

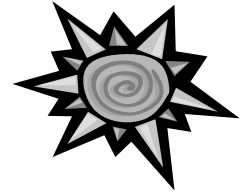
**Parent's Rights**

- To take part in major policy decisions affecting the preschool programs
- To help develop parent activities that will benefit me and my family
- To be welcome at all times
- To choose my own way to participate
- To be informed about my child's progress in school
- To be treated with respect and dignity
- To contribute my unique talents and abilities to enrich the program
- To be able to learn about the program including budget and employment opportunities
- To be informed about resources in the community which may benefit my family

**Parent's Responsibilities**

- To learn about the program and share that knowledge with others
- To accept preschool as an opportunity to improve my child's life
- To be sure my child arrives on time and attends regularly
- To comply with all program requirements which may include health and dental exams, immunizations and home visits
- To form a partnership with teachers to work together to benefit my child
- To provide my child with firm, loving and protective guidance
- To help evaluate the program

# August 2015



Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    **Wacky Bus-**  
Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

2	3	4	5	6	7	1 / 8
9	10	11	12	13 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	14 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	15
16	17 <u>Teacher Work Day</u>	18 <b><u>Orientation / Open House</u></b> Scheduled visits between 8-6	19 <b><u>Orientation / Open House</u></b> Scheduled visits between 11:30-8	20 <b><u>Orientation / Open House</u></b> Scheduled visits between 10-6:30	21 <u>Teacher Work Day</u>	22
23	24 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	25 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	26 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	27 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	28 <u>Training for Staff and Parents</u>	29
30	<b><u>31 First Day of Preschool</u></b> 					

**Welcome to The Center  
Early Childhood Programs ~  
Lake County School District**

- The Center is open from 6:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday
- Head Start is in session 9:30am to 1:30pm, Monday through Thursday
- Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) operates Monday through Thursday from 9:15am-12:00pm.
- Tuition-based preschool is available on a prepaid monthly basis. Payment is due by the 15th of each month



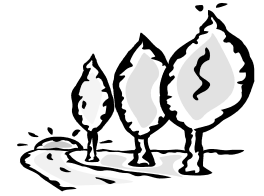
**Attendance**

One way to be sure that your child is getting the most from preschool is through regular attendance. Each day's learning builds upon the day before, and when children are absent, they miss some of that learning.


Children feel most secure with a regular routine, when they know what will happen next, and preschool will provide a very predictable schedule for your child.

Of course, children get sick and families must occasionally go out of town, so please call **486-6925** if your child must be absent. This is a 24-hour voicemail number so please leave a message with the dates and reason for absence, if you do not reach a staff member in person.

# September 2015



**Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wacky Bus-  
Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday**

		1	2	3	4 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	5
6	7 <b><u>The Center is CLOSED</u></b> Labor Day	8	9 <b><u>Policy Council</u></b> 5:00—7:00 pm Meeting	10	11 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b><u>Family Fun Night</u></b> 5:30 to 7:00	25 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	26
27	28	29 <b><u>Picture Day</u></b> 	30			



### Home Visits

Teachers will be contacting you to schedule your first home visit this month; the second visit will be in April.

The purposes of home visits are:

- To build a friendship and partnership between the parents and teachers
- To give you information on your child's progress
- To update your goals for your child's education
- To get your input for program improvement

Your child's teachers will make every effort to schedule the visit at a time that works for you.

Your child will love welcoming his or her teachers to your home, and it helps children feel more comfortable in preschool when they know their parents and teachers are friends.

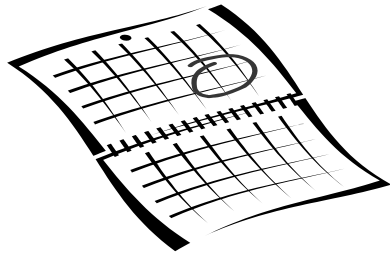
Please remember that the teachers are required to complete a home visit with every family. You can help by working with them to schedule yours.

# October 2015



Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    **Wacky Bus-  
Wednesday**    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

				1	2 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	10
11	12	13	14 <b><u>Policy Council</u></b> 5:00—7:00 pm Meeting	15	16 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b><u>Home Visits as scheduled</u></b> The Center is CLOSED	23 <b><u>Home Visits as scheduled</u></b> The Center is CLOSED	24
25	26	27	28	29 <b><u>Classroom Celebrations</u></b> 10-11 am	30	31



### Why are Fridays Different?

- You are your child's most important and influential teacher, and your input is necessary for us to run a program that meets your family's needs. Please attend planning whenever possible. The teachers welcome your ideas.
- There is no regular Head Start or Colorado Preschool Program on Fridays.
- Please check with the Child Care Director for more information if you would like for your child to attend on Fridays.
- There are no buses on Fridays.

### **Ski Program**

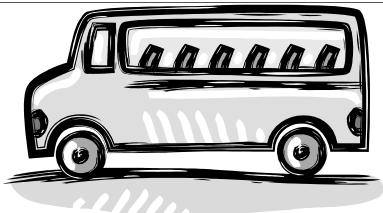
Please note that the Ski Program is for children who are going to Kindergarten next year **and is designed for children who have never skied before.** Selection is done by lottery draw from all interested applicants. See the flyer in your child's cubby for more information. Snowshoes are available to all families for checkout. Stop by Room 9 for more information.

