



Westlake United Methodist Preschool

FALL 2012 REGISTRATION

January 2012

- **Jan. 17** We will conduct a *Class Preference Survey* for all children in the current 3 & 4 Year Old classes. This survey will determine the placement priority for the 4 and 5 Year Old classes for Fall 2012. Four and five year olds may attend two, three, or five days.
- **Jan. 23** **PREFERENCE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO PRESCHOOL OFFICE.** (This is not a Registration Form but a planning form. Those families returning Preference forms will have priority.)
- **Jan. 30 and 31** Registration for Fall 2012 for ALL currently enrolled families. Registration forms will be given to currently enrolled families ONLY. *Children in the Infant, Toddler and 2 Year Old classes will be registered for the same number of days they are currently attending.*
- **Feb. 6** Registration forms and fees are DUE in the Preschool office
- Those children placed on a Wait List at the 2011 Registration to change days of attendance will be moved as space is available. You will be notified by the Office. Children wishing to change days of attendance must enroll for days currently attending and be placed on the Wait List to change class days.
- **February 8** Registration for siblings and church members on the Wait List begins.
- PLEASE BRING ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS TO THE PRESCHOOL OFFICE.

DATES TO NOTE:

- ☉ Jan. 16 WUMP Closed MLK Day
- ☉ Jan. 17 & 18 Class Preference forms for Fall 2012 **ONLY** to current 3 and 4 Year Old Classes
- ☉ Jan. 23 Class Preference Forms **due** in office
- ☉ Jan. 30-31 Registration Forms for Fall 2012 out.
- ☉ Feb. 2 & 3 Pizza Days
- ☉ Feb. 2 Staff Meeting NO EXTENDED DAY
- ☉ Feb. 6 ALL Registration Forms DUE in Office
- ☉ Feb. 8 Begin Siblings and Church members registration
- ☉ Feb. 20 WUMP Closed Staff In-service
- ☉ March 1 Staff Meeting NO EXTENDED DAY
- ☉ March 1-2 Pizza Days
- ☉ March 6 & 7 Summer Fun Registration
- ☉ March 12-16 SPRING BREAK
- ☉ March 21-30 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- ☉ April 6 & 9 WUMP Closed Easter Holidays
- ☉ April 23-27 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
- ☉ May 23 Last Day School

Parents of 4 Year Olds

If you desire a conference with your child's teacher PRIOR to Registration for *Fall 2012*, please do not hesitate to request a time to meet. Teachers may approach parents if they have questions about placement for next year. Requests should be made **before January 23** Class Preference Deadline.

KINDERGARTEN FORUM

Life After Preschool

7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2012

Westminster Presbyterian Day School

3208 Exposition Blvd.

You are invited to join other interested parents to discuss the BIG K Questions. A discussion will be led by a panel of educators and parents from AISD and EISD.

Happy New Year!

From all the staff at WUMP! Thanks to parents and PSAC members for their support and for all of the kind expressions of caring that we receive as we care for your children. From smiles and small gifts, to a hug at the end of the day, each is meaningful. This is a good place to be and we are happy to be here! **Thank you!!!**

TUITION INCREASE FOR FALL 2012

Historically, WUMP limits Tuition increases to every two years. Tuition rates were last increased in Fall of 2010. Tuition rates will increase for Fall 2012. Increased program costs, additional required training hours and standards requirements as well as adequate compensation for our excellent teaching staff necessitate an increase in tuition.

*Tuition rates will be set at the January Preschool Advisory Committee meeting. Families will be informed **BEFORE** registration. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by the Preschool Office.*

EXTENDED DAY OPENINGS

We have openings in our Extended Day program on Mondays and Thursdays for 2-5 year olds. Please stop by the office if you are interested in enrolling.

PRIVATE SCHOOL FORMS

Frequently during the year, teachers are asked to fill out forms for private schools. In order to give teachers adequate time to thoughtfully fill out these forms, we ask that you give them to us **two full weeks** before they are due. Please bring forms to the **Preschool Office** for log-in and distribution to the appropriate teachers. Completed forms will be mailed directly from the office, so we will need a stamped and addressed envelope. Thank you.

Big Body Play,

In the book, **Big Body Play,** Francis Carlson states, “when teachers involve children in physical exercise with intentional planning, children can practice and develop a variety of physical skills and gain optimum health benefits. But big body play is not just physical activity with physical benefits. During such play, children also use increasingly sophisticated communication skills—both verbal and non-verbal— and social skills. It is also one of the best ways for children (especially boys) to develop empathy and self-regulation. And creativity and thinking skills are enhanced as children determine and solve problems as they arise in the course of active play.”



ABOUT OUR STAFF....

Marci Williams has been teaching at WUMP since 2003!

She currently teaches the Older 4-5 Year Old class and loves that age group!

Marci was born and raised in California. She is the oldest and has two siblings, a brother and a sister. Marci has 4 children ages, 28, 25, 19, and 15; three boys and a lovely daughter, Heather, who teaches the Younger 2 Year Old class at WUMP.

Marci's favorite color is purple; she loves all kinds of music but jazz and bluegrass are her favorites. Her hobbies are hiking, Yoga and reading. The most interesting trip was to Guam. Her favorite things are flowers, bubble baths, music and family. Marci has been working with young children for over 10 years and her love of teaching is obvious to all! Her favorite places to go are Shady Grove, County Line, Gap, and the Loft. She loves working with young children because of their laughter and wonder!