

# T & T Times

Westminster Toddlers and Twos

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Deposits due for 2008-2009 school year	March 1st
Registration begins for Summer 2008	March 1st
Parent/Teacher Conferences	March 3-13
NOON DISMISSAL	MARCH 14TH
Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)	March 17-21
NO SCHOOL EASTER MONDAY	March 24th

Thank you to all who turned in a comment card this past month. The comments were very helpful. They offered encouragement for us to continue doing a good job. They offered ideas for us to help make things even better. And they helped us understand where we might communicate better some of the things we are already doing. I want to remind everyone that you are always welcome to volunteer in the classroom. This is a good opportunity to share some of your talents with the class as well as get to experience, hands on, what happens on a daily basis in the class. Another way to learn more about

your child's school experience is to participate in a parent / teacher conference. There are not mandatory. But, they are available for you to talk to your teachers and see examples of work your child has done throughout the year. Conference sign-up sheets are in the classrooms this week. Conferences take place during nap time the weeks of March 3rd and 10th. Conferences are available at any time throughout the year. Just arrange it with the teachers.

Most of you should have received a test email from the school last week. If you did not, that means we either do not have your email address or,

the one we have for you is outdated. If you did not receive an email from the school, please send an email to [info@toddlersandtwos.org](mailto:info@toddlersandtwos.org), so we can add you to our distribution list. If you DID receive an email to the proper address, you do not need to do anything further. We hope this will help with communications from school. Please let us know if you prefer hard copies of communications rather than email.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9th! Remember to set your clocks forward.



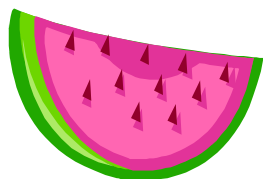
### ILLNESS

As many of you know, there have been a variety of illnesses spreading throughout the city. Every school and every age (even adults) seem to be affected. Please watch for signs of illness in your children and keep them home even if you are just suspicious of illness.

We try to send notes home if we become aware of certain illnesses such as strep, hand foot and mouth, etc. Now that we have an email system up, this will be easier. Any time you know what your child's illness or symptoms are, you can let us know in the office, so

we can inform other families of what to look out for. Remember our school policy of being symptom free for 24 hours after vomiting, diarrhea, fever or discharge from the ears or eyes. Doctors should inform you of when it is safe to return to school after administration of antibiotics.

## SUMMER REGISTRATION



Summer time is just around the corner!

Summer registration for currently enrolled children begins March 1st. Registration will be available on our website [www.toddlersandtws.org](http://www.toddlersandtws.org). Registration forms will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. After March 7th, registration will be open to all families (currently enrolled and community). Children who are eligible for the 2008 summer programs are those who are age-appropriate for the 2007-

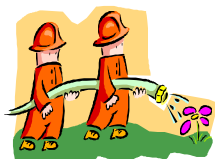
2008 school year. For the summer sessions, your child will stay in the same classroom he/she is in this school year.

Children may attend two days (Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday) or four days (Monday-Thursday). There are no classes on Fridays. The dates for Session I are June 9th-26th. The dates for Session II are July 7th-24th.

The days for the summer sessions are much like the days during the regular school year. The children attend from 9:00-2:00 with the option to pick up at noon.

Summer tuition is due with registration. You should assume that you got in for the summer with the days that you registered for, unless you hear from us otherwise.

## FIRE DRILL ROUTINES



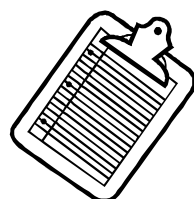
Some of you may have been around to witness our fire drill Thursday morning. The children did great, as usual (we have a fire drill once a month). I was so amazed at how the children came right back in to the classroom and back to regular routine, even right after drop off.

One thing that we learned by doing a fire drill early in the morning, is that there is still some traffic in the area. In the event that we were to have an emergency evacuation at arrival and dismissal, we ask that you park as soon as possible and wait for children to get to their designated areas. If you are in

the hook up line in the Weekday Kindergarten, simply stop. Do not try to back out or pull forward through the portico.

