



# BELMONT WEEKDAY SCHOOL

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### WELCOME TO THE BELMONT WEEKDAY SCHOOL!

We are excited to have so many new families with us this summer. By now you should all be getting more familiar with the school and your classroom and we hope that you and your child(ren) are enjoying these summer days!

As always, you are welcome to stop by my office, call me, or email me with concerns, questions, comments, or suggestions about your child's preschool experience. My door is always open.

*Ms. Jean*

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### SCHOOL SAFETY

1. Safety at the Weekday School is a high priority! Therefore, when you are dropping off or picking up your child, please keep your child "in sight" at all times. Do not let your child run back into the classroom or down the hall without you. While your child is in the care of WDS teachers, your child can be "seen at all times; can be heard at all times; and is always close enough to get to if necessary". We expect the same standards from our parents while you are on the WDS campus.

2. Please do not enter or exit the WDS via the playgrounds. To keep our children safe, the gates must remain closed. Traffic in and out through the gates would make it difficult to assure the gates remain closed.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

## SUMMER SCHOOL NEEDS



Each month the WDS has a different “need of the month”. This helps to keep the tuition costs and fees to a minimum. Since we are only publishing one newsletter this summer, we are including all of our summertime needs. You may bring your donated items to Ms. Jean, Ms. EnaShea, or Ms. Laura.



ZIPLOC BAGS: ALL SIZES



GLUE STICKS



PAPER TOWELS



CLOROX WIPES

Thank you in advance for your participation.

## Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That’s why we launched Crayola ColorCycle.

Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers.

The Weekday School is excited to begin partnering with Crayola in this unique initiative. **A box has been placed in the hall outside EnaShea’s office to collect used/dried out markers. Please join us in this unique experience by dropping off any used markers that you may have rather than throwing them in the trash.**



## FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Weekday School is currently accepting scholarship applications for the fall session.

**The deadline for turning in the application is July 16th.**

In addition to your application, financial and work history information is necessary. If you currently receive a scholarship and would like to be considered for

the fall, please let Jean know. You will need to fill out another application. Please see Jean or EnaShea for the necessary paperwork, or if you have questions regarding scholarships and their availability.

If you are taking the summer off and are contemplating applying for assistance in the fall, please let the office know. This helps the scholarship committee in the planning process. The WDS prides itself on being one of the

few preschools in Nashville that offers partial assistance for our families who qualify. This is made possible from continued donations and fundraising events.

Thank you.



# Calendar of Events

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## JULY

7/4: Independence Day Holiday **WDS CLOSED**

7/24 Visit Day: 9-9:30am returning families, 9:45-10:15am new families

7/25 Visit Day: 9-9:30am returning families

7/30: Last Day of Summer Session 2018

7/31-8/3: Teacher In-Service **WDS CLOSED**

## AUGUST

7/31-8/3: Teacher In-Service **WDS CLOSED**

8/6: First Day of Fall Session 2018

## SEPTEMBER

9/3: Labor Day **WDS CLOSED**



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## NEW CLASSROOM VISITATIONS

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If you are attending the Weekday School this fall and your child is changing classrooms, please plan on attending our new classroom visitation mornings. We encourage you to take your child to his/her new classroom, visit with the teachers, and let your child explore the new surroundings.

Classroom visitation days for **returning families** are scheduled for **Tuesday, July 24th** and **Wednesday, July 25th** from **9:00am-9:30am**.

If you are new to the Weekday School and starting this fall, our **new families** visitation day is **Tuesday, July 24th** from **9:45am-10:15am**.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## INFANTS

### Welcome to the Infant summer program at Belmont Weekday School!

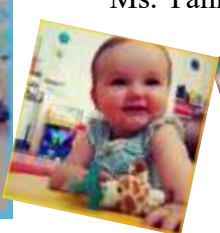
In May, our Infant class graduated and moved up to new classrooms. We are proud of each child's progress and we will miss them very much!

