




WEE School Fall Newsletter 2026



Woodbrook Early Education Center

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As the leaves begin to change and we welcome the beauty of fall, I am also embracing a new beginning here at the Woodbrook Early Education Center. I am delighted to be surrounded by such amazing children and families. What a special way to begin a new chapter.

Recently I celebrated my birthday (which is why autumn is my favorite season) and it gave me a moment to pause and reflect on how special each person's story truly is. Birthdays have a beautiful way of reminding us just how meaningful one's life can be. There is something special about celebrating the day a child entered the world. It is more than cake, candles, balloons, and presents. At its heart, a birthday says: you were born, you are here, you are loved, and your story matters.

As I thought about my birthday recently, I found myself thinking about how important it is to make people feel seen-not just on their birthday, but every day. Sometimes it is the smallest gesture, a kind word, noticing an accomplishment, listening to a question, or simply letting someone know that you see them, that can make a lasting difference. This is especially true for children. Every child is wonderfully unique. They have their own personalities, ideas, questions, creativity, humor, kindness, and ways of seeing the world. Our job is not only to teach them, but to notice them. To celebrate who they are and who they are becoming.

At the Woodbrook Early Education Center, we have the opportunity to create a community where children are known, families feel welcomed, teachers feel valued, and every child's story is honored. Every child who walks through our doors has a story that is just beginning, and it is a privilege to be part of those stories.

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I recently came across a simple thought that stayed with me... Remember people, celebrate them and let them know they matter. Perhaps that is what birthdays are really about. They give us a reason to pause, celebrate a person, and remind them that their presence in this world matters.

As Eddie Vedder beautifully reminds us, "When we love, we're invincible." As we continue into the second month of the school year, may we continue to build a school where every child feels that love, every day- not just on their birthday.

Cynthia Joseph
Director



A Few Area Pumpkin Farms & Fall Activities

Weber's Cider Mill Farm
2526 Proctor Lane
Baltimore, MD 21234



Chapel Hills Farm & Nursery
4350 Chapel Road
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Clark's Elioak Farm
10500 Clarksville Pike (rte. 108)
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Baugher's Farm
1236 Baugher Road
Westminster, MD 21158



Summers Farm
5620 Butterfly Lane
Frederick, MD 21703

Beachmont Corn Maze
6433 Mt. Vista Road
Kingsville, MD 21087

Fresh McKenzie Charlotte's Web Corn Maze
5445 Patterson Road
Baldwin, MD 21013

RED ROOM NEWS

We cannot believe how fast the month of September flew by! We had very few tears in the Red Room and the children seemed to adjust in record time. In the month of September, we started off talking about school and school friends. We then had a unit on All About Me. We talked about our physical bodies as well as our feelings. We learned that our feelings are always changing and we are very special. The following unit was about Pets. We talked about the different needs and care for pets. The children were great veterinarians and enjoyed caring for the stuffed animals.

Our last unit of the month was on Clifford, the Big Red Dog. We learned several facts about the author and illustrator Norman Bridwell and enjoyed several of Clifford's exciting adventures. We worked on recognizing colors, counting, and recognizing our written names We now have the children's pictures on the name tags and cubbies We also worked on the children's written names during our group times.

The first week of October was National Fire Safety week. Ms. Lucy presented a fun lesson on Smokey the Bear! He is the official mascot concerning wildfire prevention. Ms. Lucy also taught the children a special song about Smokey the Bear and fire prevention. During the week we also learned how firefighters protect us and why they need to wear a special uniform white putting out a fire. On November 12th, the fire department plans to bring a fire truck to our school as an in-house field trip.

The following week we will talk about Community Helpers. We will learn about their jobs and how they help us in the community. On October 8th we enjoyed a visit with several police officers. We learned about several duties they have with their job. For the last two weeks of October, we will be exploring Farm Life. We will talk about the animals' names, animal sounds, where the animals live on the farm, and how they help us. We will also talk about what grows on a farm.

