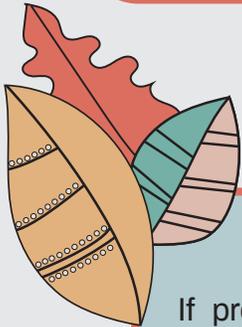


Greetings from WWPC

Whether this is your first year at Wesley Preschool or you've been here for a few years, you may be wondering what the Wesley Weekday Parent Committee (WWPC) does. We are a group of parent volunteers that supports the Wesley Preschool community and our goal is to enrich the school experience for students, parents, and staff. We do this by organizing and sponsoring events and activities that grow the wonderful fellowship that is so special here at Wesley.

Wesley is a truly wonderful preschool with an amazing group of students, staff, and parents. Please be a part of this wonderful community by joining us at our events, supporting our fundraisers, and letting us know what you would like to see happen at Wesley. We appreciate any and all help that we receive.

Here is a look at the committees and people that make up the WWPC:

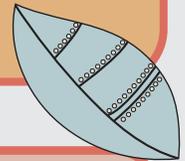


WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

If preschool is in session and the weather deteriorates, parents are encouraged to pick up children early. On days when the opening of school is questionable, Wesley Preschool will follow the lead of Fairfax County Public Schools.

For Fairfax County Public Schools announcements, parents are urged to go to www.fcps.edu, television channel 21 (Cox Communications, Reston Comcast and Verizon only) or listen to the radio.

Fairfax County	Wesley
Closed	Closed
Delayed Opening	11:00am - 1:00pm <i>no Lunch Bunch</i>



THE TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Chaired by Katie Charnoff
& Lillian Sakhleh

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is in charge of recognizing Wesley's most important assets: our teachers.

This committee organizes small tokens of gratitude for our teachers. They also sponsor a special teacher brunch and host an appreciation luncheon.

This committee works very hard to let our wonderful teachers know how much we appreciate them, and how grateful we are for the time they spend nurturing and loving our children. Please be on the look out throughout the year for opportunities where you can help.

WWPC

Wesley Weekday Parent Committee



THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chaired by Susan Martonik, Peggy Borst & Meri Wimberly

The Events Committee organizes fun fellowship events at Wesley.

First Friday Picnics— Bring a blanket and join us after school for an afternoon of food, friends and play on the school grounds on the *first Friday of each month*.

Join us for the next one next on Friday, December 7. All children attending the First Friday Picnics must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Food is not allowed on the playground, and nut-free lunches are encouraged. The First Friday Picnics will be cancelled in the event of rain or if the temperature upon school release is not above 40 degrees.

Christmas Party— Sing along with Peter McCorry, the one man band! We will offer pizza lunches (more info to come) so just come and enjoy the festivities. We couldn't do this event without you, so look for opportunities to help closer to November.

SECRETARY

Chaired by Nicole McGarrigal

Our Secretary keeps track of all that goes on during our monthly WWPC meetings.

TEDDY BEAR PARKING

Chaired by Lori Hall

Our Teddy Bear Parking Coordinator organizes and maintains this special program. The coordinator manages sign-ups and emails to ensure the positions are appropriately manned.

NEWSLETTER

Chaired by Andrea Hager

Our Newsletter Coordinator designs our newsletters and event flyers.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Chaired by Krista Cunningham & Meri Wimberly

The Fundraising Committee organizes fundraising activities throughout the year including:

Dining for Dollars — We have an upcoming one on Tuesday, November 13 from 4-8 pm at Chipotle on Maple Ave. Just show up and enjoy a meal with friends and teachers. One third of your bill will be donated back to Wesley. Please make plans to come out and support our school. We also have another dining for dollars at Modpizza in early December. Please be on the look out for more information for this one.

Wesley t-shirts — Thank you so much for your support. This was our best t-shirt sales ever! Special thanks go to fellow Wesley moms Krista Cunningham for leading this initiative and Andrea Hager for designing the t-shirts.

Pizza fundraiser - During the Christmas Party event, we provide an opportunity for parents to purchase lunch (including pizza and apple slices) for their children during this event.

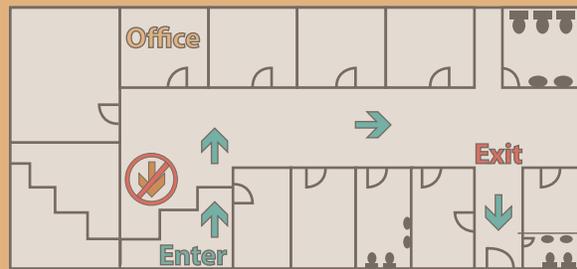


SAFETY REMINDERS

INDOOR TRAFFIC FLOW

After you have picked up or dropped off your child, please follow the signs and exit the building near Room 112 (near the Science classroom). Following the flow will minimize traffic jams that occur when people enter and exit the building simultaneously through the front door.