Our classroom theme for June and July is "Summertime Fun". The class schedules and lesson plans are specifically designed to create a safe and positive learning environment. All activities are offered around the children's individual nap and feeding schedules. In June, we began by introducing the infant class to group time, art, and music class. Our group time is part of our morning routine. We greet one another, talk about the weather and sing songs. Art is offered in the forms of oversized crayons and finger painting. Ms. Sheila's music class is a great way to start our day. She sings songs and nursery rhymes that encourage dancing, movement and hand clapping.

In July, the class will continue with art and music. Our group time may last longer as the class becomes accustomed to our routines. In addition, some children will be offered sensory activities such as sand and water play. We use small bins of water and add bubbles or toys that float to hold the child's interest and encourage play.

**Thank you for attending Belmont Weekday School.  
We wish everyone a safe and happy Summer!**

Ms. Tahnee



## TODDLERS



**ALOHA FROM THE TODDLER CLASSROOM!** We are so thrilled to see all of the new faces in the toddler room. It's been wonderful getting to know your little ones these past few weeks! We have already had so much excitement this summer and we are just getting started. Each week has been a vacation in the toddler room. Literally! We've done a bit of glamping, blasted off to space, and even had our own beach retreat. One of our favorite activities is water play. Running through the sprinkler, popping soapy bubbles, and splashing in our water table puts a big smile on all the children's faces. There is still so much more to come this summer! The first week of July we will celebrate the Fourth of July. We will have several red, white and blue activities in our class, as well as a school wide parade! In the following weeks we will learn about city helpers, dinosaurs, and opposites. On July 30th, we will be waving goodbye to summer. Thank you all for such a wonderful summer and for sharing your sweet toddlers with us!

Upcoming Birthdays: Arcadian- July 7th

Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Rachel, Ms. Shelby and Ms. Tori



## WHAT AN EXCITING SUMMER THIS HAS BEEN ALREADY FOR OUR CLASS!

This summer our curriculum is based on the five senses. We have been learning how the senses are used and why they are important. In May, we learned about “sight” and all the things we can see. Our sand and water sensory bins have been a big hit as we study the five senses. We loved burying different toys in the sand and then digging to find them and enjoyed dropping objects into our water sensory bin to see which objects would sink and which objects would float.

The first week of June was special because both Townes and Maisie turned two! We also learned about things we can hear and touch. We made our own sensory bottles with corn, beans, and marbles and had an amazing time listening to how each bottle sounded. We also loved hearing the different sounds instruments make and exploring those sounds with Ms. Sheila. To explore our sense of touch, we had a blast making slime and Kool-Aid play dough.

We will be starting water play in July and continue learning about our five senses. We will paint with tea bags and scented paints made with spices from our herb garden, while learning about our sense of smell. We will make popsicles and Cool Whip art while learning about our sense of taste and learn about sound again as we celebrate the Fourth of July.



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER!

Ms. Hannah and Ms. Karina

## NEARLY THREES

Welcome to the summer session in the Nearly Three's. Summer session is always an exciting time, though a little bitter-sweet, since we have such a short time together. We are making the most of this time and having a memorable summer!

In June, we learned about summer, Summer Olympics, our amazing dads, the ocean, and space. We started this summer learning about summer weather, why we



wear shorts and t-shirts, and that summer is hotter than any other season. We went swimming and played in the water. We ate cold treats, like popsicles,

to cool off. We talked about summer vacations and they all said they are going to the beach and riding on boats. We learned that the Summer Olympics are games that all countries compete in and involve summer sports like swimming, track and field, beach

