# Westminster School for Young Children



Issue No. 3 | October 2023

## 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!



#### Fall Fundraiser

Westminster School for Young Children relies on fundraising and donations to maintain classrooms, preserve our beloved playground, enhance and teacher materials 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.















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Tuesday, October 31st - Costume Day & Fall Festival @ 11:00am Wednesday,

Wednesday, November 1st Pajama Day

Thursday, November 2nd - Favorite Team Day!

puddle baby

Friday, November 3rd - WSYC Day



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#### **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 is pleased to be able to offer FREE occupational therapy screenings to the children. 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.

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.



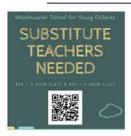


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#### Meet the Caterpillars







#### 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!

#### 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.



#### 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!

#### 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!





