

# Westminster School for Young Children

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## Important Dates to Remember!

- **Thursday, January 5th** – Advisory Board Meeting @ 9:15am
- **Friday, January 6th** – First Soccer Shots of 2023
- **Tuesday, January 10th** – Playground Committee on Zoom at 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, January 11th** – Celebrations at 10:15am for 3's & 4's
- **Monday, January 16th** – No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **Tuesday, January 17th – Friday, January 20th** – Book Harvest Book Drive
- **Wednesday, January 18th** – Celebrations at 10:15am for 3's & 4's
- **Thursday, January 19th** – Advisory Board Social at 6pm
- **Monday, January 23rd** – 2023-2024 Registration begins for current families
- **Monday, January 23rd & Tuesday, January 24th** – Prevent Blindness NC Free Vision Screenings
- **Thursday, January 26th & Friday, January 27th** – Parent/Teacher Conferences and Childcare Available



## Keep WSYC Healthy in the New Year!

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are sick or have any of the symptoms listed in our COVID Handbook on our website.

We also ask that your child doesn't come to school if they are awaiting a COVID-19 test, unable to participate comfortably in classroom activities (including going outside), or have any symptoms that result in a need for care that is greater than the faculty members can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.

Lastly, when figuring out when your child is able to come back to school after being sick, please adhere to the 48 hour rule. Your child cannot have a fever for 48 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicine), AND they have felt well for 24 hours.

Remember, if your child tests positive for COVID, they need to stay home for at least 5 days. As long as their symptoms are improving, they are welcome to come back to school after 5 days wearing a high-quality mask for the remainder of the 10 days.

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Our registration for our current families will open on **Monday, January 23rd at 9:00am**. Please be prepared to bring ALL of the paperwork and non-refundable payment (cash or check) to the table **outside by the playground**. If you cannot come in person, forms can be emailed to Laura (no earlier than 9:00am on Monday, January 23rd) and checks can be mailed. All spaces are on a first come first served basis. The forms that you need to complete and bring with you on that day will be located on our website and emailed to you soon.

Please make the checks out to WSYC to include the \$200 non-refundable registration fee and your 1st choice amount for the advanced May 2024 tuition. If you are able to round up your tuition, please include that amount in the advanced tuition. Your check will not be deposited until you are guaranteed a space in a class.

There will be paper copies of all of the required registration forms in the office as well.

## Book Harvest Dream Big Book Drive

Book Harvest, a local Durham non-profit organization that works to bring literacy to kids of all ages, is hosting their annual MLK Day Book Drive and Celebration, Dream Big 2023 this January. This year, WSYC is a sponsor for this wonderful event, and we need your help!



We are asking that you (families and teachers) clean out old bookshelves and baskets and bring in gently used/loved books to your child's classroom to donate towards this amazing cause. Book Harvest always needs **board books, graphic novels, and children's books written by diverse authors and/or featuring diverse characters**. During the week of Tuesday, January 17th through Friday, January 20th, each classroom will have a bin for these books set up for easy drop-off in the hallway outside their classroom door. We look forward to supporting Book Harvest's Dream Big 2023 and really appreciate your support!

## Prevent Blindness Screenings

A special vision screening program, sponsored by Prevent Blindness, has been rescheduled at WSYC for January 23rd and 24th during the school day where the students simply watch flashing lights on a camera. This process takes only a few seconds per child. You will receive a report on the results approximately one week after your child's eye test. If any possible problems were found, your child should then see an eye doctor for a complete eye exam. We want your child to be healthy and have the best vision possible, and we are proud to sponsor these vision screenings at WSYC.

If you do not want your child to participate in the screening, please let Laura know prior to the screening date above. If you have any questions about this terrific program, please call them at (919) 755-5044 or visit [www.nc.preventblindness.org](http://www.nc.preventblindness.org).



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

WSYC will be closed on Thursday, January 26th and Friday, January 27th for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please check with your classroom teacher to sign up. We will also be offering a FREE childcare opportunity to bring your children to be supervised by WSYC Teachers during your conference time. We will send more information about how to sign up later.

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## Meet the Squirrels

WSYC since 2006



**Mrs. Knight**  
Squirrels

**EDUCATION**  
I have a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Vanderbilt University.

**BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN**  
March 29th in Craven County, NC

**ABOUT ME:**  
A little about me, I am a descendant of Daniel Boone and am part Cherokee. My husband is a retired electrical engineer, my son is a computer (firmware) engineer with Garmin and my daughter is getting her PhD in English. We have a black cat named DJ.

**FAVORITE THINGS:**  
A few of my favorite things include sports (baseball, football, basketball, and curling), reading, baking, the beach, and spending my mornings with little squirrels.

WSYC since 2021



**Mrs. Breuer**  
Squirrels

**EDUCATION**  
I have a lifetime of experience from St. Stephen's for 20 years. I have a dog named Tucker, and I had my own horse growing up which taught me responsibility.

**BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN**  
July 5th in Dayton, OH.


**ABOUT ME:**  
I had triplets with Cystic Fibrosis and worked at St. Stephen's for 20 years. I have a dog named Tucker, and I had my own horse growing up which taught me responsibility.

**FAVORITE THINGS:**  
A few of my favorite things include turtles, dogs, gardening, and swimming.

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### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

8:30 - 3 HOUR CLASS & 9:15 - 9 HOUR CLASS



## Substitutes Needed

If you are interested in being a Substitute this year, please fill out an application. Thank you in advanced for all of your help!

## Ways to Support WSYC

- Harris Teeter VIC Card - Support WSYC when shopping at Harris Teeter! Our school code is **4300 - Westminster Kindergarten.**
- Terracycle - Bring in your empty flexible plastic **snack pouches, caps, empty toothpaste containers, used toothbrushes, and empty floss containers** to WSYC to recycle!
- Link your Amazon Prime account to make a donation to our **Amazon Smile**. Use smile.amazon.com to search for "Westminster Presbyterian Church."

## Lunch Bunch

We will only be offering Lunch Bunch FOUR days each week on Mondays through Thursdays. for the 2 and 3 year olds who are fully potty trained. Complete the permission form and use the code to sign up!



**Link.** your VIC card to our school today!

Connect your Harris Teeter VIC card to our Together in Education account and help us earn. This is no cost to you. Our school name when you shop these brands at your local Harris Teeter!



**Recycle All Flexible Plastic Snack Pouches and Caps Here**

**Recycle all Colgate® used or empty oral care products and packaging Here**




**Soccer Shots**

**SOCCER ON-SITE!**

Winter 2023 Enrollment Now Open!

## Soccer Shots

Soccer Shots will begin again on Friday, January 6th and go through Friday, February 24th at both the 12:00pm dismissal time as well as the 1:00pm dismissal. Check out the flyer or use the code to register.