

Westminster School for Young Children

FALL festival



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Westminster School for Young Children relies on fundraising and donations to maintain classrooms, preserve our beloved playground, and enhance teacher materials and manipulatives. Would your family or business be interested in donating to our Fall Fundraiser? Our WSYC Fall Spirit Week will be October 26-30 complete with dress-up theme days! Every single child's caregiver will be touched by this fun week as they walk through our doors for each morning drop-off. Please consider donating as well as sharing the link with grandparents, family members, and friends. <https://wsyc.betterworld.org/campaigns/fall-fundraiser>

- Monday, October 26 - Pajama Day
 - Tuesday, October 27 - Color Day (Toddler - Blue, Two's - Green, Three's - Black, Pre-K - Orange)
- Wednesday, October 28 - WSYC Spirit Day & Jersey Mike's Day
- Thursday, October 29 - Sports Day
- Friday, October 30 - Costume Day

Westminster School for Young Children

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

COSTUME PARADE @ 10:45AM
Turtles, Frogs, Ducks, & Llamas

EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:00AM
Grasshoppers & Owls

FALL FESTIVAL @ 11:00AM
All Classes

Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us during our Fall Festival! We will provide fall themed games to enjoy time with classmates and a photo booth with your family!

Money raised during our Fall Festival goes towards our school!

The Turtles, Frogs, Ducks, & Llamas will have a Costume Parade at 10:45am on Friday, October 30. Parents can line up around the sidewalk circle on the courtyard between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The children will make two laps around the courtyard. The teachers will dismiss the children to the families immediately following the parade to attend the Fall Festival with your child!

The Grasshoppers & Owls will pick up for an early dismissal at 11:00am to attend the Fall Festival with your child.

All of the students who don't usually attend on Fridays are welcome to celebrate with us during our Fall Festival at 11:00am!

Fall Festival
Friday, October 30th at
11:00am

Individual and Class Picture Days

- Tuesday, October 13th - Butterflies, Bumblebees, Koalas, Pandas, Frogs, & Ducks
- Wednesday, October 14th - Ladybugs, Grasshoppers, Owls, Turtles, & Llamas

Community Helper Day

Our Turtles, Frogs, and Ducks will have a visit from our local Community Helpers on Friday, October 2nd at 9:30am!

WSYC PICTURE DAYS

Individual and class pictures will be taken on the following days:

Tuesday, October 13th - Butterflies, Bumblebees, Koalas, Pandas, Frogs, & Ducks

Wednesday, October 14th Ladybugs, Grasshoppers, Owls, Turtles, & Llamas



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Meet the Panda Teachers

Mrs. Katie works in the Pandas with the two year old students on Monday through Thursday. She is joined by Mrs. Evelyn on Monday and Wednesday and Mrs. Claire on Tuesday and Thursday.

Together, they bring a wealth of knowledge and love to the Pandas, and we are so excited to have them at WSYC! We hope you have an opportunity to greet them when you walk in the building since their classroom is the first one on the left.

WSYC since 2022



Mrs. Katie
Pandas

EDUCATION

I have a degree from Durham Tech in Criminal Justice.

BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN

September 3rd from Jacksonville, FL.

ABOUT ME:

My husband, Nick, and I have been married since 2005. Our two children, Kerrigan and Nash, are both WSYC alumns. We also have a Belgian Malinois named Luna.

FAVORITE THINGS:

A few of my favorite things include watching my kids play soccer and lacrosse, traveling, reading and attending sporting events.

WSYC since 2022



Mrs. Evelyn
Pandas

EDUCATION

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from NCCU and an Associate's Degree in Animal Science.

BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN

March 13th from Laurinburg, NC

ABOUT ME:

I have been married for 40 years. My husband, Jay, and I have two children, JB, and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Lakshmi, and Eliza Kate with a wonderful son-in-law, Grey. We are blessed to have a grandson, Teddy, as well.

FAVORITE THINGS:

A few of my favorite things include planning celebrations, reading, traveling, fall weather, lunch with friends, and of course anything chocolate.

WSYC since 2022



Mrs. Claire
Pandas

EDUCATION

I graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH with a degree in Public Relations.

