



# Westminster Preschool News

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## Director's Corner

**WOW!** Where did January go?? Thank you to everyone who was able to attend or "phone in" for parent/teacher conferences, if we missed you, we can still schedule a time to talk.

We have a great month ahead for our students & families, Dad's Nite's, & Valentines Day, two fun ways to share love!!

Dad's Nite is this month! (see article on this page) This special evening is set for Dad (**OR** special friend/relative) to come to school with their child and experience an hour of preschool **FUN!** it's always a great time!

**Valentine's Day** activities will also add fun this month. Check your school bag or your home mailbox for our special Valentine *created by your child just for you!*

Also this month we would love to **share the LOVE** with others. We welcome you to donate non-food items for our local Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, body soap, tooth paste etc. Boxes will be placed by the entrances to drop your "share the love" items. Look for the BIG heart and share the love!

Please, please, notify us if your address, e-mail, or cell phone # changes. It is very important for us to have this information in case of emergency.

For our three & four day students, **Kindergarten Registration** information for our local schools was available at Parent/Teacher conferences, if you did not get the information just ask, we have extra copies. ☺

Lastly we have copies of "31 Ways to Pray for our Children." This is a great opportunity to focus on **ONE** thought each day, growing stronger as a family and individual through prayer. Copies are by the office on the Parent Information cart.

*Sue* ☺

## It's Dad's Nite !

### Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup>

Bring your dad to school for an hour of fun!

Tu & Th students and T/W/Th students

**We begin at 6:30 end by 7:30 p.m.**

We begin the evening in your child's classroom.

### Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>

Bring your dad to school for an hour of fun!

M/W/F and M-Th students

**We begin at 6:30 end by 7:30 p.m.**

We begin the evening in your child's classroom.

### Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten Enrichment students

Dad & child night "down under – Australia!"

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Children with their Dad - **OR**  
( grandfather, uncle, special someone)  
**Send Dad a reminder e-mail or text.**

*(No Dad's Nite for On My Own Students)*

## February Calendar

### Monday February 13, 2012

2012-2013 Registration applications due. Reg. fee \$75/child.

### Valentine Cards exchanged:

**Monday Feb. 13 OR Tue. Feb. 14**

please have your child only "sign" their name in the "from" area..... no "to" addressing needed. Thank you.

### Monday Feb. 20<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL

President's Day observed

DCHD Vision & Hearing screening  
March 14 & 15

## Music News.....

It's music helper time! Our friends in the music program will each have a turn to be music helper. It takes awhile to give everyone their "time to shine" which encourages patience and taking turns. On your child's special music helper day they will get a fun button to wear home. Of course we will document the moment for their memory book also! How fun!

### Directory Updates.....

#### Welcome New Friend.....

#### Mrs. Page & Mrs. Trant P.M. KE

John Huibregtse Elizabeth & Brian  
88 N. Lambert GE 469-4636

New home: Mrs. Bischoff & Mrs. Simon A.M.  
Jack Chibucos Jennifer & Justin  
327 May Ave. GE (847)372-3300

## SAVE THE DATE !

Vacation Bible School at First  
Presbyterian Church Glen Ellyn

Daniel in Babylon!!!

**June 18-22 in the A.M.**

For children age 4 by 9/1/11 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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## Share the Love

February is a month to show we care to our neighbors and friends. Not just with loving cards, candy & flowers. Westminster invites you to share by donating non-food items for our Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Toothpaste, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper, facial tissue. Any of those items (or more of your choice) can be brought to the West entrance area, Containers will be ready for your items and we will "Share the Love" with our Glen Ellyn Food Pantry.

## It's Not Scribbling.....

Young children not only want to scribble with markers and crayons they **need** to scribble. It's how they learn to write and draw. Some thoughts on scribbling....

### It's learning.....

...how to start and stop a line.  
...that a crayon can record your motions.....  
...that you are a competent person.

### It's discovering.....

...the potential of drawing materials.  
...the feel of a marker gliding across smooth, clean paper.  
...that you can make the image move in whatever direction you choose.

### It's realizing.....

.... that you've made those shapes!  
....that you can make them again!  
....that you can make them big or small!

### It's understanding.....

....that lines cross and re-cross each other.  
....that lines cross and form shapes.

### It's strengthening.....

....stamina and skills of hand muscles  
....the coordination of eyes and hands.

## SCHOOL SNACK CALENDARS

are located by the interior hallway entrance and in each classroom for your information.

### Just a reminder.....

Gym class is on Monday. Children need rubber soled shoes, and pants or leggings if possible to help with their movement activities. Thank you.