

First Presbyterian Weekday School

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Meet Our Staff!!

We are beyond excited to begin another school year at the Weekday School. Our staff is comprised of seasoned early childhood educators who are passionate about providing authentic learning experiences in a nurturing environment. Listed below is our teaching line-up for the 2016-2017 school year:

PreK

Ms. Stefanie Lloyd & Ms. Karen Gyurisin

Monday-Friday 4s:

Ms. Christina Canter & Ms. Yelena Bravo

Monday-Thursday 4s:

Ms. Susan Mitchell & Ms. Denise Pratt
Ms. Sarah Lloyd & Ms. Viviana Daraban

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4s:

Ms. Anna Robinson & Ms. Eleanor Thomson

Threes:

Ms. Kim Schoell & Ms. Michelle Kelly
Ms. Mandy Onda & Ms. Sherry Pearson-Hileman

Twos:

Ms. Katelyn Geaghan & Ms. Julia Foster
Ms. Cindy DeTray & Ms. Michelle Wilson

Music: Ms. Amy Bowman

Chapel: Ms. Gretchen Moody



September

Tuesday, September 6 and
Wednesday, September 7:
First days of school!

Wednesday, September 7:
NOON Dismissal

Thursday, September 22 &
Friday, September 23:
Parent Liaison Meeting, Room 208

October

Wednesday, October 5:
NOON Dismissal

October 10:
Dessert with Dad: 5:30 PM in
classrooms

Coming up in November...

November 8: NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 10 & 11:
"Grandparents' Day" & Book Fair
(more information to follow)

Dessert With Dad

Children are invited to bring their Dads or other special men in their lives to the school for dessert and fellowship. The intent is to foster connections within the school family while providing an opportunity for our students to share their classroom with Dads and other special men in their lives. This year students and Dads will report to their classrooms at 5:30PM, and popsicles will be delivered directly to each room! This is a wonderful opportunity to see what is happening in the classroom, meet and connect with other parents, and share some one-on-one time with your child!



Parking at the Weekday School

At the Weekday School, we are all about choices. Did you know that you have several choices when it comes to parking near our school? Listed below are some choices utilized by Weekday School families:

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- **Park in the lot directly behind the school. This lot does get full pretty quickly.**
- **Park in metered parking along the streets. This is paid parking and is enforced by Winchester City Police.**
- **Park in the lot off of Indian Alley. Again, this is metered parking; however, it is close to the Weekday School, and accessible by a short walk across the Pedestrian Mall. (This is great access for children in strollers!)**

We look forward to resuming our tradition of greeting you at the door!

Safety Matters



PLEASE remember all **two's classrooms** as well as **those other classrooms labeled as such are NUT-FREE.** This means no nut products or products which could contain nuts. We ask that you read the contents on the packages carefully before sending them to school. If we are in doubt, we will take food packages out of the room. We ask this in an effort to do all that we can to keep our children safe!

Substitutes Needed

The Weekday School is in need of parents to join our fantastic team of substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ms. Lara or Ms. Carrie at wds@fpcwinc.org, or at (540) 662-7588. Substitutes have the opportunity to apply their pay toward tuition costs at a daily rate: \$35.

Opportunity for Fellowship!

We want YOU for the Women's Faith Study Group! We meet in the Graham Room on Wednesdays after drop off at 9:15 am-10:30 am and child care can be provided for your little ones if requested. A diverse group of women meet for fellowship and discuss books on a wide variety of faith-based topics-all ages, backgrounds, and denominations are welcome! Contact Kelly Tierney for more information: 717-856-1998.

Blackboard Connect & Parent Directory

Blackboard Connect forms were sent home in You've Got Mail bags. Parents of children who are new to the school will need to complete and return this form to the classroom teacher. If your child attended the Weekday School last year you do NOT need to complete this form *unless* there are changes to your address, email, phone, etc. Thank you!

Have you seen our website lately?

An electronic copy of this newsletter, the school calendar as well as other helpful information can be found at our website: fpwds.com



We are also now on facebook! If you wish to “Like” us, you can visit here:
fb.me/learningthatstartsintheheart

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Code of Virginia, Section 63.2-1716, allows child day centers operated by religious institutions the opportunity to file for an exemption from licensure by meeting documentation and other requirements specified within the religious exemption law. The statements below have been prepared and distributed to meet the requirements of the religious exemption law.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

In compliance with the Code of Virginia, Section 63.2-1716, First Presbyterian Weekday School is religiously exempt from licensure and is classified as a "religiously exempt child day center."

QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL

Staff position descriptions are available for public review. Information may be found in the director's office.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES

The center is located at 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, VA, 22601.

The size of the building is approximately 55,000 square feet.

The preschool occupies 12 classrooms, one Godly play room (for bi-weekly chapel classes), one indoor play area, and, one music room.

Play equipment was installed in 2008. The entire surface of the play area is rubberized. All equipment has been inspected by a certified playground safety inspector.

ENROLLMENT/CAPACITY

The maximum number of children enrolled in the preschool does not exceed 175 children. Staff/child ratios as required by Virginia Department of Social Services and the National Association for the Education of Young Children are maintained during the school's hours of operation.

FOOD SERVICE

First Presbyterian Weekday School does not provide food service.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF

Staff employed at the Weekday School must be certified by a practicing physician to be free from any disability which would prevent them from caring for children. Documentation is on file in the director's office.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Weekday School is covered by public liability insurance which provides coverage in the event that someone brings suit for personal or bodily harm suffered during the operation of the school as a result of negligence.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The information collected on our children through developmental assessment, portfolio assessment, and observation is kept in individual children's folders. All other information collected on children (i.e. birth certificate numbers, health information, I.E.P.'s etc) is kept in a secure location in the Weekday School office. Parents may have access to their child(ren)'s folders at any time. Should anyone other than the Weekday School staff or parents request to access a child's file, that person must receive parental permission to do so. Forms requesting access to children's records are kept in the children's folders in the Weekday School office. All student records are housed in a locked filing cabinet in the Weekday School office.

NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

The school is open to all students ages 6 weeks to 5 years regardless of race, color, creed, gender, or nationality.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

In order to comply with state mandates for regulated child day programs, parents are required to provide proof of their child's identity. This can be done by providing an original birth certificate. We record the birth certificate number, place of birth, and date of issuance. We are not required to keep a copy of the birth certificate.

Quoting from the Department of Social Services "Information for Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers:"