

WJC NEWS TO KNOW

May 2018



mark your calendar

Friday, May 4th is Favorite Character Day
 Saturday, May 5th PNO Evergreen
 Wednesday, May 9th is Avanti's Day/80's Day
 Friday, May 11th Mother's Luncheon at Noon
 Friday, May 11th is a Mini Opera presentation for parents and students (at Oakland) 6:30pm
 Saturday, May 12th is PNO (Will and Oakland)
 Tuesday, May 22nd is Williamsburg Graduation
 Wednesday, May 23rd is Evergreen Graduation
 Thursday, May 24th is Oakland Graduation
 Monday, May 28th the center is closed for Memorial Day

Parent Class

Join the Little Jewels Staff for a class on Childhood Exposure to trauma.

Saturday, May 19th

10:00-11:30 am

Oakland Avenue Little Jewels

The class will be instructed by Jeannie Higdon from Children's Home and Aid.

*Keep checking the parent board for more details.



Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7th-11th

Thank you to everyone that signed up to help or donated a monetary gift. (If you haven't yet, there is still time.) We are very excited to celebrate our teachers with a week of games, prizes and food!!



Do You and Your Family Enjoy the Theater?

Come join us on Friday, May 11th for the Children's Mini Opera

"Baobob"

Performed by: Prairie Fire Theater Children's Opera Group

Starts at 6:30 pm at our Oakland Location

We hope to see everyone there!

Laugh out loud

What gets wetter the more it dries?

Answer: A towel.



Neeva M 5/15
 Makana S 5/15
 Ms Madison H 5/15
 Ms Tara F 5/17
 Ella S 5/17
 Deklan 5/18
 Taylor H 5/19
 Shelby A 5/19
 Piper P 5/19
 Owen M 5/19
 William D 5/20
 Ms Brooke G 5/20
 Emery 5/21
 Owen O 5/21
 Mr Michael 5/22
 Savannah T 5/22
 Nadya M 5/24
 Mr Steve J 5/26
 Ms Kelsey B 5/26
 Ms Brittany B 5/27
 Bryson E 5/28
 Archer D 5/30
 Zoe M 5/30
 Neal S 5/30
 Ms Anne M 5/31

Mr Roy 5/1
 Olivia M 5/3
 Noah R 5/3
 Ms Katie S 5/4
 Parker W 5/5
 Olivia P 5/6
 Jane L 5/6
 Ms Lily 5/6
 Ms Kristen Z 5/7
 Ms Dree 5/9
 Jaxon R 5/9
 Kendall R 5/10
 Charles S 5/11
 Shrika G 5/11
 Ms Isabelle K 5/12
 Annalise W 5/13
 Olivia S 5/13
 Alice H 5/13
 Jovanny 5/14

Little Jewels Staff Anniversaries

One year:

Ms Hailey C
 Ms Kayleigh P
 Ms Melanie S
 Ms Deja G
 Ms Taylor S
 Ms Michaela C
 Ms Courtney M

Two Years:

Ms Shawn C
 Ms Kaycee
 Ms Sarah W

Three Years:

Ms Kara J

Five Years:

Ms Dawn L

Thirteen Years:

Ms Sue W



Together We Grow...
 One Jewel at a Time



Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Williamsburg Graduation

Tuesday, May 22nd



Evergreen Graduation

Wednesday, May 23rd



Oakland Graduation

Thursday, May 24th



Summer is almost here and we are excited to have our Zebras, Sharks and Huskies in attendance full time during the summer!!! We have some fun and exciting fieldtrips and activities planned. Here is the last day of school for our local school districts.

Unit 5: Wednesday, May 23rd (early dismissal)

District 87: Wednesday, May 23rd (early dismissal)

Tri-Valley: Friday, May 25th (early dismissal)

Epiphany: Friday, May 25th (early dismissal)

Corpus Christi: Friday, May 25th

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Week of May 1st: Jump with 2 feet, Leap with one foot. Jump: high, far, fast, slow

Week of May 7th: Relay Races: learning to work together as a team. Learning concepts include; taking turns, cheering on teammates and other teams.

Week of May 14th: Cartwheels, handstands, donkey kicks, using one foot

Week of May 21st: Moving in and out, over and under. Moving short and long distances.

Week of May 28th: No Jump Spot as we prepare for Summer lessons!

Please remember, with the warmer weather coming the kids will go outside for Jump Spot when possible. Remember to send your child to school in tennis shoes on Jump Spot days!



As parents, teachers and therapists, we may sometimes struggle with ways to encourage sharing among the children with whom we live and work. Turn-taking in a structured environment may very well be present, but when the children are let out into a free play space taking turns may not happen as regularly.

As we work in our classrooms and households we can play a number of different games to assist in learning the foundation of turn-taking and sharing so that when it is time to venture out, kids can put it all to practice. Taking turns is a learned skill and what better way to teach it than to sing it out!

Teach your kids this song. Introduce it at circle time. Use it at home during mealtime (changing “play” to “eat”). Encourage children to use it on the playground.

When I see something I want to play
I ask, “Can I play?”
When I see something I want to play
I ask, “Can I play”

And it’s okay, it’s okay
When I ask, “can I play”
And it’s okay, it’s okay
When I ask, I can play.

Take a listen, take a turn, and let us know how you’ve added it to your routine.

[Can I Play Music File](#) (right click on link to open)

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Coming up in **June**... It's time for Father's Day! Please plan to stop by for a grab and go breakfast.

