

Changing the World One Child at a Time

Next week, May 4-8, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, a special time to honor the incredible dedication of our educators. Teachers change the world one child at a time, and at Westmoreland Children's Center, our teachers inspire and nurture young minds every day.

Reflecting on my own experiences, I remember the teachers who made a difference in my life with gratitude and fondness. Our WCC teachers are exceptional, embracing the challenges and rewards of play-based learning to foster cognitive and social-emotional development in our students.

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, please help us express our gratitude for the important work our teachers do every day with an *optional* token of appreciation. I would like to personally thank the WCC teachers listed below for their dedication and passion toward making a difference in the life of children.

Additionally, on behalf of the entire WCC staff, we wish our WCC mothers a memorable and Happy Mother's Day! You are your child's first and most important teacher. Friday, May 8th, your child will "host" a tea party in your honor. We hope you enjoy this special time together.

Please help us support the important work that our teachers do everyday with a small token of appreciation. Below are some ideas, but feel free to express your thoughts as you desire.

Monday - Bring a breakfast treat (muffin, bagel, juice, fruit, granola bars, etc.).

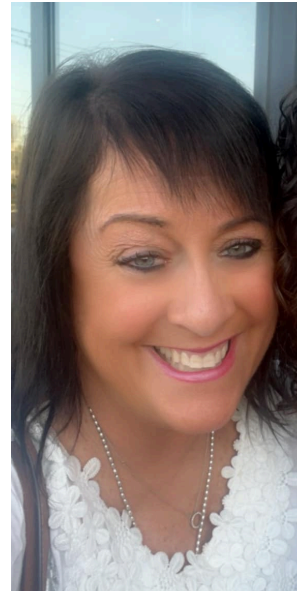
Tuesday - Bring a flower/plant or picture your child made.

Wednesday - Bring a sweet treat or a refreshing cool or hot drink.

Thursday - Provide lunch or gift certificate for lunch.

Friday - Write the teachers a note letting them know how important they are and what your child loves about WCC and their teacher. These are like gold to teachers!

Best,





WCC's Difference Makers





Listed in no particular order	Thank you for all you do!
Debby	Guzman
Tara	Gabriele
Jack	Cahill
Greer	Jackson
Lakita	Burnley
Sandra	Dove
Martell	Galloway
Wendy	Hensley
Angela	Hill
Kyla	Holt
Angie	Kamara
Ann	Kelley
Sabina	Manda
Pina	Matinata
Hillary	Shaw
Rosario	Zurita
Jeremy	King
Neysa	Santos
Alison	Smith
Chipri	Wims



School Wide News

Space--The Final Frontier

Meet Scott Altman (pictured left and above). He is the grandfather of not one but two WCC children. For family sharing day, our classes had the benefit of Mr. Altman speaking to captive audiences on space and NASA. Children had lots of questions that were quite frankly, "outta the world" :).

Thank you Mr. Altman for taking time out of your day to enlighten our children on the final frontier!



Tuition Reminder

Next year's school year's (2026-2027) **final** payment is due this month. WCC applies your deposit to your June 2026 tuition. Please reach out to WCC's Business Manager, Clare Cahill, with any questions at 301-229-7161 or Clare.Cahill@wccbethesda.com.

Family Satisfaction Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the annual WCC Family Satisfaction Survey. We use your feedback to make improvements and sincerely appreciate your valuable input. Please complete by May 30th. Thank you, in advance, for your participation. Please click here for the survey link.

<https://form.jotform.com/261206743146150>

End-of-the Year Picnic

WCC will have an end-of-the-year picnic in June to celebrate the closing of another successful school year and to welcome incoming families. Keep an eye out for details!

WCC Summer Camp Registration Open, Final Payment Due

WCC's summer camp is again in high demand this year and we only have a handful of slots open in certain weeks. WCC families were given first priority to register so chances are your child will have many classmates in camp with them if they are attending.

Final payments were due April 30th. If you have not remitted the balance due, please do so immediately to WCC, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD, 20816. Non-payment will result in forfeiture of your deposit/placement.

Also, now's the time to order *optional* WCC gear for your summer camper! If you're interested, please visit: <https://wcc-backtoschool.itemorder.com>

Few Placements Remain for 2026-27 School Year

We are near full capacity for next school year with only a few openings available in each age group. If you or your friends/neighbors have yet to register, please visit www.wccbethesda.com today!



April Was Autism Acceptance Month

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening all children for autism at 18 and 24 months, alongside regular developmental surveillance. Recent CDC data from April 2025 indicates that the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) has increased to one in 31 children.

Early identification is essential to ensuring children can access tailored supports and services. Further, children should be referred for diagnostic evaluation as soon as an increased risk is identified or for intervention for any identified developmental delays immediately, rather than waiting for an autism diagnostic evaluation to be completed. Early diagnosis and intervention is key.





WCC Dates to Remember

May is National Speech-Language-Hearing Month

May 8 - Mother's Day Tea Parties. WCC Closes at 4 pm for Teacher Appreciation Dinner

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 13 - Nando's Peri-Peri Fundraiser

May 25 - Memorial Day, **WCC CLOSED**

June 3 - Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

June 5 - Panda Graduation, Circle Social Hall, 10-11 am. Details to follow.

June 8 - Leopard Graduation, Circle Social Hall, 10-11 am. Details to follow.

June 9 - Starfish Graduation, Circle Social Hall, 10-11. Details to follow.

June 10 - WCC Closes for the School Year, 1pm.

June 15 - Summer Camp Begins

June 19 - Juneteenth, **WCC CLOSED**



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