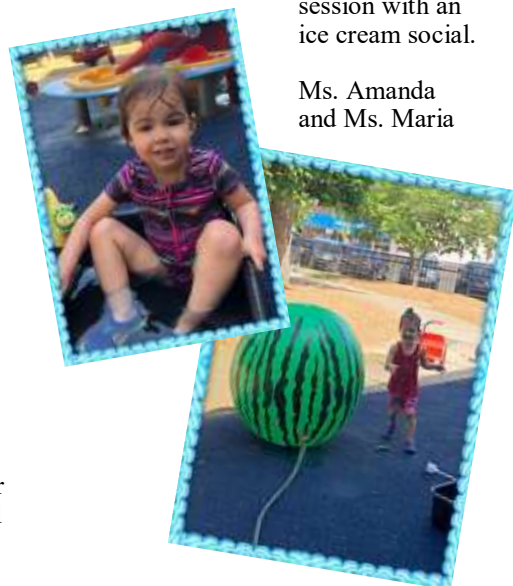


volleyball, baseball, and canoeing. We tried to decide what our favorite event might be, and even played a few games. We have also celebrated our amazing dads. We loved hearing about all the memorable things the children do with their daddies. They also enjoyed the photo shoot we put on to make the gifts for their dads. We especially loved all the answers we got to the questions about their dads. It's amazing how well they really know them! Ocean week is always a favorite. We delighted in learning about all the animals in the ocean. We made puffer fish with a spiky ball; made fun ocean snacks with graham crackers, blue icing, and goldfish; and played in water with whales, sharks, fish, and sea shells. We also made an ocean in a bag with fish and shells. Sadly, it ended up busting and we had a shampoo and hair gel leak. The room smelled amazing though! We finished June learning about outer space. We learned about the planets, explored gravity, practiced moon walking, and made moon dough.

In July, we have so many things to learn! We will celebrate the Fourth of July, go camping, explore culinary arts, and get a thrill out of an ice cream week. During our Fourth of July celebration we will learn all about America, our president and vice president, the White House, the Statue of

Liberty, the Liberty Bell, the American Flag, and Mount Rushmore. We will say the Pledge of Allegiance, and listen to patriotic music. We will go camping, explore bugs and their sounds, put up a tent, make a s'mores snack mix, and do all sorts of camping activities. During culinary arts week we will make easy kid-friendly recipes, learn what the term “culinary arts” means and talk about being a chef. Ice cream week is always an exciting time! We will talk about our favorite ice cream flavors and end the summer session with an ice cream social.

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Maria



## THREES—ROOM 114

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The boys and girls of Room 114 are having an amazing time this summer! We have delighted in getting to know our new classmates during the month of June and loved water play with our new friends each Monday and Tuesday. We participated in the WDS “Donuts with Dad” on June 14th and 15th. Our children were extremely happy to have a special snack with their dads and were excited to give them a Father’s Day present. We had one classmate who was able to FaceTime his Dad who was unable to attend, which was really sweet! Thank goodness for technology! During June, we also learned about ocean animals and summer. We loved making fish puppets, and were very excited that we were able to take them to music class with Ms. Sheila and use them to sing songs about fish!

In July, we will begin the month celebrating America, as we learn that our country has a birthday just like we do. Our students will be able to enjoy making art projects with a USA theme, and also participating in our annual Fourth of July parade. During the remainder of July we will have a good time learning about “Pirates” and “Luau’s”.

We hope that everyone is having a great summer. I adore working with your children - what a sweet group of boys and girls!

Ms. Susan





## THREES—ROOM 116

In late May we began our summer adventure with our new group of Threes! Our youngest children during the school year suddenly became our oldest. With the exception of Elias, who is new to the WDS, the rest of our class moved up from the Twos and Nearly Threes.

In June, our lesson plans included, “Our New Class”, “Under the Sea”, “Father’s Day”, “Summer Fun”, and “Fourth of July”.

As June progressed the children became more comfortable with each other and enjoyed making new friends and learning “big kid” three-year-old things.

We asked the children, “What is your favorite place to play in our class-room?”

Amelia: “Littlest Pet Shop”

Elias: “Cutting with scissors”

Gracie: “Home Living”

Gus: “Cars”

Hamilton: “Play-doh”

Levi: “Home Living”

Lillian: “Home Living”

Rate: “Books”

Rhapsody: “Home Living”

Trip: “Home Living”

Youyi: “Art Center”



In July our lesson plans include, “Camping”, “Pirates”, (Ms. Liz’s favorite) “Kids Choice”, and “Luau”. Our pirate and camping themes are full of pretend play and fun crafts we know the children will love! For our “Kids Choice” week we let the children help us plan activities. We plan to end our summer session with a luau. We will make leis, crack open a coconut, and create an exploding volcano!