BIRTHDAY & HOMETOWN

June 23rd from Baltimore, MD

ABOUT ME:

I am married and a mom of 2 former Westminster students. For extra fun, we have 2 chocolate lab puppies.

FAVORITE THINGS:

A few of my favorite things include traveling- near and far, fresh cut flowers, and a cup of coffee.

Important Reminders



Terracycle

Bring in your empty flexible plastic snack pouches, caps, empty toothpaste containers, used toothbrushes, and empty floss containers, used Swiffer dry refills, wet refills, or duster refills to WSYC to recycle!

Mahjong Night

Join us on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00pm in Room 205 for a night of Mahjong. All learning levels are welcome to attend; you do not need to know how to play to sign up!

Lunch Bunch & Jovial Payments - Ongoing

If you are interested in Lunch Bunch or automatic payments throughout the year, please complete the corresponding forms and return to Laura.



October 2026

Friday, 2nd – Community Helper Day for 3's @ 9:30am

Tuesday, 6th – Advisory Board Meeting @ 9:15am

Tuesday, 6th – Mahjong Night @ 6:00pm in Room 205

Tuesday, 13th & Wednesday, 14th – Picture Days

If you are interested in registering your child, please fill out the One More Day Registration Form and pay the non-refundable \$50 per day online (with a convenience fee already added), by cash or check made out to WSYC. Age groups may be determined based upon the number of children in attendance.

WESTMINSTER
SCHOOL DISTRICT

One More Day 2025-2027 Registration Form
9:00am-12:00pm
\$50 per day

The money raised for One More Day goes toward our scholarship fund with tuition assistance for students to attend WSYC in future years. Our Great New Hope Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 with the recognition of the 15th anniversary as Director of Westminster School for Young Children. We thank her for over 30 years of love, wisdom, 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.

Child's Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Registered Name: _____
Gender: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age of Child: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Email Address: _____
Emergency Contact Name (if parent cannot be reached): _____
Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____
Emergency Contact Name (if parent cannot be reached): _____
Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

We grant permission for our child to be transported in an emergency. If emergency medical care becomes necessary, Westminster will make every effort to reach you or your child's physician. However, if Westminster is unable to reach either party, you grant permission for your child to be taken to the nearest doctor or hospital.

Pediatrician Name: _____ Phone: _____
Dentist Name: _____ Phone: _____

Social Media: _____
I give permission for photos of my child to be used for classroom use. Yes ☐ No ☐
I give permission for photos of my child to be used for WSYC social media sites. Yes ☐ No ☐

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One More Day 2025-2027 Registration Form
9:00am-12:00pm
\$50 per day

One More Day is open to all students who are attending WSYC during the 2025-2027 school year. Age groups may be determined based upon the number of children in attendance. The majority of the day will be outside supervised by a team of WSYC Substitutes. Please bring a labeled water bottle and extra change of clothes (gloves and socks if needed). Drop-off will be in the classrooms and pick-up will be held outside on the playground (or inside in case of inclement weather). Lunch will be provided by WSYC.

One More Day #1 – Friday, October 23rd, 2026
One More Day #2 – Thursday, January 28th, 2027
One More Day #3 – Thursday, February 16th, 2027
One More Day #4 – Thursday, May 27th, 2027

List any special needs of which you are aware (speech/behavior problems) (write on the back of the form if necessary): _____

Agreement: I agree to pay the non-refundable cost of \$50 per day either online, cash, or check made out to WSYC. I understand that \$25 may be credited if we withdraw our child from One More Day at least a month prior to the day. After that date, none of the amount is refundable.

Amount Indebted:
____ \$50 – only 1 day
____ \$100 – only 2 days
____ \$250 – only 3 days
____ \$375 – All 4 days

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Office Use Only – Date of Registration: _____ One More Day Fee: _____ Check # _____

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School Closed

WSYC will be closed on Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 22nd for our Parent/Teacher Conversations. Please sign up with your classroom teachers to meet and discuss how your child's school year is going.

We will also be closed on Friday, October 23rd, but your child can attend One More Day. See the information above.

Wednesday, 21st & Thursday, 22nd – Parent/Teacher Conversations – No School

Friday, 23rd – One More Day – No School
Monday, 26th – Friday, 30th – Spirit Week
Friday, 30th – Costume Parade @ 10:45am & Early Dismissal @ 11:00am with the Fall Festival