On Friday, October 30th, we will celebrate Fall with a Fall Fun Fest. Details will be forthcoming. All children are welcome to come to the in-house field trips and special Celebrations if accompanied by an adult. We will continue to work on counting, colors, recognizing children's names in addition to several math concepts.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's life. We are grateful and your children are amazing!

Happy September and October Birthdays to: Ryan (9/6), Lillian (9/12), Beatrix (9/23), Amina (10/22), and Liam (10/31).

Love,

Ms. Karen, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Michelle, and Ms. Lucy



Who is in the RED ROOM?

Karen Mann: This is my 34th year at the WEE Center. I started teaching when my youngest child was 2 years old and never left! I enjoy working in a Christian school where everyone is so supportive of one another. I also love helping the children grow and develop new skills. Your children are so amazing and so very precious! I work part time in the Red Room. On my days off I help the teachers in my grandchildren's schools. I now have twelve grandchildren!! Three of my grandchildren have graduated from WEE. On weekends I like to go to their recreation games. I also enjoy family gatherings and going to the beach in the summer. I have my BA degree from the University of Maryland, College Park in Criminology. My other hobbies are reading and cross stitching. When asked to describe herself, Ms. Karen says she is "a worker."

**Something you might not know about me is that Ms. Bev in the Yellow Room is my sister!

Michelle Vogel: This is my 4th year at WEE. I graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. I have been teaching preschool for 20+ years. I love watching children learn, grow, and blossom through the year. It brings me so much joy to have daily conversations and to interact with children each day. I love hiking and going to the gym. I love baseball and football..... Go Orioles and Go Ravens! I am very involved in my church, and I live with my twin sister in the White Marsh area.

**Something you may not know about me is that I have lived with my sister for all of my life except for 3 months.

Michelle Kaufman: This is my 5th school year at the WEE Center. I am a Baltimore native and have been teaching for 17 years. My husband and I have a daughter and a son. My hobbies include dog walking, listening to music, and walking with my friends. I like all preschool age children and am excited to be able to work with the Red Room again this year!

**Something you may not know about me is that my favorite dessert is Lemon Meringue Pie.

Lucy Anstett: This is my first year working full-time at WEE after subbing and working during summer camp the last few years. I recently graduated from Franklin & Marshall College where I studied Sociology and Gender Studies. I love working with young children and getting to see their personalities blossom! On the weekends I enjoy making art, reading, watching movies, and going on walks with my mom (Ms. Carol)!

**Something people may not know about me is that I am obsessed with my cat, Doctor Marten.

Tamarii Moore: This is Tamarii's first year at WEE. She is an After Care Assistant a few days a week. She is a college student in her junior year at the Notre Dame University of Maryland. She is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Radiological Science. She grew up in Baltimore, has volunteered at Govans Elementary School, and worked as a camp counselor at the YMCA in Quakertown, PA. She is excited to join us at the WEE School!

**Something you may not know about Tamarii is that she is a Yankees fan!



YELLOW ROOM HAPPENINGS

September flew by! The children have really adjusted well to the routine in the Yellow Room. We have been having a wonderful time getting to know your children! The class has been amazing getting to know the new classroom routine. The teachers are looking forward to a fantastic year watching your children grow!

October will be filled with lots of fall fun! We will be learning about Apples, Fire Safety, Fall, and we will end the month with a Fall Funfest. Details will be forthcoming. We will also be learning about life on the farm. During this unit we will be milking a cow and turning the milk into butter."

The order of our units are Fire Safety, Fall, Apples/Pumpkins and Farm. With Fire Safety we will practice how to Stop, Drop and Roll if our clothes should catch on fire. During our Apple theme we will be tasting and graphing our favorite apples. We will be making a lot of apple art too! We will also be talking about Fall, and all the changes God brings about. We will be going on nature walks as we look for signs of Fall. Throughout the month we will continue to work on our letter of the week, scissors skills and numbers.