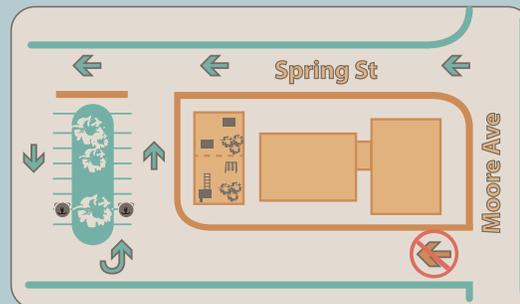
Please remind other caregivers to follow the traffic flow.



PARKING GUIDELINES

Please follow these parking procedures:

1. Enter the lower parking area from Spring St; not from Moore Ave, SE.
2. Park in one of the three lower parking lots.
3. Do not park adjacent to the playground.
4. Drive slowly in the neighborhood.
5. Only park on the church side of Spring St.
6. Do not block driveways of neighbors.



With high levels of traffic near the preschool, drivers must use extreme caution to ensure the safety of others. Cars must be turned off when unattended. Infants and children may not be left alone in cars, except when using Teddy Bear Parking. Children must hold the hand of an adult until they reach the classroom.

SNACK POLICY: FOOD ALLERGIES

At Wesley Preschool we want all parents to feel comfortable sending their little ones. Daily snack is provided by preschool and, due to some severe allergies, **all peanut products are banned**. Parents of children with food allergies where medication and/or an epi-pen is prescribed must provide their child's snack on a daily basis, no exceptions.

Parents are welcome to provide a special snack for the class. It has to be arranged with the teacher. It should be a store-bought snack in original packaging. The Director will check the label to ensure safety.

We discourage small snacks, such as popcorn and grapes, they may be a choking hazard. Party favors are not to be brought to the preschool.

Also, if you give your child food before or after school, please don't bring it into the playground to avoid putting at risk children who have food allergies. Additionally, picnics and trash attract animals. Feel free to enjoy your snack or lunch at the picnic tables in Paige's garden (where you exit) or on the grounds outside the playground. All school grounds and buildings are nut/peanut free and it is requested that parents refrain from bringing food that contain nuts or peanuts.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY GUIDELINES

The following are rules we ask parents and teachers to enforce at Wesley playground:

- Use of the playground is limited to preschool children during school hours.
- **In the morning, parents and siblings should leave the playground area as the teachers whose classes start on the playground arrive there to greet their students.**
- **At the end of the day, parents and siblings should wait until the supervising teachers have dismissed all children before entering the playground.**
- Please use the gates to enter and exit.
- An adult should always accompany any child.
- Please encourage the children to leave the gravel, sticks and other debris on the ground. The buckets and trucks are for digging and playing on the ground; they should not be carried onto play structures.
- Food and drinks are not permitted on the playground.
- No pets are permitted on school grounds.
- No crawling on top of the play equipment and structures.
- Children should enter the swing area "head on" so others already swinging can easily see them.

UPDATES FROM WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WESLEY COAT DRIVE

Sun. Nov. 11 and Sat. Nov. 17

Wesley's annual coat drive provides hundreds of warm coats and sweaters for homeless or needy people in our area.

On **Sunday, November 11**, flyers will be distributed to homes in the neighborhoods surrounding the church.

On **Saturday, November 17**, we will collect the donated coats, which will be left out on porches. If you'd like to donate coats by bringing them to the church, a collection table will be set up outside the church office through **Friday, November 16th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADVENT ACTIVITIES

We hold Sunday School for preschoolers through 5th graders on Sundays during our 11:00 service.

December 2 is the first Sunday of Advent. We will hold Sunday School classes on each Advent Sunday, and will rehearse a simple song to perform at the Lessons and Carols service on December 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Following the performance, we will celebrate with birthday cake for Jesus!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

All Are Welcome!

All are welcome to supper at Wesley every Wednesday night at 6 pm. A \$1 donation is requested per adult (kids eat free!). If you would like to be on the email list for menus and schedule changes, contact Emily Wilson at emilwlson@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Please join us!

Wesley will hold two services on Christmas Eve, December 24. The Family Worship will be at 5:30 p.m., with Traditional worship at 7:30 p.m.

