



Gwyn-Nor Newsletter - March 2024

What We Have Been Doing:

We would like to thank all the families who took the time to fill out the program survey. All feedback is appreciated. We hope that if there is an issue that is important to you, it is also important to us. Open communication is an important part of our program. Parental feedback is extremely important to the success of our program, both positive and negative.

The children are still walking laps each day. We have posted the number of laps each child has walked as of the end of January. The children will also be receiving toe tokens. They will earn a toe token for every 50 laps they complete. At the end of the walking club each child who participated will earn a prize and a chain with all the toe tokens they have earned. Prizes will be given in order of the highest number of laps to the lowest. Five laps will still earn a child a prize. We encourage all the children to participate while in the cafeteria. The walking club allows our children to move around while stuck indoors due to weather and/or when they are not in the gym.

As per our norm, March is no different when it comes to the amount of crafts that were offered. We had three holidays in February which added to the amount of crafts offered. There were many holidays in February which included Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Black History Month, and President's Day. These were all celebrated through the following crafts: a valentine unicorn, a love monster, a toilet paper roll love bug, a polar bear, a frog puppet, a leap year frog catching game, snowflakes, a groundhog name craft, ½ a dozen paper towel roses, a gnome Valentine's card, a valentine mermaid, a gnome, puff monster, cards, a handprint dragon, a giraffe card, heart-shaped pets, beaded bracelets, groundhog craft, a paper plate luv bug, a craft stick unicorn, and a valentine dice snowperson.

The early dismissal scheduled to take place in January was canceled due to snow. We were able to do all that we planned in January on the February 8th early dismissal. The children truly had a great time making planes. They made paper airplanes, helicopters, craft stick planes, captain's hats, and 2 different 3-D plane activities. They all worked hard learning how to make different planes and the best part was when they were able to test their planes out. They learned that the different shapes of planes allow the planes to fly differently. All in all, we believe that it was a great success.

Important Information:

- All children who attend our AM program need to be escorted to Door #3 by a parent and will need a parent to sign that child in. Children who attend our PM program will also need to come to door #3 to pick up their child and for a parent to sign their child out. **Please bring your photo ID until we get to know you. This is for your child's safety. If we are even a little unsure it is safer for us to ask for your ID. Our #1 priority is to make sure our children are safe. #2 is to**

make sure they have fun. #3 is for us to help our children become the best they can be. We truly appreciate all your help in making this transition back to school as easy as possible for all concerned.

- We ask that any changes to your child’s emergency form information be updated with us as soon as possible after the change has occurred. There has been a high rate of illnesses this year and it is important that we are able to reach you in case of sickness or an emergency.
- It is very important that personal items, not including books, be left at home.
- The safety of all the children is very important to all of us. It is extremely important that we receive some sort of notification if your child will not be attending in the afternoon or you will receive a phone call to verify where your child should be. You may call the site and leave a message, call the main Extended School Care Office and leave a message, or send a note to the attention of the Extended School Care Program. We will do everything in our power to make sure all our children are where they should be each day. We need your help to make this happen.
- As a reminder, we are accepting credit card payments. Credit card payments can be made by visiting northpenn.epaytrak.com and setting up an account. Credit card payments must be made by the 1st of the month to be considered on time. Credit card payments made after the first will incur a \$25.00 late fee. If you would like to set up automatic credit card payments please call the Extended School Care Office at 215-853-1039 for assistance.

Contact Information:

- Email for Mrs. Anderson: – andersmm@npenn.org or in case of a schedule change that is last minute you may also contact us on Mrs. Anderson’s cell phone by leaving her a text message. That # is: 215-237-3764.
- Our phone #: 215-368-9720, please leave a message if there is no answer.
- The main office for Extended School Care #: 215-853-1039

Important Dates:

March 7th - Early Dismissal. Please remember to pack a school lunch or have your child order a lunch from the cafeteria. The children will have lunch with us when they are released to us for the day.

March 25th, 26th, and 27th - No School/Care offered at Bridle Path. Pre-registration is required to attend.

March 28th and 29th - No School/No Care offered. Spring Break.

Gwyn-Nor Staff List:

Mrs. Anderson – Site Director - AM/PM	Mrs. Adams – Assistant - AM/PM
Mrs. Maxwell – Group Leader - AM/PM	Mrs. Johnson - Assistant - AM
Mrs. Sholly – Assistant - PM	Miss Uhler – Group Leader - AM/PM
Mr. O’Neill – Group Leader - AM/PM	