The children have really enjoyed the Bible stories and our Specials! It has been a great start to the year.

Happy September and October Birthdays to Maggie (9/20), Natalie (9/29), Ms. Carol (10/6), Beau (10/29), and Elliot (10/31).

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us! Happy Fall!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Carol, Ms. Rose, Ms. Jay Jay, and Ms. Erica

Who is in the YELLOW ROOM?

Bev Cvach: This is my 36th year at the WEE Center. I have taught 2's and 3's while here. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. My husband and I have been married for 50 years and we have three children. We have twelve grandchildren, seven of which have graduated from WEE, and two are currently attending. I love to travel and enjoy watching my grandchildren play sports. I love being a teacher and look forward to being at WEE every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The children make me smile!

**Something you might not know about me is that my youngest daughter was in my first class at WEE!

Carol Anstett: I am happy to be returning to WEE for my 7th year. I am very excited after many years in Pre-K to have the opportunity to work with the threes in the Yellow Room. I will also continue to teach art to the whole school.
When I am not teaching preschool, I enjoy photography, hiking, reading, travelling and spending time with my husband and three adult children.

**Something you may not know about me is that before I was a teacher, I was a professional photographer. I developed my photography skills in the cold, snowy weather at RIT in upstate New York.



Rose Alqaraghuli: This is my second year at the WEE Center, and I am excited to be part of the team. I have several pets: fish, two birds named Kiwi and Sky, and a cat named Sniffles. In my free time, I enjoy shopping, creating art, going on nature adventures, and video gaming. I also have a special love for Sanrio-anything Sanrio quickly catches my eye!

**Something you may not know about me is that I lived in Iraq for 6-7 years and speak four languages. I also practice boxing!

Jay Jay Dawson: Hello! My name is Jennetta, otherwise known as Ms. Jay Jay. I have a passion for creativity and storytelling, which is one of the reasons I love working with children in any environment. I am excited to be part of the team and help create a fun and imaginative learning space for all of our students. In my free time, I enjoy reading, listening to audiobooks, and finding my next adventure.

**Something you may not know about me is that I write fiction. As for editing that fiction... that's still a work in progress! If you would like to read one of my older writing projects, feel free to check out Forbidden Book at the link below. https://shortfictionbreak.com/Forbidden-book/

Erica Finney: Hello! I am excited to be here at the WEE School! I have worked in Early Childhood Education for 15 years. I love working with children! I started working at WEE in After Care and I am happy to be here full time now. Some of my hobbies include making cupcakes, planning events, and making tutus.

**Something you may not know about me is that I have a 16-year-old daughter and I will have a son this spring! My favorite color is pink, and my favorite sports team is the Ravens!

BLUE ROOM UPDATES

Where has September gone?! We began our new school year, while welcoming our new friends into the Blue Room--teacher's included since this is Jordan's, Ms. Kristen’s, and Mr. Henry's first time being in Blue Room. A new teacher, Ms. Lucy, has joined our team as well. We began the year with the themes: Welcome Back, All About Me, Friends and Family, and Fire Safety.

In October we started with Community Helpers, Fall for two weeks then we will end with Fairy Tales, leading up to Halloween. We also introduced Weekly Letter's A-G. Then we will have a review. Shapes, Numbers, and Colors are reviewed monthly. We have a "Class Pet". His name is Sid the Sloth, and he goes home with a Special Friend every Friday for demonstrating Sid the Sloth behavior. This means following directions and being kind to our friends at all times. We will be having our annual Fall Festival on Friday October 30th.

Happy September and October Birthdays to: Paul (9/1), Greta (9/9), Natalie (9/10), Sophie (9/19), Emma (9/20), and Reese (10/11).

Love,

Ms. Jordan, Ms. Kristen, Mr. Henry, and Ms. Lucy



Who is in the Blue Room?