# November 2015



Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    **Wacky Bus-**  
Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Ski Program letters go out	10	11 <b>Policy Council</b> 5:00—7:00 pm Meeting	12	13 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	14
15	16	17	18	19 <b>Thanksgiving Lunch at The Center</b> See schedule in your child's cubby	20 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start -	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 <b>The Center is closed all week - Thanksgiving Holiday</b> 						
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### Transportation Tips

Buses are available for children with special needs or those enrolled in Head Start who live within our transportation area. These two programs provide funding for transporting children, and our other programs do not.

If your child rides the bus, and you need to make a change in his or her pick up or drop off, please call **486-6925 ONLY**. We listen to the messages on this line right before the buses leave, so please do not leave a message on any other telephone line. If you want to confirm that your message was received, just request that we call you and leave a number where you can be reached, and we will call you back.

Please teach your child these bus rules:

- \* Stay seated with seat belt buckled
- \* Obey the bus driver
- \* Never throw objects
- \* Talk quietly
- \* Walk (don't run) when getting on and off the bus
- \* Keep hands to yourself
- \* No food or glass containers on bus




In addition to bus safety, your child will learn about Pedestrian Safety as they participate in walking field trips with their class throughout the year.

We are also pleased to provide car-seat safety information to help you keep your children safe all the time.

# December 2015



Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    *Wacky Bus-*  
Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

		1	2	3 <b><u>Family Fun Night</u></b> 5:30 to 7:00pm	4 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	5
6	7 <b><u>Deadline to sign-up for the Ski Program</u></b>	8	9	10	11 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	12
13	14	15	16	17 <b><u>Classroom Celebrations</u></b> See the flyer in your child's cubby	18 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27		28	29	<b><u>The Center is closed for two weeks</u></b> <b>Winter Break</b>		31
						





# February 2016



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Center holds two conferences each year. The first one is held in August as part of our Open House, and the second one is this month!

At this time you will be able to talk with the teachers about your child's progress. All parents should attend, so if you are working please arrange to meet with the teachers when you are available.

To prepare for your conference:

- Tell your child there is nothing to worry about. Ask if there is anything he or she would like you to talk about with the teachers
- Make a few notes about your child's personality, habits and any concerns you may have
- Here are some questions you may wish to ask:
  - How is my child doing?
  - What can I do at home to help?
  - Does my child behave in class?
  - Does my child have friends?
  - Are there any problems?
  - Does my child need extra help?
  - Where can we get this help?

Most of all, take this chance to make friends with the teachers and celebrate your child's learning!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wacky Bus- Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Food Friends begins</b>	2	3	4	5 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	6
7	8	9	10 <b>Classroom Celebrations</b> <b>Early Closure- 4:00pm</b> <b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b> <b>Policy Council</b> 5:00—7:00 pm	11 <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences as scheduled</b> The Center is CLOSED	12 <b>The Center is CLOSED</b>	13
14	15 <b>The Center is closed</b> President's Day	16	17	18	19 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	20
21	22	23	24	25 <b>Family Fun Night</b> 5:30 to 7:00pm	26 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	27
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## Preschool Enrollment

### Reminder:

Open enrollment for the 2016-2017 program year begins on March 1, 2016. Please stop by Room 9 for an application, or contact Mary at 486-6928 or Jenny at 486-6925 for Spanish.

All applications must be completed and received by the May 26, 2016 deadline to be considered for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Selection for the 2016-2017 school year preschool slots will take place on June 6, 2016.

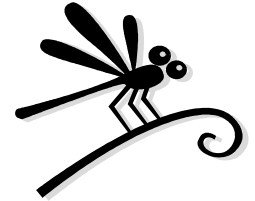
Applications are accepted throughout the year. Typically, The Center is fully enrolled at selection. To avoid being placed on the waitlist families are encouraged to complete the applications as soon as possible.

### Head Start for 2nd Year Returning Children:

Your child is automatically eligible for the second year of Head Start, **but families must complete an application to re-enroll.**

If you have other children ages 3 to 5 or know of anyone that is interested in the program we are always looking for referrals.

# March 2016



Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wacky Bus-  
Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

		1 <u>Enrollment Begins for 2016-2017 PK Applications in Room 9</u>	2	3	4 Please attend <u>Teacher Planning</u> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	5
6	7	8	9 <u>Policy Council</u> 5:00—7:00 pm Meeting	10	11 Please attend <u>Teacher Planning</u> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	12
13	14	15	16	17 <u>Class Picture Day</u> 	18 Please attend <u>Teacher Planning</u> Child care is open No Head Start -	19
20	21	22	23	24 <u>Family Fun Night</u> 5:30 to 7:00pm @ Lake Co Public Library	25 <u>The Center is closed</u> No Head Start - No CPP—No Child care	26

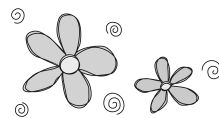
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**The Center is closed starting Monday, March 28 for one week for Spring Break**



## Field Trips

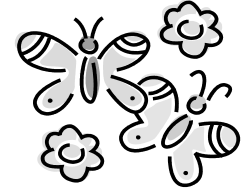
Our program recognizes that walking and bused field trips can provide an effective and worthwhile means of learning. The district has specific guidelines to screen and approve trips and ensure safety of all participants. Teacher-student ratio is maintained at all times.



