



As summer draws to a close, it's time to start thinking about heading "*back to pre-school*". Whether you're a student, a parent, or a teacher, the back-to-school season can be a busy and exciting time. From shopping for clothes and necessities, to setting up classrooms, there's a lot to do before the first day of school. To help you prepare, we've put together a list of tips and resources to make this back-to-school season a success. So let's get ready to make this year the best one yet!

### *Back to Pre-School Tips*

- Consider establishing regular sleep and before/after school patterns a week or two before school starts.
- Attend WCC's Open House (details below) to give your child a feel for the classroom. If your child has a friend in their class, it would be great to come together.
- Prepare your child for what their day will be like and model it at



home, if possible.

- Try not to say "goodbye" when you leave after dropping off your child. Instead say something like, "I can't wait to hear about your first day".
- Bring your child to WCC and play on the playground to get them used to the surroundings.
- Remind your child that the teachers know they will be anxious and that they will make sure they are comfortable. If your child is worried, ask them what is bothering them and role play solutions.
- Discuss with your child the positive aspects of school--meeting new friends, playing with new toys, doing arts/crafts, etc.



**MEET WESTY!** Westy is WCC's new school mascot! Westy has never met a stranger and is looking forward to making friends with WCC's kids! Westy loves chocolate, the color blue, goldfish snacks, running fast, whistling, playing with kids, and hugs!



## *WCC Staff Teaching Assignments*

For pictures and to learn more about WCC's staff visit: [www.wccbethesda.com](http://www.wccbethesda.com)

### *Circle Campus*

*Circle Site Director*  
Greer Jackson

*Teddy Bear Teachers*  
Ann Kelley (pictured left)  
Madison Pewitt  
Cristina Diaz-Ocho

*Duckling Teachers*  
Kyla Holt  
Tia Canty-Rivers

*Bunny Teachers*  
LaKita Burnley  
Alison Smith

*Bumble Bee Teachers*  
Giuseppina (Pina) Marinata  
Chandra Voetsch

*Dragonfly Teachers*  
Wendy Hensley (pictured above)  
Martell Galloway

### *Floaters*

Jack Cahill  
Neysa Santos  
Danielle Soled



## Westbrook Campus

### Site Director

Lela Ivankovic

### Leopard Teachers

Angela Hill

Sandra Dove (currently on extended leave)

Rosemary Drake-Brockman (substitute teacher)

### Starfish Teachers

Chiprianna (Chippi) Wims

Sabina Manda

### Floaters

Jobie Steele

Rosario Zurita



### Thursday, August 24 from 3-3:45 -- WCC OPEN HOUSE

WCC's childcare software app developer, Kindertales, will be on hand at both campuses helping families set-up their account and to acclimate them to using the app for checking children in/out for attendance.

### Monday, August 28th -- WCC FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Please remember that the 28th is the last day to submit enrollment forms. All forms may be found on <http://www.wccbethesda.com>

### Saturday, September 9th, WCC Board of Directors Retreat

Tuesday, September 12 from 7-8:30 pm, WCC Back-to-School Night, Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ (WCUC)

7-7:30 pm in church social hall (door 2 on Dalecarlia Drive)

7:30-8:30 pm in child's classroom at respective campus

*Saturday, September 23rd, Music with Mr. Jon, Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ (WCUCC)*

11 am - WCUCC social hall (door 2 on Dalecarlia Drive); This is a WCC fundraising event; \$25 registration fee per family; details to follow. See below information about Mr. Jon.

*Friday, October 6th, Butlers Orchard Field Trip, for Westbrook Campus 4's only. More details to follow.*

*About Mr. Jon (pictured below)*

Mr. Jon is a Parents' Choice Award winner, winning for music for kids and their families. Mr. Jon makes music for kids and their families that inspire fun, laughter, and dancing. This energetic family music is all about fun, movement, and laughter!

In 2008 Jon his wife Carrie started a family, and the following year Jon started working with kids at the downtown library in Frederick MD. This started something new for Jon - songwriting for children and performing for them regularly. Jon & Carrie went on to record their first album for kids and their families called Mr. Jon & Friends. After its release, their album quickly became a top seller on CDbaby.com, and also won a 2013 Parents' Choice Award. Now Mr. Jon plays over 250 shows a year for kids. For more information visit: [mrjonmusic.com](http://mrjonmusic.com)





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