Jordan Washington-Bruce: I am excited to be in my 6th year at the WEE Center as a Blue Room teacher. I have been a teacher for 12 years and am a mommy to my three children. I grew up in Baltimore. When I am not at school enjoy spending time with family and friends. My favorite store is Target and I love Disney.

**Something you may not know about me is that I am not a fan of chocolate and I love shopping.

Kristen McCormick: I have an AA Degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been in Child Care for 34 years. This is my 3rd year here at the WEE School (1.5 years in the Yellow Room and now I am in the Blue Room). I love to work with children of all ages, but preschool is where I enjoy it the most! Outside of WEE I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I love country music and enjoy attending the Country Music Festival in Nashville, TN every year. I have been going for 20 years.

**Something you might not know about me is that I have been to almost all 50 states (10 more to go) and I lived in Japan in the mid-1980"s. Also, I am a Steelers fan (not a Ravens fan), but my favorite color is purple!

Henry Rodriguez: This is my 3rd year working at the WEE School. I started as an After Care Aide and now work in the Blue Room during the day as well. I am also in my second year of college at CCBC in pursuit of a degree in Elementary Education. After graduation I plan to go on and get my Master's Degree. When I am not at WEE I enjoy spending time with my girlfriend, friends, and family! Some of my hobbies include skateboarding, listening to music, and camping.

**Something you may not know about me is that I am a graduate of the WEE School, my sister is Ms. Izzy in the Green Room, and my favorite donut is the Boston Cream.

Lucy Cassidy: This is my first year at the WEE School and I am excited to be here! I am from South Carolina and moved to Baltimore to attend college at MICA. I graduated in May with a degree in Ceramics and Sculpture. When I am not at WEE, I work part-time at a florist. My hobbies include reading and yoga.

**Something you may not know about me is that I love the beach...any beach (except Ocean City! It is too crowded!)



What is Hopping in the Green Room?

Hello Families!

The Green Room friends did a terrific job during the month of September. We really enjoyed getting to know each other, making new friends, and for some of us, getting reacquainted with friends from last year. The children have become familiar with the daily routine, schedule, and classroom rules.

Social/Emotional Development: In Pre-K, it can be exciting to be more independent and have more responsibilities, but it also takes some time getting used to and adjusting. Just within these first few weeks, the children have become independent with many skills. Parents are often pleasantly surprised by what their children can do independently. Here are a few examples: putting belongings in their cubbies, putting on, and zipping their jackets, putting their fitted sheets on their cots, packing up their rest/nap belongings, putting on their shoes, and later in the year, tying their shoes.

Fostering and encouraging age-appropriate independence helps build confidence and self-esteem. Young children show excitement and pride as they master a new independent skill. We have seen this excitement recently as the children have learned to make up their cot or pack up their belongings all by themselves. One of the best gifts we can give our children is showing them that we believe they can do things independently and give them opportunities to try new skills. Will the children do these skills perfectly or the way we prefer them to be done? Probably not, but the important thing is that the children are learning how to be independent one step at a time, and we are preparing them for the real world.

We have also been giving the children many opportunities to write with a pencil and cut with scissors independently. We have found that using small golf pencils are really helpful for Pre-K writing. You may want to use golf pencils at home! In addition, practicing cutting at home (with a child's pair of scissors) would be a great idea. Children enjoy cutting up old magazines or old wrapping paper. Please feel free to ask us how a child should hold a pencil or scissors.

During the month of October, we will be focusing on the following themes: Community Helpers and Fire Prevention, Farm Life, and the Season of Fall/Autumn.

In Pre-K, we do not go in alphabetical order when working on the letters. We follow a curriculum based on writing the letters. So, we start with the letters that are the easiest to write and gradually progress to more challenging letters. In October, we will focus on letters: Ff, Ee, and Hh. The children will learn the sounds and how to write the letters.

For Math, the children will be focusing on: patterns, putting items in the correct sequence or order, putting numbers in order, counting 1 through 20, using to Frames, and counting by 10's.

More information is coming soon about a Harvest/Halloween Party!

