WESTMORELAND CHILDREN'S CENTER
LEARN AND GROW WITH WCC

WCC Valentine's Day Festivities

After being cooped up inside, surrounded by mounds of snow and ice, and blanketed with frigid arctic temperatures, WCC's Valentine's Day party was a much-needed chance for everyone to shake off the winter blues and dance the night away!

Your children were simply resplendent in their festive Valentine's Day attire, looking so stinkin' cute while showcasing their best K-Pop moves—who knew we had such talented little stars among us? The drinks were flowing, the pizza was devoured, and the atmosphere was filled with joy, making it a perfect evening for community bonding!

A special shoutout to our families for their incredible generosity during the Silent Auction; your contributions will help us provide essential resources like playground equipment, educational tools, and books, proving that together, we build a brighter future. It was a tremendous collaborative effort with classroom, community business, and WCC family donations. Please see our Silent Auction donor list below. Of particular note, a special shout out to the Breslin/Mittelman family for their donation bidding attraction of use of their Lewes beach home. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff and volunteers, Whitney Fore and the WCC Fundraiser Committee, whose hard work made our Valentine's Day/Silent Auction party the "talk of the town". Together, we raised a whopping $4,020 at this year's auction!

We can't wait to see you all at our future events, so let's keep the good times rolling and continue to grow our wonderful WCC community together!

Best,

Libby

Valentine's Day Party

School Wide News

Classroom Curriculum

Staff are working on mid-year status/progress reports for children using Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum guidelines. All classes are learning about winter and animal hibernations as well as the alphabet/phonics and dictation.

Abbreviated Daily Attendance

We ask that when your child has an appointment which requires them not to attend school full day to please make appointments, when possible, first thing in the morning or late afternoon so that they do not

miss vital instruction and not disruptive to your child or the class.

2026-27 School Year Enrollment--Limited Spots Remain

We are near full capacity for next school year with only a few open positions available in our three's and four's classes. If you or your friends/neighbors have yet to register, it is suggested to do so by visiting our website for registration as soon as possible.

WCC's 2026 Summer Camp Registration Open

Camp Westmoreland applications are now available via Kindertales. To ensure placement, we ask that you complete your child's registration on or before March 1st when we open registration to the community at large.

To provide greater flexibility for our families, we are pleased to announce that we now offer one-week sessions instead of two-week blocks. Please use the age-appropriate links below to access the Kindertales registration forms:

Two's: ***https://events.kindertales.com?client_id=d2940a88-bcac-11ef-8bcb-028d36469a89&group_id=1&location_id=82d640a3-bcad-11ef-8bcb-028d36469a89***

Three's: ***https://events.kindertales.com?client_id=d2940a88-bcac-11ef-8bcb-028d36469a89&group_id=3&location_id=82d640a3-bcad-11ef-8bcb-028d36469a89***

Four's: ***https://events.kindertales.com?client_id=d2940a88-bcac-11ef-8bcb-028d36469a89&group_id=4&location_id=82d640a3-bcad-11ef-8bcb-028d36469a89***

We look forward to creating wonderful summer memories with your child.

Thank You to Our Silent Auction Donors!

5 Wits Arlington
Adventure Park at Sandy Spring
All About Word Art
Arena Stage
Ballet Petite
Baltimore Orioles
Baltimore Ravens
Beat the Bomb
Circle Yoga Cooperative
City Experiences
D.C. Crawling
Georgetown Events
Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens
International Spy Museum
KID Museum
nailsaloon
National Children's Museum
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Quartermaine Coffee Roasters
Red Panda Art Studio
Sarah's Handmade Ice Cream
The Breslin/Mittelman Family
The Bumble Bees Class
The Bunnies Class
The Dragonfly Class
The Great Zucchini
The Hodas/Fore Family
The Leopards Class
The Panda Class
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Jeremy King, No Stranger to WCC

As soon as Jeremy was born he was at WCC visiting his mom, then teacher and now WCC's executive director, Libby King. While his actual family home is in Gaithersburg, Jeremy essentially grew up at WCC by attending our preschool, being a multi-year camp counselor, and is now an floater in the Starfish class. "I have always loved WCC having spent so much of my childhood and life here. It's a very special place."

