



## Routine

I don't know about you but I like some routine in my life. Don't get me wrong-I love the summer and putting my toes in the sand, however, I do best managing life/work balance when the school year sets in.

Having a break from routine helps regenerate me but when routine is restored, it also has its gifts in that I am able to look at regular tasks and see personal and professional opportunities for growth. Charles F. Glassman said, "Even the smallest changes in our daily routine can create incredible ripple effects that expand our vision of what is possible."--*Brain Drain - The Breakthrough That Will Change Your Life*. I find this to be true for me in both aspects of my life and am thrilled to start my 34th year with WCC.

Children thrive in routines as well though we know that new students will struggle and have ample tears the first couple of days. Rightly so. It's a significant change for them and for you as parents. We will be there to support you and your children as you begin the new routine of the new school year.



Below is our current staff list and contact information and here are a couple changes I wish to make you aware for this school year:

Hilary Shaw works with our Starfish class as an assistant teacher at our Westbrook Campus  
 Debbie Jones is our new Site Director at our Circle Campus  
 Jennifer Moon now works at the Circle Campus with Ms. Ann in the Teddy Bear classroom  
 Greer Jackson transferred from the Circle Site Director to Westbrook Campus Site Director

On behalf of the entire WCC staff, we hope you had a great summer and look forward to another successful school year.

Best,

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## School Days, School Days Dear Old Golden Rule Days

And we're off--It was a successful first day! Children loved exploring WCC and meeting new friends. They were able to see pictures of our beloved mascot Westy (picture below) and enjoy a beautiful learning and fun-filled day.

Below are pictures from our first day of the school year. We are already off to a terrific start!

**Note:** Probably dating ourselves but for reference 'School Days' is a nostalgic song from 1907. Words and music by Cobb & Edwards

*School Days*

*Nothing to do, Nellie Darling*





Nothing to do, Nellie Darling,  
Nothing to do you say?  
Let's take a trip on memory's ship,  
Back to the bygone days.  
Sail to the old village school house,  
Anchor outside the school door.  
Look in and see  
There's you and there's me,  
A couple of kids once more.

(Chorus)

School days, school days,  
Dear old golden rule days,  
Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic  
Taught to the tune of the hickory stick.  
You were my queen in calico,  
I was your bashful barefoot beau,  
And you wrote on my slate, "I love you, so."  
When we were a couple of kids.

(Chorus)

'Member the hill, Nellie Darling,  
And the oak tree that grew on its brow?  
They've built forty stories upon that old hill,  
And the oak's an old chestnut now.  
'Member the meadows so green, dear,  
So fragrant with clover and maize?  
Into new city lots and preferred business plots,  
They've cut them up since those days.

(Chorus)

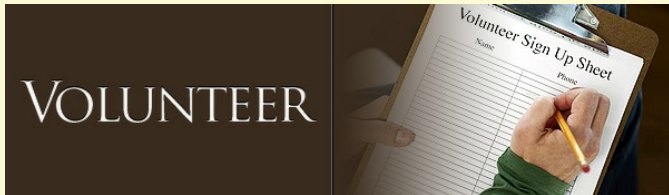


## Lending a Helping Hand

Volunteers are an integral part of WCC's success. Your skills and talents help advance WCC's objectives. If you are interested in lending a







objectives. If you are interested in lending a helping hand and joining WCC's Board of Directors or volunteering on WCC committees and special projects, please contact Libby King at: [Libby.King@wccbethesda.com](mailto:Libby.King@wccbethesda.com) or sign-up on Back-to-School Night. Thank you in advance.

### WCC Board of Directors 2025-2026

Mara Weinstein - BOD Chair

Layla Gibbons - Vice Chair

Carlton Davis - Treasurer

Georgia Jewett - Secretary

Libby King - Executive Director -*Ex Officio*

*Thank you to all our parent and family volunteers who generously give their time, talent, and skills toward making our school such a tremendous place to learn for preschoolers.*