Happy September & October Birthdays to: Ms. Betsy (9/16), Jane (9/30), and Charles (10/15).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. The DOJO app is the best way to get in touch with the teachers.

We love teaching your children!

With God's Blessings,
Ms. Betsy and Ms. Izzy



Who is in the Green Room?

Betsy Walker: I have been teaching in private or Christian schools for over 30 and have taught preschool through eighth grade. I love teaching pre-k children because they are so joyful and eager to learn. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family (my husband, Ben, and daughter Lydia, 22), reading, traveling, and swimming. I received my Associates of Arts Degree from Catonsville Community College and my Bachelors of Science degree from Towson University in Early Childhood Education. I am thrilled to be back for my 5th year at WEE! | love teaching at WEE because the administration and teachers are so kind and fun!

**Something you may not know about me is that I have traveled to most of the 50 states, except Hawaii and Alaska, but I hope to visit those states too!

Izzy Rodriguez: This is my 6th year working at the WEE School. Outside of WEE I tune pianos, crochet, draw, and paint. I even spent a year in Boston at the North Bennett Street School learning how to tune and repair pianos. Recently I ran my first .05-mile marathon with my Dad! I also like to watch scary movies! It is perfect that my favorite holiday is Halloween!

**Something you may not know about me is that I am a graduate of the WEE School and my younger, but taller brother, is Mr. Henry in the Blue Room!



What is Barking up the Purple Room Tree?

Happy October Purple Room Families! September was a very busy month (that zoomed by) in the Purple Room and at WEE. We have enjoyed our time together, and are getting used to our new routine, being Pre-K classmates together, and making friends. As you know, each child brings their own personality and experiences to our class, and interactions with each other can take time... and that is okay, and perfectly normal. Your child is experiencing a new classroom, new teachers, new friends, new rules, new experiences, and new dynamics. Like anyone of any age, making connections can take time. We are acclimating very well!

During September, we worked on letters Ll, Tt, and Ii, learned the sound/s each letter makes, practiced writing them correctly, colored pictures and read books with words that begin with each sound, as well as explored our letter bins. We are recognizing our first names written on different things in the classroom, and practicing knowing the letters in our names, as well as writing our name on our artwork too (we are trying to use just an uppercase letter at the beginning and the rest lowercase). We developed our class rules together, learned new prayers, finger plays, poems, and songs at circle time, had lots of creative play time, mastered the AB pattern, and learned a lot about apples!

During October, we have a new Halloween themed sensory bin (a favorite), will focus on letters Ff, Ee, and Hh, will work on an AAB pattern in different ways, and will learn about Fall/Autumn, pumpkins, and fire safety. We've even learned to pass a paper plate to each other using a clothespin with just our pincer fingers on one hand! We are actually really good! We have lots of fun number games for the children to explore (focusing on #'s 0-10) that encourage counting, matching, and subitizing (recognizing a small amount of something without actually counting). We will continue to do themed crafts, as well as do a candy corn dissolving experiment!

A few tips for when your child colors, draws, or writes at home... the shorter the pencil/crayon/marker, the better (think golf pencil size). This forces their grip to be lower on it and can help with putting more pressure on the paper.

A pincher grip should be developing (if not developed) at this point. Please encourage this with your child. However, MANY other things encourage that fine motor control as well (tongs, pressing/rolling playdough, stringing beads, transferring water with a baster or spoon from bowl to bowl, ripping small paper, rolling tiny tissue paper balls, using scissors, writing in shaving cream with a pointer finger, gripping a playing piece from a board game, etc.)

Thank you for sharing your little ones with us each day. They make us proud each day and bring many smiles to our faces (and keep us on our toes!).

Happy September Birthday to Olive (9/28)!

Love,
Ms. Stacie, Mr. Nate, Ms. Becky, & Ms. Emma



Who is in the Purple Room?

