

— August 2026 —

Westminster School for Young Children

WELCOME
TO
SCHOOL



WSYC since 2021

Mrs.
Johnson
Director

EDUCATION

I have a Bachelor's Degree
in Elementary Education with
a Minor in Mathematics from
Wheaton College.

BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN

May 2nd in
Naperville, IL.

INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

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Welcome to WSYC!

Laura Johnson, Director

First, I want to welcome each and every one of you to the beginning of the WSYC 2026-2027 school year. We are glad that you are entrusting your little ones to us, and we know that there can be a lot of mixed emotions at this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and stay informed of all of the events that are happening at WSYC. We have a lot of exciting opportunities coming up during the month of August to help you become involved and start acclimating to our community! Please keep an eye out in your email for more information about each of these different activities!

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



Popsicles on the Playground

JOIN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSMATES FOR A PLAYDATE WITH POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND!
GET TO KNOW, OR RECONNECT WITH, FELLOW WESTMINSTER FAMILIES ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS:

Tuesday, August 25th

9:15am-10:00am Toddlers
10:15am-11:00am Two Year Olds
11:15am-12:00pm Three Year Olds
12:15pm-1:00pm Pre-K

THIS EVENT IS FOR WSYC STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES; SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME. TEACHERS WILL NOT BE AT SCHOOL YET.
THERE'S NO PLAY DATE IF IT RAINS, SO FINGERS CROSSED FOR GOOD WEATHER!

WITH WARM WISHES, THE WSYC ADVISORY BOARD

All students need the following forms before the school year begins. You are welcome to complete the optional ones and return them as well!

REQUIRED:

- Health Form
- Acquaintance Forms
 - Toddler
 - Two's
 - Three's
 - Pre-Kindergarten

OPTIONAL:

- Lunch Bunch (3's)
- One More Day (coming soon)
- Speech Screening (see last page)

You can turn in all forms before the beginning of the school year!

Before the Year Begins

Please join us at both of our events that happen before the school year begins.

Popsicles on the Playground: Tuesday, August 25th - Get to know, or reconnect with, fellow Westminster families on the playground according to the times above.

Parent Orientation: Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00pm - This presentation will provide important information about the school year and introduce the WSYC Advisory Board, so please leave your children at home.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Parent Orientation
Wednesday, September 2nd
from 6:00pm-7:00pm

*This is a Parent Only event for both new and returning families to learn important information about WSYC and meet the WSYC Advisory Board. Please kindly keep your children at home. Thanks!

Support WSYC

through our Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund

There are many ways that you can help support the Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund at WSYC.

Our Carol Van Hise Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 with the recognition of her 25th anniversary as Director of Westminster School for Young Children. We thank her for over 50 years of love, nurture, and guidance to the students, and many thanks to the families who have made donations to our Scholarship Fund over the years through participation in our Spirit Events.

You can start supporting our Spirit Events with the following:

- Name Bubbles
- Minted
- Terracycle
- Soccer Shots
- WSYC Swag



name bubbles



Shop customized labels and support us!

WSYC

<https://www.namebubbles.com/?rfsn=8389596.b26899>

Scholarship Fund

WSYC will receive a 20% commission on every net purchase made through our link.

Microphone Socks • Dishwasher Socks • Freezer Socks • Long-sleeved • Laundry Socks

minted.



Use the code [FUNDRAISEWESTMINSTERNC](https://www.minted.com/?rfsn=8389596.b26899) to receive 20% off at Minted (and 15% of your purchase comes back to WSYC!)

Don't forget to add WSYC to your address list!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

SNACK POUCHES

WAYS TO SUPPORT

There are many ways to help support WSYC and here are a few of them!

TERRACYCLE

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have collected pounds of empty containers to equal \$270.00 for the WSYC Scholarship Fund since 2023.

SHIFFER

RECYCLE

Use the bag provided by WSYC and bring the items to the labeled receptacles on the shelf in the hallway by the front door.

Soccer Shots®

Important Events

Westminster School for Young Children Sneak Peek Day on Tuesday, September 8th		
We are so excited to be able to welcome all our families to meet the teachers and see your child's classroom. This is an open house format, so please plan to spend about 15 minutes within the timeframes below for your child to familiarize themselves with the classroom and see their teachers.		
9:15am-9:45am		10:00am-10:30am
Toddler M/W		Toddler T/Th (2 classes)
Toddler M/W/F		Two's T/Th (2 classes)
Two's M/W/F		Three's M-F (2 classes)
Two's M-Th		
Three's M/W/F		
9:15am-10:45am - Pre-K		
WSYC Advisory Board		WSYC Teachers

Come and meet your child's teacher and see their classroom on Tuesday, September 8th at the times listed above..

A great way to become involved at WSYC is through our Classroom Parent role. Below are the key responsibilities

1. Attend ONE meeting at the beginning of the year on Wednesday, September 16th or Thursday, September 17th at 9:15am
2. Assist with communication to families via email and WhatsApp
3. Organize events and meetups for families to get to know one another outside the classroom
4. Coordinate teacher gifts for holidays, birthdays, and Teacher Appreciation
5. Support the WSYC Advisory Board with other events by encouraging families to attend

Plan to spend a few minutes after drop off on Wednesday, September 9th and Thursday, September 10th to drink coffee, eat a munchkin donut, and interact with fellow parents.



Tarheel Speech & Language will provide FREE screenings during the week of September 21st. Please complete the form and return it to the office.



Speech & Language Services, PLLC
helping children communicate with confidence

Convenient, child-centered speech and language services provided in daycares, preschools, private schools, and homes.

WHAT WE DO

We provide screenings, comprehensive evaluations, and individualized therapy for children with speech, language, fluency, reading, and social communication needs.

SERVICES

- Speech and language screenings
- Comprehensive evaluations
- Individual speech-language therapy

AREAS WE TREAT

- Articulation and phonological disorders
- Receptive and expressive language delays
- Childhood apraxia of speech
- Fluency / stuttering
- Sociopragmatic communication
- Bilingual Spanish-English services

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE US

- ✓ Therapy in familiar, convenient settings
- ✓ Licensed and ASHA-certified speech-language pathologists
- ✓ Individualized goals and family collaboration
- ✓ Fun, engaging sessions designed for children
- ✓ Home activities that support carryover

INSURANCE & PAYMENT

- Aetna, including Duke Aetna plans
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- Cigna
- Medicaid
- Private pay and USA payments

Free 10-15 minute speech and language screenings are available.

QUESTIONS OR READY TO GET STARTED?

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August/September 2026

August 10-14 - Summer Camp Session 4
 August 11th - Advisory Board Meeting at 9:15am
 August 25th - Popsicles on the Playground

September 1st - Advisory Board Luncheon at 12:30pm
 September 2nd - Parent Orientation at 6:00pm
 September 8th - Sneak Peek Day