We only have two summer birthdays: Gracie: 7/4 and Ms. Melissa: 7/11

Ms. Liz and Ms. Melissa

## PRE-K FOURS

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The Pre-K Fours summer is off to a great start! We have spent time getting to know new friends and for some of us, a new classroom. We have to say, this group is pretty awesome! During first week of June, the children took time to get aquatinted to our new summer schedule and the routine of our class. We then celebrated "Donuts with Dad" for Father's Day and enjoyed learning about the five oceans, the different layers/zones of the oceans and what animals live in those layers or zones. We are very excited to see what July has in store!

To see what the children like most about summer, we asked them this question: "What is your favorite thing about summer?"

Here are their answers:

Naomi: "Playing with my friends!"

Thatcher: "Going to Florida!"

Aiden: "Playing!"

Andrew: "Umm...playing outside!"

Oscar: "That I get to stay at school!"

Maddie: "Playing with my mom!"

John: "Playing with my friends here!"

James: "I like to catch wasps!"

Kennedy: "The hot, hot sun!"

Elliot: "Swimming. I can swim and my birthday is going to be at Nana's and her house has a pool!"

Adalie: "When my mommy picked me up from school!"

Mila: "Well...uhh...I like giving flowers to my mom!"

Clara: "When I played in water play!"

Stephen: "Giving flowers to my mama!"

Oliver: "Umm playing with my daddy!"

Zoe: "That the leaves changed color!"



Ms. Karina and Ms. Ann Walker





# PRE-K FIVES

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Summer is in full swing in the Pre-K Fives!

We are having a blast learning through play and exploring our weekly themes. We have also enjoyed having water play and music every week. As the students make new friends, we are focusing on kindness and problem solving. We will reinforce this concept by introducing our marble jar. The students will have an opportunity to add a marble to the class jar when they do something kind or helpful for a friend or teacher. When the jar is full, we will celebrate with a special surprise. This teaches the children that their actions affect others and that we have to work together as a team to reach a common goal.

## In June we:

- Learned the class rules and routines
- Played a get-to-know-you beach ball game
- Practiced writing, identifying, and spelling our first names
- Had a class picnic outside
- Imagined a picnic in our home living center
- Painted a picnic
- Practiced simple addition with one digit numbers
- Practiced counting 1-20
- Celebrated Father's Day and made a surprise for our dads
- Made sand playdough
- Created sand creature art
- Played in sand and water
- Learned about animals that live on the beach and in shells
- Discussed beach conservation and the importance of keeping our oceans and beaches free of pollution
- Practiced cleaning a "beach"
- Learned about animals that live in the ocean
- Practiced identifying shapes and colors
- Made tin foil ocean art
- Discussed the dangers of oil spills and threats to ocean life
- Took part in an oil spill simulation

## In July we will:

- Celebrate Independence Day
- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Learn about the effects of the sun
- Create sun impression art
- Make discoveries about space
- Investigate the planets in our Solar System
- Pretend to travel to the moon
- Study dinosaurs
- Create a new dinosaur



We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Jenna

# KROGER PLUS CARD REWARDS

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BWDS families (25 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **3-1-2018** and **5-28-2018** have earned a total of **\$116.67** for our school simply by linking their Kroger Plus card to the school.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Imagine how much money the school could earn if every family linked their Kroger Plus card to the WDS! Please see past newsletters on the website for detailed instructions if you would like take advantage of this opportunity to earn FREE MONEY for the school.



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## TUITION INCREASE

Just a reminder:

**An increase in tuition became effective June 1st.**

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## CLOTHING NEEDS

As many of you know, the WDS keeps extra clothes that are made available to all the children should they need a change of clothes during the day for any reason. At this time, we are very much on need of **girls shorts and skirts** (preferably with shorts attached) in **all sizes up to 3T** and **boys pants and shorts in sizes 4T and up**. If you have any of these items that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to EnaShea's office.

Thank you for your help!



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