Stacie Handley: This is Ms. Stacie's 6th year at WEE Center but has been in early childhood classrooms for 26 years! Ms. Stacie graduated from UMBC (University MD Balto. Co.) with a BA in Psychology and Early Childhood Education. She has spent her entire career teaching children aged 3-6 and was in the Archdiocesan schools for 19 of them. She will be married 25 years in January to her husband, Kurt. They have 2 daughters, Emma (a final year SLP grad student at Loyola...who has worked at WEE when she can for the last 4 1⁄2 years; many of you know her) and Anna (a senior, studying Marketing and Management at UMD). She also has an adorable rescue Pittie named Wynnie, who is ~12 1⁄2 years old now. Wynnie is quite loved and very spoiled!

Ms. Stacie is excited to continue teaching at WEE and can't wait to spend this school year with your children. Ms. Stacie enjoys dining out, reading, binging Netflix, napping, chocolate, and all MD teams. She absolutely loves the beach (hopes to retire there one day), dogs, and warm/hot weather.

** Something you might not know about Ms. Stacie is that she is a 17 1⁄2 year breast cancer survivor, very strongly dislikes the cold, winter, and snow... and despises spiders and heights (but will enjoy a good roller coaster while screaming like crazy)!

Nate Moultrie: This is my 7th year at WEE Center and am 41 years old. After having worked in childcare for many years at the Rogers Forge Early Learning Center, the YMCA, and Little Friends, I was lucky to join WEE. I truly love working with children. When I am not at school, I am an up-and-coming DJ, and I enjoy watching basketball and football (the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are my team)! I have four brothers, think cats are weird, love my mom, and am a good dancer. I love to bring happiness, fun, and energy each day!

**Something you might not know about me is that my favorite song is "I'm a Survivor by Destiny's Child.

Art with Ms. Carol

We started off the year in art with the simplest of forms, the Dot! We celebrated International Dot Day the week of September 15" by reading The Dot, by Peter Reynolds, and creating several kinds of dot pictures. The following week we continued with dots and learned about Georges Seruat and pointillism. In Pre-K we moved from dots to creating different kinds of lines in both 2D and 3D art forms. The 2s and 3s have been exploring color mixing and learning about the color wheel.

In October we will be doing some fall theme art projects and sculptures. We will continue to explore color mixing along with color tinting and shading. We will also be learning about artists, Vincent van Gogh, Gustav Klimt, and Jose Posada.







Music with Ms. Claire

The children are having so much fun learning songs about September and the beginning of Fall/ Autumn. We had fun singing with numbers, the alphabet, and movement. We used scarves to dance, flags to march to Patriotic songs and seasonal props to enrich the songs of Fall. In October, we will continue songs of Fall as well as Halloween. Each month we will focus on a specific patriotic song and celebrating any holiday. Why do we teach Music? There are so many skills that are taught during this time: listening, following directions, and learning vocabulary (language); learning rhythm (sensory); improving coordination (physical); and increasing memory (intellectual). Plus-ITS FUNI

Pre-K Bible

I love teaching Bible stories with the Pre-K children. We will learn a new Bible story each week. In December, we will focus on the birth of Jesus. In March, we will focus on Easter. At the end of the school year, each Pre-K child will take home a Bible with pictures in it of all the Bible stones.

Ms. Claire: This is my 44th year teaching and 38th year at the WEE Center. I have taught children from infancy to First Grade. I love to quilt and scrapbook. I also love the process of taking photos for scrapbooks. I have three children, with one son living close by in Anne Arundel County. My favorite places to visit are Louisiana where my other son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live, and Arizona, where my daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, and grandson live. I come from a large family, and I am one of 6 children. I enjoy doing art and music and sharing God's love with the children. This is part of making complete experiences for the children. In one word, I would describe myself as creative.

**Something you might not know about me is that I started cooking dinner for 9 people Monday- Friday when I was 9 years old. I also love snow almost as much as the color purple!