### WCC Committees 2025-2026

Elyse Moyer - Long Range Planning

Whitney Fore - Fundraising



## WCC's Staff Development Week

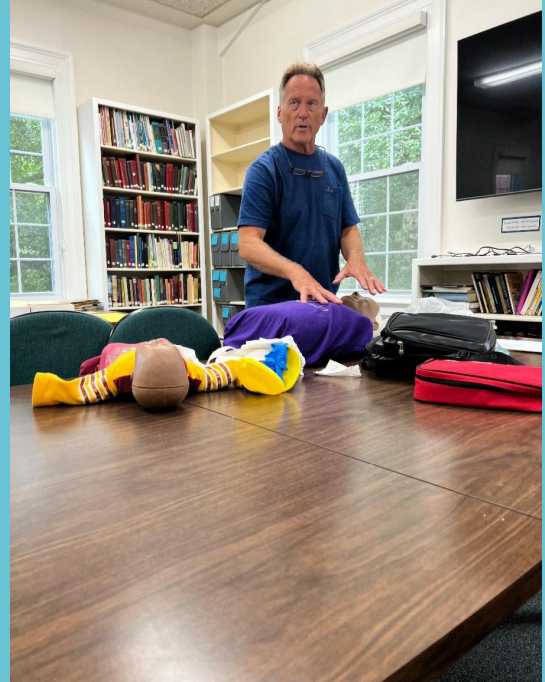
Last week was an engaging professional development week, providing our dedicated teachers with time to prepare their classrooms for the upcoming school year. As you can see in the pictures above and to the right, our staff participated in essential training sessions, including mandatory first aid and CPR courses. While we conduct these trainings annually, there's always something new to learn, ensuring our team remains at the forefront of safety and care.

Additionally, our staff gained insights from Phuong Hoang's enlightening presentation on "Professional and Ethical Conduct," which emphasized the importance of positive interactions among colleagues, children, and



interactions among colleagues, children, and parents alike.

The week also featured an inspiring workshop by Lynn Klaiman titled "Laying the Foundation: Preschool's Role in Early Literacy," which will be further explored in a session for parents this fall. To wrap up the week, WCC hosted an Open House last Thursday, allowing children and parents to connect, explore the classroom environment, and meet their future classmates. The collaborative spirit and commitment to growth during this week truly set the tone for an exciting new school year ahead!



## School Wide News

### Few Placements Remain for 2025-26 School Year

We are near full capacity for next school year with only a few openings available in the 4's class. If you or your friends/neighbors have yet to register, please visit [www.wccbethesda.com](http://www.wccbethesda.com) today!

### WCC Turns 55!

You won't want to miss WCC's anniversary celebration the evening of Saturday, September 13th at Rock Creek Mansion in Bethesda from 6-10 pm. This **ADULT-ONLY** 70s themed event will have food, drinks, and dancing. Here's the link to get further information and register:

<https://forms.gle/joBK3X8w67sWqwb98>.

### Maryland Department of Education Resource

The Maryland Department of Education provides a tremendous resource for parents via

The image shows the "Maryland Messenger" logo, which includes the Maryland state flag and the word "Maryland" in a script font, followed by "MESSENGER" in bold. Below the logo is the website "marylandchild.org". To the right of the logo is a collage of many diverse families smiling. Below the collage is a red banner that says "Delivering Support to Families with Young Learners". Underneath the banner, there are two sections: "Resources for Mental Health Awareness Month" with a photo of two children playing and a text box explaining the importance of mental health, and a yellow box titled "Need help?" containing a list of resources.

**Resources for Mental Health Awareness Month**

Mental health plays a major role in a child's social and emotional development from birth. Helping your child manage feelings and stress at an early age can affect their future actions.

**Need help?**

- [Money for Child Care](#)
- [Find Child Care](#)
- [Judy Centers](#)
- [Get Shot Records](#)
- [Parenting Support](#)
- [Pre-K Programs](#)
- [Jobs in Child Care](#)
- [Open a Child Care](#)

<https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/Default.aspx>. You can sign up to receive their monthly newsletter which is full of helpful and information.

WCC also provides educational resources for parents on [www.wccbethesda.com](http://www.wccbethesda.com)



## Grab Your WCC Apparel Today!

Embrace the vibrant spirit of our school community by visiting our online store at <https://wcc-backtoschool.itemorder.com> or join us at the WCC Apparel display during the Back-to-School night!

Here, you can order a variety of apparel showcasing our logo and beloved mascot, Westy. Apparel is available in an array of sizes, styles, and colors for both adults and children alike. This is the perfect opportunity to gear up for the exciting Butler's Orchard Pumpkin Patch trip (see below dates), ensuring you look your best while celebrating our school pride.

Remember, every purchase contributes to WCC, as a percentage of sales will directly support our programs and resources. Together, let's strengthen our community and show our unwavering support for WCC—thank you for being a part of our journey!



## WCC Dates to Remember

**September 1** - Labor Day, **WCC CLOSED**

**September 13** - WCC's 55th Anniversary Celebration, Knights of Columbus, Bethesda. 50/50 Raffle tickets will go on sale shortly. Details to follow.

**September 16** - Back to School Night 7-8:30.

*WCC Parlor 7-7:30*

*Child's Classroom 7:30-8:30*

**October 22** - Pumpkin Patch – Circle 2's at 10 AM



**October 23** - Pumpkin Patch – Circle 3's at 10 AM

**October 30** - Pumpkin Patch – Westbrook/Circle 4's at 10 AM



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