## The Power of Outdoor Play

- Studies show that fresh air can reduce the spread of colds and germs.
- The USDA recommends children move at least 60 minutes on most days, and 30 minutes for adults.
- Fall and winter play presents wonderful opportunities for children to observe and collect leaves and pinecones, make footprints and build things out of leaves and snow.
- At home, you can feed the birds by hanging apples, popcorn strings or pinecones rolled in peanut butter.
- Go for a nature walk, go sledding, or shovel and dig in the snow.
- Activity is the best gift you can give your child. Activity will help your child grow into an active adult.

# April 2016



Sunday Monday Tuesday **Wacky Bus-  
Wednesday** Thursday Friday Saturday

<div style="text-align: center;"> <b><u>The Center is closed for Spring Break</u></b> </div>						
3	4	5	6	7	8 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	9
10	11	12	13 <b><u>Policy Council</u></b> 5:00—7:00 pm Meeting	14	15 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	23
24	25	26	27	28 <b><u>Family Fun Night</u></b> 5:30 to 7:00pm Meeting and Activities	29 Please attend <b><u>Teacher Planning</u></b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	30

**Prepare Your Child  
For Kindergarten**



Have you signed your child up for kindergarten? If he or she will be 5 years old by October 1 of this year, contact the West Park Elementary front office at 486-6890 for registration info.

There will be Transition Activities scheduled in May for you and your child to become familiar with the kindergarten program at West Park Elementary School. Please check The Center's newsletter and your child's cubby for the dates and times for these activities to ease your transition to public school.

Some things you can do to help your child get ready are:

- Visit the kindergarten rooms during transition events. Your child will feel more secure if he or she sees the classroom ahead of time.
- Show him or her where to get a drink, and where to put his or her coat and backpack.
- Visit the bathrooms.
- Use the materials given to you by the preschool and kindergarten teachers to keep your child's skills up during the summer.
- Be sure you know your rights and responsibilities. This material will be in your kindergarten handbook, available in the front office.

# May 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wacky Bus- Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	7
8	9	10	11 <b>Policy Council</b> 5:00—7:00 pm Meeting	12	13 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	14
15	16	17	18	19 <b>Home Visits as scheduled</b> The Center is CLOSED	20 <b>Home Visits as scheduled</b> The Center is CLOSED	21
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Deadline 2016-2017 PK Applications must be returned to Room 9</b>	27 Please attend <b>Teacher Planning</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	28
29	30 <b>The Center is closed</b> Memorial Day	31	<i>Watch your cubby for information on Kindergarten Transition events!</i>			

**10 Great Reasons to Participate in Your Child's Preschool Education**

1. Studies show that children of involved parents do better in school and in life.
2. Our programs appreciate and depend on parent participation, and we track the number of hours of parent and community involvement.
3. Participating on a committee can help you meet new people and learn about the program.
4. We respect parents and realize that not everyone can volunteer in the classroom, so we offer a variety of ways you can participate.
5. Your voice is important and we want your input on providing quality services to meet the needs of families.
6. Family Fun Nights offer great activities for a night out for the whole family, four times a year.
7. Participation on the Policy Council gives you a chance to have input on program policies and budget.
8. "Practice Packs" will come home with your child, so you can work on his or her skills together. You can be involved in the comfort of your own home.
9. Many opportunities for parent education and training are available, which also count as parent involvement.
10. The kids are so proud for you to see their work, their classroom, and their teacher.

**Check the Parent Participation section in this handbook for more information on ways to participate.**

# June 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wacky Bus- Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Clean out cubbies</b>	2 <b>Last day of Preschool <u>Year-End Celebrations</u></b>	3 <b>Teacher Work Day</b> Child care is open No Head Start - No CPP	4
5	6 <b><u>Selection For 2016-2017 PK School Year</u></b>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## BE YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST FAN



Children are looking for your approval at all times. They want to feel that they are wanted, needed, and accepted for who they are. As they begin to grow and learn about their passions, it will be important for you as their parent to do whatever you can to become your child's biggest fan.

What does it mean to be your child's biggest fan? This means that you know your child, their likes, and their dislikes. You know what they aspire to become and the heroes that they have. You are aware of why they do the things they do, and what gives them energy, and what discourages them. Think about fans of celebrities. They are aware of every single detail of that person's life and will do whatever they can to be that person's biggest proponent and ally.

As a parent, this is your job. You must take on this role with your child.

When you think about being a fan, the first thing in your mind may be sports, but encouragement can be transferred to anything, whether it is sports, band, drama, schoolwork, or helping around the house.

Ask yourself, "Am I my child's biggest fan? What else can I do to show them my support?"

This article was adapted from [www.dadrevolution.com](http://www.dadrevolution.com).

# July 2016



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Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

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