

# Westminster School for Young Children

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## Costume Parade and Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 31st!

The **Frogs, Turtles, Squirrels, Ducks, Llamas, & Cool Cats** will have a Costume Parade at 10:45am on Tuesday, October 31st. Parents can line up around the sidewalk circle on the courtyard between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The children will make two laps around the courtyard. The teachers will dismiss the children to the families immediately following the parade to attend the Fall Festival with your child!

The **Bumblebees, Koalas & Fish** will pick up for an early dismissal at 11:00am to attend the Fall Festival with your child.

The **Caterpillars & Owls** are welcome to celebrate with us during our Fall Festival! We will have a Fall Bake Sale and provide a pumpkin for each child to pick, decorate it, and have fun with their parents!

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**COSTUME PARADE**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST @ 10:45AM  
Frogs, Turtles, Squirrels, Ducks, Llamas, & Cool Cats  
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**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST @ 11:00AM  
Bumblebees, Koalas, & Fish  
Please pick your child up for an early dismissal at 11:00am to attend the Fall Festival with your child.

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST @ 11:00AM  
Caterpillars & Owls  
Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us during our Fall Festival! We will have a Fall Bake Sale and provide a pumpkin for each child to pick, decorate it, and have fun with their parents!

## Fall Fundraiser

Westminster School for Young Children relies on fundraising and donations to maintain classrooms, preserve our beloved playground, and enhance teacher materials and manipulatives. This year, all of the money raised will go towards our Playground Fund. Would your family or business be interested in donating to our Fall Fundraiser for our Spirit Week? Our WSYC Fall Spirit Week will be October 31st-November 3rd complete with bubble machines, dress-up theme days, bake sale and of course music all at drop-off! Every single child's caregiver will be touched by this fun week, and exposed to our lovely donors, as they walk through our doors for each morning drop-off.



INVESTED  
- REALTY -



**FALL FUNDRAISER  
& SPIRIT WEEK  
2023**

NEST REALTY  
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill



Tuesday, October 31st - Costume Day & Fall Festival @ 11:00am  
Wednesday, November 1st - Pajama Day  
Thursday, November 2nd - Favorite Team Day!  
Friday, November 3rd - WSYC Day

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# October 2023

## Important Dates to Remember!

**Thursday, October 4th** – Advisory Board Meeting @ 9:15am

**Wednesday, October 4th** – Celebrations for 3's & 4's @ 9:30am

**Friday, October 6th** – Emerge OT Screenings

**Friday, October 6th** – Community Helper Day for Frogs, Turtles, Squirrels & Ducks

**Wednesday, October 11th** – Celebrations for 3's & 4's @ 9:30am

**Wednesday, October 11th** – Emerge OT Screenings

**Friday, October 13th** – Fall Stories with Carol VanHise for Frogs, Turtles, Squirrels & Ducks @ 9:30am

**Wednesday, October 18th** – Celebrations for 3's & 4's @ 9:30am

**Thursday, October 19th & Friday, October 20th** – Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School) & Teacher Breakfast

**Wednesday, October 25th** – Individual and Class Picture Day for Caterpillars, Owls, Turtles, Squirrels, & Llamas

**Thursday, October 26th** – Individual and Class Picture Day for Bumblebees, Koalas, Fish, Frogs, Ducks, & Cool Cats

**Tuesday, October 31st** – Costume Parade @ 10:45am for Frogs, Turtles, Squirrels, Ducks, Llamas & Cool Cats & Fall Festival @ 11:00am & Early Dismissal for everyone

## Emerge OT Screenings on October 6th & October 11th

**Emerge Pediatric Therapy Occupational Therapy Screening Day for Frogs**

Emerge Pediatric Therapy is pleased to be able to offer FREE occupational therapy screenings to the children in your classroom. Screenings will be provided at no cost to parents on Friday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 11th to help identify those children who are in need of further evaluation and/or therapy. This screening program also provides you and your child's teacher with information relevant to their fine motor, writing, visual processing, sensory processing, and attention/focus skills. These occupational therapy screenings will be conducted in the child's classroom or a space designated by the school. Children will be pulled aside for an individual (5-10 minute) assessment which involves drawing, cutting, writing, block design or other age appropriate tasks. You will receive further information regarding your child's performance on this assessment.

If you would like your child to participate in the occupational therapy screening program, please indicate how you would like to participate in the occupational therapy screening program.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## No School & Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 19th & Friday, October 20th

There will be no school on Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please watch out for an email or a sign up from your child's teacher for more information and how to sign up to meet with them during that time. Thanks!

## Picture Days on Wednesday, October 25th & Thursday, October 26th

Heba Salama is back this fall to take both your child's individual and class pictures on Wednesday, October 25th for the Caterpillars, Owls, Turtles, Squirrels, & Llamas and on Thursday, October 26th for the Bumblebees, Koalas, Fish, Frogs, Ducks, & Cool Cats. Afterwards, she will email you a link for your child's personal gallery.



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## Meet the Caterpillars

WSYC since 2022



**Mrs. Katie**  
Caterpillars & Koalas

**EDUCATION**  
I have a degree from Durham Tech in Criminal Justice.

**BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN**  
September 3rd from Jacksonville, FL.

**ABOUT ME:**  
I have been married since 2005 and have two children, Kerrigan and Nash (both WSYC alumns). We live in Durham and have a Belgian Malinois named Luna.

**FAVORITE THINGS:**  
A few of my favorite things include traveling, spending time with my family, reading and attending sporting events.

WSYC since 2022



**Mrs. Claire**  
Caterpillars

**EDUCATION**  
I have a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from Xavier University.

**BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN**  
June 23rd from Baltimore, MD


**ABOUT ME:**  
I am a mom of 2 former Westminster students who now attend Voyager. My peaceful places are my garden and the Eno.

**FAVORITE THINGS:**  
A few of my favorite things include cookbooks, fresh cut flowers, and coffee.

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**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**

115 - 3 HOUR CLASS & 115 - 9 HOUR CLASS



### Substitutes Needed

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

### Lunch Bunch

We will only be offering Lunch Bunch FOUR days each week on Mondays through Thursdays. from 12:00pm-1:00pm for the Squirrels, Turtles, and Frogs in September. Complete the permission form and use the code to sign up!



### Soccer Shots

We will host Soccer Shots on Fridays at both the 12:00pm dismissal time as well as the 1:00pm dismissal. Check out the flyer and use the code to register.

**SOCCER ON-SITE!**

Fall 2022 Enrollment NOW OPEN!

All Children ages 2-5 are welcome to enroll!

Westminster School for Young Children  
919-282-1100 thru 12/2/2022

\$12.00 for the 12-week season  
Mini and Classic: 12:00 PM Classic and Premier: 1:00 PM

Scan Here to Register!



### 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 VIC card to our school today!

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



 Recycle All Flexible Plastic Snack Pouches and Caps Here



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



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