Science with Ms. Rose

Hello, Science Families! What an exciting start to our science adventures at WEE. I am so happy to be stepping into my new role as the science teacher this year. It has been such a joy getting to know our little scientists and watching their curiosity grow with every experiment! We began our science journey by discovering what it means to think like a scientist! We have been practicing how to observe, ask questions, make predictions, and explore the world around us. Our goal Is to encourage curiosity and show the children that science Is everywhere One of our first colorful adventures was our Magic Milk experiment! Using milk, food coloring, and a Q-tip dipped in dish soap, we watched as the colors began to swirl, spread, and dance across the milk! This exciting experiment introduced color exploration and showed how different materials can interact and create surprising changes. We also explored capillary action, discovering how water can travel through the tiny spaces in paper towels.

It was fascinating to watch colored water move and see something as simple as a paper towel become part of a science experiment! Another exciting topic has been states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases! One of our demonstrations involved baking soda, vinegar, and a balloon. When we combined baking soda (a solid) with vinegar (a liquid), a chemical reaction produced carbon dioxide (a gas), which inflated our balloon! What a fun way to discover that gases take up space, even though we cannot see them! We have also been investigating how different liquids behave, including why oil and water separate instead of mixing together. These hands-on discoveries have encouraged our little scientists to look closely, share their observations, and wonder why things happen. As we move further into October, we will continue building on our discoveries by exploring density, sinking, and floating! The children will have opportunities to predict what might happen when different objects are placed in water, test their ideas, and compare their predictions with what actually happens. One of the wonderful things about teaching science is seeing how children of different ages explore and discover in their own unique ways! From our youngest 2's to our Pre-K friends, everyone gets to be a hands-on scientist! While our experiments may look a little different depending on the age group, every child has the opportunity to participate, explore materials, make observations, and experience the excitement of discovery. As the children grow, we encourage them to ask more questions, make predictions, and share their ideas. No matter their age, every little scientist is learning by doing! My favorite part of teaching science is seeing the excitement on the children's faces when they discover something new. I want them to know that it is okay to ask questions, get a little messy, make mistakes, and try again. After all, science is not always about knowing the answer – it is about being curious enough to find out! Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's learning adventures.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year filled with discoveries, laughter, and lots of little "WOW!" moments! Our Little Scientists' Chant: We LOOK! We LISTEN! We TOUCHI And FIND OUT WHY!

With love and curiosity,
Ms. Rose, Science Teacher

Our WEE Break Teacher

Ms. Becky: I am excited to be back this year as an assistant teacher/break teacher for the Pre-K classes. I live in Hampden with my husband. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends going to the movies, trying new restaurants, going to the beach, and listening to Ariana Grande. I have been in the teaching field for several years and it is truly my passion.
I really enjoy taking the time to get to know each and every one of my students and watching them grow throughout the year.

**Something you may not know about me is that I have a dog named Lily and I love Starbucks!



Who is in the Office?

Cynthia Joseph: Hello WEE families! I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new Director. It has been wonderful getting to meet so many of you already! For those I have not met yet, I bring 12 years of experience in early childhood education to our wonderful school. Academically, I hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology (with a minor in Child Development/Family Relations) from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master's degree in Human Service Management/Special Education from Western Maryland College. My educational philosophy centers on creating a nurturing environment, fostering learning through play, and building strong, open-door relationships with you and your children. Outside of school, I love spending my free time biking and being with my family-which includes my cat and two dogs! My youngest child also just reached a big milestone and started his freshman year in high school.
**Fun Fact: I have a secret need for speed! I have a major passion for racing cars and fully plan on hitting the racetrack to drive one myself one day! (Something else you may not know about Cindy is that she has never had a Berger Cookie! We will be sure to introduce her! ☺)
I am so excited to lead the Woodbrook team and look forward to continuing to connect with all of you this year.

