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Letter from the Director

The beginning of the new 2018-19 school year has kept Windmill Creek Academy buzzing with activity, laughter and learning! September was an exciting month as the students learned about "Fall," "Emotions," "Inventors and Inventions," and "Senses."

October brings us new subjects to explore: all about "Christopher Columbus," "Fire Safety," "Animals on the Map," "Shapes" and, of course, "Halloween!" The children (and teachers!) love to take any opportunity to dress up and assume another character – this year will be no exception! Stay tuned for more information about our Halloween Party and Parade from your child(ren)'s teachers.

Just a couple of future dates and reminders to make note of:

October 8, 2016

We will be OPEN on Monday, October 8 (Columbus Day).

Teacher of the Month

Won't you take a moment to recognize one of our special teachers by nominating her for "Teacher of the Month?" Our teachers work diligently to make each day special for the children. Nomination forms are located at the front lobby. Thank you! :)

Friday, November 2 - Halloween Party & Parade

Our Annual Halloween Party and Parade will be Friday, November 2 at 3:45 p.m. More information to follow. Please, no scary costumes, guns, knives or swords!

Supplies Fee - October 22nd FACTS Management

On Monday, October 22nd the annual Supplies Fee of \$75 will be due for our Bears-Lions Students (not charged for Bunnies or Cubs). You will see the charge appear on your FACTS Tuition Management schedule under "Supplies."

Fire Fighters & Fire Truck - Tuesday, October 9

We will have a visit from the City of Naples Fire Fighters and Fire Truck at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9 during our "Fire Safety" week!

November 8 - Picture Day

LifeTouch Studios will be here on Thursday, November 8 to capture the smiles of your children. Please be sure your children are here by 9:00 am if you would like them to participate. Stay tuned for background choices, etc.

Turkey Disguise Packets Go Home

On Thursday, October 28, we will be sending out our "Turkey Disguise" packets. It was such a tremendous hit last year – voting will be on-line via our Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information!

Looking forward to the Holidays

We will be closed on November 22 & 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will be closed on December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1 in observance of Christmas/New Year's.

"Fall Backward" on Sunday, November 4

On Sunday, November 4th, turn your clocks back one hour for the end of daylight saving's time.

Thank you for a great start to the new school year! Before you know it, we'll be hanging up holiday decorations!

All the best,

Janine

Janine Connell
Founder & Director
Windmill Creek Academy



Budding Architects, Evelyn and Joaquin enjoy their creation! While Julian, Brady, Barrett & Jace create a skyscraper!



Windmill Creek Academy Classroom Updates

Bunnies

September has arrived ... bringing the beautiful colors of the fall season! The Bunnies are getting ready for their first Halloween! We can't wait to see them in their costumes. Our Bunnies are very busy ... We have a whole new group of bunnies in our patch! Jason has newly arrived and is adjusting very well. He is a very happy baby and smiles a lot. Rocco is also smiling little one and loves to be cuddled. Avery is getting ready to crawl. She's very curious and ready to start exploring! Vera is sitting up and rolling! She is curious and will soon be exploring! Nora is such a sweet baby girl – very alerts. She loves to smile and then take a lovely nap. Welcome to Molly – the sister of Mary who is now in our Giraffe's class! Molly is adjusting beautifully! The twins are doing great – Luca is almost crawling. He loves to eat his peach food fruits and veggies. He is very handsome and loves to smile! His twin brother, Lennox is such a charming handsome fellow. He loves to eat, smile and roll in the bunny patch! Elliot is the sister of Leighton in our Bears class! Elliot is a lovely little girl – she loves her tummy time and is alert and curious! We have a wonderful group of bunnies in the bunny patch!
Ms. Ally, Ms. Iris & Ms. Kaira

Cubs

The Cubs are looking forward to fall and exploring inside and outside the classroom. This past month each of our Cubs has achieved something new! Fox and John have started walking! Landon has started pulling himself up and crawling. Caleb has started pulling himself up and playing more with his friends. Vivi is talking more. Javiera is crawling! Lucas is talking more and loves to dance. Mick is walking more and interacting more and more with his classmates. In the upcoming month we will go over the themes of fire safety, animals, and shapes and, of course, Halloween! We are learning Halloween songs during music time. Boo!
Ms. Kayla, Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Sofie



