



That's a Wrap!

The end of the school year is always bittersweet for WCC staff. We have to say "so long" to our graduating Leopards and Starfish students. Most of our graduates have been with us since they were toddlers when they began their pre-school education. Tears will be shed at their graduation but will also be mixed with smiles and resounding cheers as we celebrate the accomplishments of our kindergarten-ready graduates.

Together, we also get to take a long lingering look back to reflect and celebrate the progress of our other rising students. Thank you for placing your trust in us to educate your child this year. It has been an honor for our staff to teach your child and watch them flourish. What a difference a school year makes!

This time of the year means we have to bid farewell to our outgoing Board members Ariel Moyer and Niusha Ziaee. Thank you for your contributions to our school.

On behalf of the entire WCC staff, we wish WCC father's a Happy Father's Day and to all, a wonderful, memorable, and fun-filled summer.



Best,



Ariel Moyer, Outgoing Board Chair



WCC's Outgoing Board of Directors, Servant Leaders

WCC owes Ariel Moyer (pictured left) and Niusha Ziaee (bottom left with her family) a debt of gratitude for their years of volunteer service on our Board of Directors.

What is a "servant leader"? "There are many ways to define it," Robert Greenleaf, author who coined the phrase and definition in 1970 said, "The servant leader is a servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve first."

The Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership further **defines** servant leadership as "a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world." This perfectly defines Ariel and Niusha, according to WCC's Executive Director, Libby King.

Ariel has this to say about her year's of service. " It

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has been a pleasure to serve on the Westmoreland Children's Center Board for the past four years, two as chair. I'm so proud of how the school survived Covid-era challenges and came out on the other side financially sound, and with our excellent staff intact."

Ariel adds, "It has been wonderful to see this community thrive, seeing the return of the Valentine's Day Dance and our end-of-school picnic (see you **June 6th** at Westmoreland Hills Park!). I look forward to seeing what comes next for this neighborhood institution!



WCC's Retiring Treasurer, Niusha Ziaee

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors as the Treasurer for WCC since 2020. I am a proud mother of two WCC students – Lucas and Layla (currently a Bumblebee). I have gained so many friends and have a deep respect and appreciation for the staff, teachers, and community at large at WCC. The dedication and love that I witness towards the children and the growth that I see in my own children from attending WCC is a true blessing.

I am very honored by how much the Board of Directors have accomplished over the year's with building improvements, playground improvements, and updating the policies and procedures alongside Libby and Clare. We've managed to keep the budget stable and provide valuable resources for staff. It's truly a team effort and we've embraced progress over perfection.

I hope that the future of WCC continues to grow with more kids enrolled and more families witnessing the joy of what the community can do together. I hope to see more teachers growing in their careers at WCC and continuing to love what they do. I want to thank my fellow Board members, Libby, Clare, Ceal, and all the teachers who have challenged and supported me in the role and look forward to a continued bright future for WCC with the new Board of Directors!

Niusha Ziaee, *Outgoing Treasurer*



WCC Board of Directors
2024-2025

Mara Weinstein - BOD Chair

Thank you to all our parent and family volunteers who

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2024-2025

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*family volunteers who
generously give their time,
talent, and skills toward making
our school such a tremendous
place to learn for preschoolers.*

Whitney Fore - Fundraising

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Emily Siciliano - Fundraising

Layla Gibbons - Fundraising

School Wide News

Tuition Increase for 2024-2025

After thoughtful consideration, the Westmoreland Children's Center (WCC) Board of Directors, has made the decision to raise school tuition by 5% for the upcoming school year in an effort to combat rising overhead costs such as rent, utilities, wages, and increases in goods and services.

We thank you for your understanding and ongoing support and trust that these changes will help us continue to provide a premier preschool education for your child (ren). Please keep an eye out for your child's final enrollment contract this July.

As always, we welcome any questions or comments .

Family Satisfaction Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the annual WCC Family Satisfaction Survey. We use your feedback to make improvements and sincerely appreciate your valuable input. Please respond by June 10th. Thank you, in advance, for your participation. Please click here for the survey link.

<https://form.jotform.com/241207344981153>

End-of-the Year Picnic

Please gather your family and bring your chairs/blankets and join us as we close out the school year and welcome our new WCC families!

WCC will provide festive music, cool refreshing desserts from Mr. Frosty (back by popular demand) and Ultimate Fun and Games will be there to engage kids in exciting activities and games.

Rockland's BBQ and Grilling Company Food Truck will be on hand for families wishing to purchase food. Pre-order now to avoid lines! <https://rocklands-bbq.square.site/>

Please RSVP by June 5th to the email sent. Weather permitting.

Few Placements Remain for 2024-25 School Year

We are near full capacity for next school year with only a few openings available in the 3's and 4's. If you or your friends/neighbors have yet to register, please visit www.wccbethesda.com today!

WCC Fundraiser at New Heaven Haven Style Pizza, a Resounding Success!

Thank you for turning out in droves to support WCC's fundraiser last month with Pete's New Haven Style Pizza. WCC benefitted with 25% of proceeds with your support and raised approximately \$400 for our programs. A note of special appreciation to Layla Gibbons and our tireless fundraising committee for creating a win-win event. Thank you for your support!



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p.s. The results are in.....62.5% of WCC respondents said "yes", pineapple does belong on pizza! Westy agrees!



WCC's 2024 Summer Camp Registration; Final Payment Due

"Making Memories That Last a Lifetime" --Camp Westmoreland applications are now available at www.wccbethesda.com or: <https://form.jotform.com/240244568179160> The two's camper's class is full; spaces are available in 3's and 4's. Enroll today to guarantee your child's placement and a summer of fun!

For those for who have already registered their camper, final payment was due last month. We will not be able to hold your campers placement without final payment. Please send your check as soon as possible to WCC, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD, 20816.

Camp information for registrants may be found at: wccbethesda.com. Also, now's the time to order *optional* WCC gear for your summer camper! If you're interested, please visit: <https://wcc-backtoschool.itemorder.com>

WCC Dates to Remember

June is National Safety Month

June 6 - WCC's End-of-School Year Picnic; 5-7:30 pm, Westmoreland Hills Park, Details in article above.

June 7 - Leopard's Graduation, Circle Social Hall, 1:30 pm Details to follow.

June 10 - Starfish Graduation, Circle Social Hall, 10-11 am. Details to follow.

June 12 - WCC Closes for the School Year, 12 pm/noon.

June 17 - WCC Summer Camp Session One Opens for Registrants

June 19 - Juneteenth, *WCC Closed, No Camp*

August

August 22 - WCC Open House, 3-3:45 pm



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