Jeremy has a love for sports and played soccer and baseball in his youth. Physical activity is still his primary outlet. He attends the gym regularly and practices mixed marshal arts (MMA). Gaming is something he enjoys as well.

A recent graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelor's in accounting and information systems, Jeremy's thirst for education didn't end there. He is completing his masters in management studies and will graduate this spring.

We are so fortunate that Jeremy is such a vital part of the WCC family.

Westy takes time to ask Jeremy more questions:

What's the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

If you are tunnel visioned, you won't be able to see that there are opportunities all around you. Each choice and opportunity taken could lead you to a road completely different than what you plan for, but could result in an outcome that will make you happiest.

Is there something you like that nobody would believe you do?

Despite being a preschool teacher and having acquired a college degree, I am enthralled with martial arts and practice MMA throughout the week.

If you could go back to being a kid for a day, what's the first thing you would do that you did when you were a kid?

One of my fondest memories as a kid was having playdates and exploring my neighborhood where everything was novel. Being able to embrace all the silly ideas I've had back then would be incredible, having not a care in the world.

If you could have any talent or skill, what would that be?

I would love to be particularly talented in computer software coding, as I believe this is a universal skill that could take me anywhere.

What is one of your favorite books?
One of my favorite books is one of my childhood books, Diary of a Wimpy Kid Cabin Fever. This series was the first time I felt true joy reading, and while it's been a while, I bet I would still enjoy these books today.

What is the best show you binged in the last two years?
The Sopranos is a classic I finished in probably two months or less.

What would you like to tell your younger self?
Everything happens for a reason, there is no script despite the one in your mind, keep an open mind and take it all in.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
A spy.

What song instantly puts you in a good mood?
Blame it on the Rain.

If you could see any musician/group perform, dead or alive, who would that be?
Pink Floyd.

If you were in a contest on a food cooking show, what dish would you prepare to impress the judges?
Salmon, rice and broccoli.

Wow Jeremy! I thought I had been at WCC a long time but you have me beat! Thank you for sharing yourself with us! Your friend, *Westy*

WCC Apparel for Every Season

Spring/summer WCC apparel* is available in youth and adults sizes ranging from tee shirts to sweatshirts making them perfect for each season. Accessories are available as well. Here's our very own Angie Kamara (left) sporting a WCC hooded sweatshirt for colder weather. Samples are on display at the Circle Campus foyer. Order today:
https://wcc-backtoschool.itemorder.com

Thank you for your support of WCC!

**WCC receives a percentage of sales with proceeds benefitting WCC's programs and resources.*

Modeling Self Care

From Maryland State Department of Education

It can be so easy to forget to look after yourself as you take care of your children. But your children are always watching and learning from your own habits. If you value self care and model good habits for your child, they can learn to practice self care too. Showing your child good self care can look like:

- Talking about feelings
- Setting boundaries
- Demonstrating the importance of rest
- Doing healthy activities together

Tips for Bonding with Your Child

From Maryland State Department of Education

There's nothing like the unique relationship between a parent and child. But did you know that strengthening your bond at an early age helps a child develop crucial social skills? To bond with

your infant or toddler, make sure to talk with your child, especially as you go about your daily tasks like changing their diaper or giving them snacks. Pause to give them to time to respond, and you can hear them progress from making sounds to forming words and phrases.

You can bond with your preschool-age child by making them feel seen and heard. Offer them a warm greeting and an encouraging goodbye. Ask them about their day and remember details about their lives so that they know they are valued.
Learn more

March is Women's History Month

WCC Dates to Remember

MARCH

March 10 -12 Scholastic Book Fair, Circle Campus 8-6pm.

March 19 - Ledo Pizza Fundraiser, 4-9 pm. Details to follow.

March 30-31 - Spring Break, ***WCC Closed***

APRIL

April 1-6 - Spring Break, ***WCC Closed***

April 22 - Panera Fundraiser, 4-8 pm, Details to follow.

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