Bears

During September the Bears learned a lot about our emotions during “Emotions” week. We sure have a lot of them and express them a lot, too! We talked about different inventors and inventions – we painted pictures of lightbulbs! We are so excited that fall time is here! We made handprint tree pictures and sang a new song called, “Autumn leaves” at circle time. We love our new Elmo book about the five senses. Our favorite sense is taste – because we Bears love to eat any chance we can! We look forward to October when we learn about the explorer Christopher Columbus, Fire Safety, Animals on the Map, Shapes, and ... our very favorite – Halloween! We can't wait for our Halloween Party and seeing all the different costumes on our friends and sharing Halloween treats! It's great to be a Bear!
Ms. Kayla, Ms. Lesley, Ms. Mariah & Ms. Rachel

Frogs

In September we learned about “Emotions.” We talked about our feelings with our book, “The Feelings Book.” We made fall decorations for our room making acorns with buttons, scarecrows (with personalized photos of ourselves) and handprint leaves for our fall trees! We love all the creativity of the fall season and the beautiful colors of fall. During “Inventors and Inventions” week we made puff paint light bulbs and talked about Thomas Edison. We discussed the Wright Brothers – and we painted airplanes, too! During the “Senses” week, we guessed every day what was in our “feely sock” at circle time! It was a great discovery each time! In October we will be busy – we will learn about Christopher Columbus and Fire Safety. We can't wait to see, hear and experience the Fire Truck and see the Fire Fighters when they come to the school. We will learn about Animals on the Map, Shapes & Halloween. There will be a sign-up sheet for snacks for our Halloween Party and Costume Parade! It's great to be a FROG!

Ms. Ally, Ms. Ana, Ms. Lena, Ms. Raquel & Ms. Sami

Giraffes

The Giraffes had a very busy month learning letters of the week A-F and the colors of the week. We also enjoyed singing the “Baby Shark” song during circle time. During Community Helper Week we made a fire truck and a chef hat. We are enjoying the fall season as we create art with pumpkin and apple prints, leaf art and popcorn and corn art. During Inventors Week, we made kites and airplanes. During the Senses week we created a project with our hands and explored our sense of touch – learning about what is soft, smooth, rough or sticky! We look forward to our Halloween Party and seeing all the different costumes of our classmates and having a parade around the school! We will be carving/painting pumpkins, create some cool candy corn art and make lots of spooky crafts!

Ms. Daisy, Ms. Krystal, Ms. Sammy

Lions

The Lions are leaping into the school year with expanded “Letter-of-the-week” themes. Ms. Kristen has combined fiction and non-fictions books such as “Johnny Appleseed,” “Annie the Apple Pie Fairy” and “10 Apples Up on Top” along with a culminating food activity on Fridays like making applesauce for the letter “A” to dive deeper into letters, sounds and literature. During “B” week the Lions made banana pudding and on “C” week, we created, cooked and ate chocolate chip cookies! Ms. Ali has created art activities to go along with our themes as well. The class enjoyed making acorns, bumblebees and candy corns so far – bringing each letter to life! During September we had a visit from the Bonita Dental group who taught us about keeping our teeth clean. We will continue to work our way through the letters, numbers, shapes and patterns. In October we will learn about fire safety – we can't wait for the visit by the fire fighters and seeing their fire truck and equipment. We look forward to our Halloween Party and Parade. We especially love all the Halloween activities, crafts and songs we are learning! Happy fall!

Ms. Ali, Ms. Kristen & Ms. Sammy





WHY teach music?

music is a science

It is exact, specific; it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

music is mathematical

It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

music is a foreign language

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English – but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Also, many songs we study are from other cultures.

music is physical education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

most of all, music is art.

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion.



October Birthdays!

- Javiera P - October 6
- Ms. Janine - October 12
- Storm L - October 14
- Ms. Mariah - October 15
- Riley C - October 22
- Grayson H - October 26
- Barrett - October 29



Ms. Kelsey - Windmill Creek's Teacher of the Month

**Congratulations to Ms. Kelsey!
October's "Teacher of the Month!"**

Ms. Kelsey is a teacher to both our Bear and Cub students. Being such a tremendous "Team Player" takes a special set of talents – learning to identify each classroom's needs and self-starter skills to "jump in" when and where necessary! One of our families nominated Ms. Kelsey and stated, "Ms. Kelsey is always so warm and made my son feel so comfortable and welcome!" You can always count on a bubbly smile and happy attitude from Ms. Kelsey! Thank you for being such a dedicated, energetic and caring member of our Windmill Creek Academy teaching staff!