Elise DeFilippis: This is my 15th year working at the WEE Center, but I have been at WEE as a parent since 2008. I taught in the Blue Room for two years, in the Green Room for 5 years, and have been in the office since 2019. Both of my children are WEE Graduates and are now a Freshman at Syracuse University and a Senior at Skidmore College. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and my Masters of Science Degree in Human Service Management in Special Education from Western Maryland College in 1994 and 1997 respectively. I have taught children from 3-9 years old, worked as a Service Coordinator for adults with developmental disabilities, a behavior interventionist at Kennedy Krieger/The LEAP School, and I was a Service Coordinator for children receiving Autism Waiver Services in Maryland. I am also the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for TARGET Community & Educational Services in Westminster, MD. I love to travel, watch movies, and read. My favorite place to vacation is Bethany Beach. I love to laugh and easily crack myself up. The WEE School "feels like home."
**Something you might not know about me is that I volunteered in a Romanian orphanage in 1999 and 2000 and I went skydiving in 1997! I am also a crazy cat lady and may have 9 cats at my house!

BOX TOPS

Please continue to scan your shopping receipts for box tops. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center.

If you still need labels, try Mabel's Labels!

www.mabelslabels.com

Dates to Remember

Friday, October 30th: Fall Fun Festival (10:30am-11:30am)

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

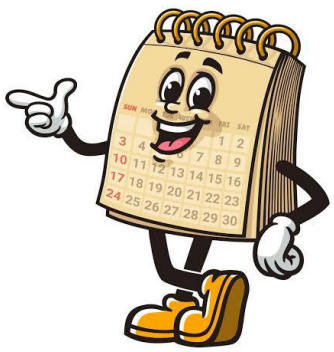
Fall Class Parties and Activities: End of October
(Stay tuned for details)

Upcoming Dates in November

WEE Closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, November 3rd

Thankful Event: Tuesday, November 24th (stay tuned for specifics)

WEE Closed for Thanksgiving Break: Wed/Thu/Fri November 25th-27th



November is our month to help our local ACTC with the annual Thanksgiving Bag Drive!

Requested items are:

- **Sweet Potatoes / Yams:** 1 can (23–29 oz)
- **Fruit:** 1 large can (20–30 oz)
- **Vegetables:** 4 cans (such as green beans, peas, or corn; 15 oz each)
- **Cranberry Sauce:** 1 can
- **Macaroni & Cheese:** 2 packages
- **Instant Mashed Potatoes:** 1 box or 3 pouches (totaling roughly 13 oz)
- **Dessert Mix:** 1 cake or brownie mix
- **Stuffing Mix:** 1 bag or box
- **Rice:** 1 bag or box (16 oz / 1 lb)
- **Gravy Packet:** 1 turkey gravy packet

Please bring donations to school by Friday, November 13th. Boxes will be placed at each school entrance for your convenience. You may purchase items individually or in pre-packaged bags that are available at several local stores (see flyer on the next page).



Grab & Go ACTC Thanksgiving Bags

Available at participating grocery stores (see below). Each pre-packed bag contains a feast for five. Bags are displayed near the check-out or Customer Service desk. Cost of bags are $35 or less, depending on weekly sale items.

If you are picking up multiple bags, please call the store in advance.

Giant Supermarket Timonium
2145 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093
410-308-3868

Giant Supermarket Hunt Valley
11399 York Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030
(410)785-1062

Giant Supermarket Baltimore
6340 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
410-377-2673

ShopRite
37 Aylesbury, Road
Timonium, MD 21093
410-308-8700

Giant Supermarket Parkville
1955 East Joppa Rd
Parkville, MD 21234
(410) 882-0993

Weis Markets
1238 Putty Hill Avenue
Towson, MD 21286
410-339-5700

*Bags will be available for purchase November 2, 2026.

*ACTC will accept deliveries between 10 am and 3 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Wednesday thru Friday, November 18-20, 2026.

Please help us support another wonderful local cause!

One of our WEE families is hosting a Share Baby event!

If you cannot make it on that date, please feel free to bring donations to the WEE office.

Thank you Ali and Greta!



Come join the fun!