Thank you.

## PROGRAM ASSESMENT, APRIL 4TH



On Friday, April 4th, the state will be here to evaluate our program. Two classrooms will be picked at random. The assessors will be in the classroom all day watching the teacher's and children's routines and inspecting the classroom's physical environment. They will look at EVERY aspect of the class, in-

cluding making sure that children bring a well balanced lunch with a protein, dairy, bread and two servings of fruits and vegetables. They will inspect our playgrounds and watch as children wash hands, teachers change diapers and wash tables and get set up for nap. This is a very nerve-

wracking day for the teachers. They always do great, however. There isn't anything you need to do, besides pay special attention to the lunch you send. I just want to let you know in case the vibe is a little different on that day and in case there is a new adult hanging around in your child's classroom.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR TEACHERS

Each month we feature a spot light on our wonderful teachers. Hallie Jones sent out a survey of all the staff with neat questions that help us all get to know more about the wonderful people who take such loving care of the children. Instead of featuring a classroom at a time, I will feature a few questions each month and include all of the staff's answers.

**Question 1:** What is your favorite food? Dessert?

**Question 2:** What is your favorite genre of music? Artist?

### LAMB ROOM:

**Laura T.:** 1) Pizza. Anything Chocolate. 2) I love all types of music.

**Gina D.** 1) Chocolate, Chocolate (dark) 2) I'm a "mood" music person...whatever my "mood" that's the music I'll listen to. Favorite artist -Shawn Jones (a friend of mine!)

### SKY ROOM:

**Sarah T.** 1) Sushi and Ice Cream! 2). R & R—Reggae and Rock. Too many to enjoy to have a favorite!

**Mary Haley W.** 1) Sushi. Cheesecake. 2) Country music. Rascal Flatts.

### WORLD ROOM:

**Martha W.** 1). Any Italian Food. Baskin Robbins' Jamoca Almond Fudge Ice Cream 2) Jazz. Diana Krall

**Lisa A.** 1) I love pasta and ice cream for dessert. 2). I like rock or alternative rock. I like Widespread Panic

### NATURE ROOM:

**Judy T.** 1) Pizza. Banana Pudding 2). I love most types of music including easy listening, oldies, classical & contemporary Christian.

**Jennifer A.** 1) Margharita pizza. Apple cobbler and vanilla ice cream. 2) Bluegrass. Allison Krauss

**Lauren Y.** 1) Sushi. Pumpkin Pie 2) I love every kind of music. John Mayer

### OCEAN ROOM:

**Nises G.** 1) Chicken. Brwonies 2) Jazz. Miles Jay

**Janie A.** 1) Sushi. Chocolate Log 2) Christian music

### JUNGLE ROOM:

**Alice E.** 1) I could live on vegetables, especially potatoes, cooked any way! Does popcorn count? I absolutely love popcorn! Pecan pie & Toll House chocolate chip cookies are dessert favorites. 2) Classical, easy listening, oldies but goodies, beautiful old spirituals & southern songs.

**Lisa P.** 1) Favorite food is pizza. Favorite dessert is cheese-

cake. 2) R & B music. Favorite artist Aaron Neville.

**Ginny H. (Garden teacher):** 1) Any fish with mashed potatoes and peas, and anything chocolate for dessert. 2) Classical—no particular favorite.

**Kristi M. (office):** 1) Food: My Grandma's Corn Pudding Dessert: Chocolate birthday cake w/white icing and a party cannoli. 2) '80's—Almost any artist

**Katy E. (office)** 1) Anything Mexican. I love spicy food 2) Old country like Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Lucinda Williams

**Corye N. (office)** 1) Food: Ribs and Grilled Chicken Salad from Houston's (why did they have to close!?) Dessert: Coconut cake (especially my Mama Blanche's 3-day coconut cake). 2) Gospel (Fairfield Four, Dottie Rambo) R & B (Billy Preston) Rock (Led Zeppelin) Alternative Rock (Blues Traveler, Widespread Panic).