



A New Year, A New Beginning

Libby King, WCC Executive Director (pictured right)

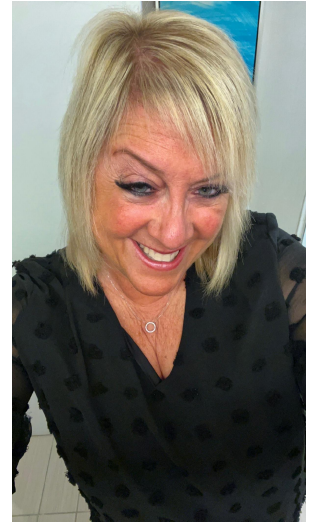
As we begin the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm, we recommit to promoting healthy habits and fostering a positive learning environment for our students. Our team of dedicated teachers and staff work tirelessly to create a welcoming and safe space for your children to grow and learn.

We have implemented a range of initiatives to support good health from nutritious meals and snacks to daily physical activity and mindfulness exercises. We are committed to promoting the health and well-being of our students. Toward that end and as we all know, germ season is upon us! We believe that a healthy mind and body are essential to a child's success and ask that you please keep your child home if they are not well. Staff are encouraged to do the same.

We are excited and proud of the progress our students have made thus far and are excited to continue supporting their growth and development in the new year.

Here's to the New Year and new beginnings!

p.s. We took advantage of winter break to replace/upgrade our Westbrook campus HVAC unit. The kids would have loved to see the crane (pictured below) and installation in action but for obvious safety reasons, commissioned the work to be completed over break.



Libby



Sandra Dove: A WCC Institution

Sandra is one of WCC's longest standing employees, working at WCC since 1990. She is a reliable, caring, and experienced assistant teacher in the Leopard's class but has worked with all WCC age groups. Sandra began her career in early childhood education in 1976 and says what she loves most about her job is

seeing how students develop throughout the year and also being greeted by warm smiles and hugs daily.



Q&A With Sandra and Westy

What are a few of your favorite smells?

Red Door perfume and ripe bananas

What is your favorite way to unwind after a long day?

Watching Wheel of Fortune while crocheting

If you could open a small shop selling anything, what would it be and what would it be called?

Yarn and craft items aptly named "Sandra's Craft Shop"

I can't stand the smell of:

Fish

My favorite guilty pleasures are:

Burgers, fries, and ribs

What TV series are your favorites?

Hometown, Fixer Upper, Let's Make a Deal

What a favorite thing you like to do on the weekend?

Shopping and being with my three sisters

What's one thing you do every single morning that you can't do without?

Saying my morning prayers and making my bed

What's one fun and usual thing you are grateful for?

The ability to make others laugh

If you could have any talent or skill what would it be?

To be able to cook a decent meal

What song instantly puts you in a good mood?

Mary Did You Know?

If you could see a musical group perform who would that be?

Maverick City, Elevation, Kirk Franklin

What sound drives you crazy?



Slurping soup and the clinking sound of a spoon in the bowl

What's an essential item that you must have on a road trip?

Good music and potato chips

My belly always jiggles when you make me laugh, Sandra! *Your friend, Westy*



Did You Forget Something or Someone?

It's not too late! WCC apparel makes a perfect holiday or birthday gift! WCC's store includes various adult and children sizes, types and color of apparel and accessories. Here's our very own Angie Kamara (left) sporting a WCC hooded sweatshirt. Samples are on display at the Circle Campus foyer. Order today: <https://wcc-backtoschool.itemorder.com>

WCC receives a percentage of sales with proceeds benefiting WCC's programs and resources.

There's still time to contribute to our annual appeal which helps WCC as a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization raise funds to offset tuition to help provide additional educational resources, scholarship for those in need, and recreational equipment. Please send your donation and take advantage of donation tax benefits.

If your employer has a matching giving program or works with the United Way, please select WCC as your charity beneficiary. Also, when shopping Amazon please select WCC as your Amazon Smile charity. The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases. No gift is too small and goes a long way toward helping to strengthen our programming.

Thank you for your support of WCC!



January 2 - WCC Resumes Classes

January 15 - *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* - **WCC Closed**

January 22 - 2024-25 Enrollment application/non-refundable deposit due

February 10 - Fundraiser – St. Valentine’s Dance, 5-7:30 pm in the Circle Campus Social Hall, Details to follow

February 16 - *Parent-Teacher Conferences* - **WCC Closed**

February 19 - *Presidents Day* - **WCC Closed**



WCC's Inclement Weather Policy

A reminder that WCC follows Montgomery County Public School's (MCPS) inclement weather/emergency related policies for closures and delayed openings/early closings. On days with delayed openings, WCC opens at 10 am.



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