



Put a little PEP in your Life!

July 2026 Newsletter

A Letter from the Director...

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families,

July here we come! It's officially summer when you hear the music from Granny's Treats every Thursday afternoon. Watching the children get so excited to show me which treat they picked is the best part!

Thursday, June 18, was an eventful day. In the morning, over 80 bikes, scooters, and baby buggies were blessed by Jonah from Emanuel Church. It is such a great way to start the summer, making sure the children have a safe ride wherever their summer adventures take them. In the afternoon, we celebrated with 120 dads and children at our annual Father's Day Celebration. It was so much fun to watch everyone play mini golf and enjoy the Kona Ice Truck. Thank you to all the dads who attended.

We are so excited to welcome back Ms. Bella, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Susan for the summer. They jumped right back into the program, and the children were excited to see them. It is so helpful to have extra hands for field trips and all the additional fun activities summer has in store.

Just a reminder that we are closed on Friday, July 3, 2026. We hope everyone

has a wonderful and safe holiday! Regular charges apply.

It's that time again... Emanuel Church is having their annual Vacation Bible School from July 27–July 30, 2026 (Monday through Thursday), from 5:30–7:30 p.m. The theme is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. There is a sign-up at the Park's Edge front desk. It is for children ages 3 and up, and all children must be potty trained. Dinner is provided. The children are walked to VBS from their classroom when it starts. Please let us know if you have any questions about Vacation Bible School.

Field trips are off to a great start for our Stars, Moons, Young Snakes, and Older Snakes classrooms. They are looking forward to their annual walking trip to McDonald's, scheduled for Thursday, July 3. They have been busy cooking in the kitchen, making the most delicious banana bread. The car wash was a huge success; they raised over \$200 for their pizza party. They took pride in making sure that every spot was cleaned! They even got to wash the bus.

Community Happenings:

Mark your calendar: Tuesday, August 4 is Hales Corners Night Out from

5:30–8:00 p.m. There will be over 25 vendor booths, live music, a car and boat show, raffles, face painting, fire and police vehicles, kids' games, food, and beverages. It is a fun night for the whole family. Stop by our booth and say hello!

I hope everyone has a fantastic July, and I look forward to sharing all the fun updates from the month next time.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burr
Director

Happy Birthday!

Pierce A.	07/02/2021
Owen H.	07/03/2024
Charlette T.	07/03/2025
Joey D.	07/11/2018
Cole B.	07/11/2024
Cormac R.	07/12/2021
Nora T.	07/12/2021
Bennett S.	07/14/2017
Ethan T.	07/20/2016
Ophelia D.	07/21/2019
Loren W.	07/27/2022
Andres R.	07/28/2022



Important Dates:

Thursday, July 2nd–

Fourth of July Parade - 10am in Church Sanctuary
Parents and grandparents' welcome

Friday, July 3rd–

Center Closed for the Fourth of July Holiday
Regular tuition charges apply.

Monday, July 27th - Thursday, July 30th–

Vacation Bible School Presented by Emanuel Church - 5:30-7:30pm
Ages 3 and up are eligible.
Must be potty trained.

Tuesday, August 4th–

Hales Corners Night Out - 5:30-8:00pm
Located at Hales Corners Park
All are welcome to attend.

Friday, August 21st–

Center Closed for Professional Development Day
Regular tuition charges applied.

Love Bugs

Why didn't the sun go to college?

Because it already has a million degrees!

Last month, we made "Daddy's Little Monster" Father's Day gifts, and we hope all the dads enjoyed those keepsakes!

This month, we will paint with red, white, and blue paint and make flip-flops using our footprints.

Our babies are growing by leaps and bounds! Here are some of the highlights:

Daniel is getting up on all fours to crawl, but he can scoot to get wherever he wants to go.

Wynona likes to sit up and laugh. We are encouraging her to roll over.

Brooks has found his voice and likes to join in on the conversation. He is also discovering which teething toys he likes best.

Makai likes to reach for toys and enjoys listening to stories. He likes to stand up and has a strong core.

Delainey is starting to roll from side to side, and we are encouraging her to roll from her back to her tummy.

Sully is eating some of our lunch foods and can pick up food by himself. He rolls around the room to get to his toys.

Callum is our newest friend. Welcome, Callum and family!

We are so proud of all our little ones and can't wait to see what new milestones they reach this month!

Ms. Terri, Ms. Sydney and Ms. Gabi



Beautiful Butterflies

Happy 4th of July!

Summer is sailing right by! Happy Birthday, USA, and happy Independence Day! Happy Birthday, Charlotte!

Charlotte likes bubbles, music time, and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," which is her favorite. She also enjoys painting!

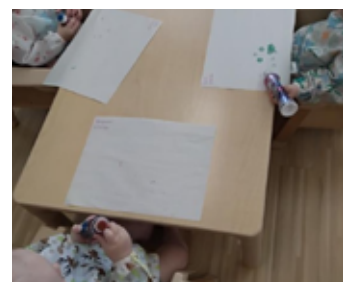
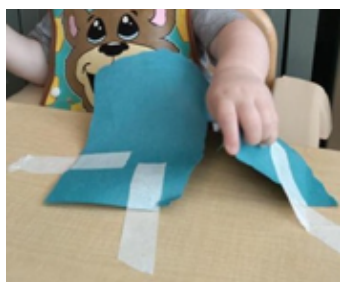
All of the children are becoming very independent as we celebrate our country's independence. Emmett is a big helper and helps put toys away. Benjamin looks at books and says the colors blue and green. Liam sits up and shakes instruments. Vera walks around singing "E-I-E-I-O." Jack rolls balls and pushes cars. Robbie enjoys looking at books and stacking blocks. Dawson likes throwing balls and sharing with friends.

The children are doing new things every day. Thank you for providing extra clothes for your babies, and please remember to send them with shoes as well!

Thank you for sharing your babies with us. They bring us so much joy and make us laugh every day! Their hugs mean everything to us. They are also doing a great job communicating with us using sign language.

Happy 4th of July! God bless America!

Ms. Holli, Ms. Julie, and Ms. Paige



Darling Dragonflies

We had so much fun in June in our toddler room! Spending time outside is always one of our favorite parts of summer. The children loved singing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” during Farm Week and celebrating dads and grandpas during Father’s Day week. Our Father’s Day event turned out wonderfully! It was great to see so many fathers and grandfathers come spend time with their little ones. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us!

We’re starting this month by learning about Independence Day, sports, the ocean, and jungle life. We will be doing fun red, white, and blue art and sensory projects. Our “Play Ball” week is a great opportunity for the children to learn how to play together. We will practice passing a ball to one another while encouraging teamwork and cooperation.

Our little ones are learning how to interact with one another and treat each other with kindness. We are also working on taking turns, communicating using words or sign language, and following one-step directions, such as throwing away their towel after drying their hands or putting toys away.

We’re also welcoming Harper, Alex, and Emmet to our classroom, along with Ms. Jennifer for the summer.

We are so excited to have new friends join our toddler family!

Ms. Jaque, Ms. Gina, & Ms. Jennifer



Busy Bees

Summer started with a bang! Thank you to all the dads who came to our snow cone party. We hope you enjoyed the socks the children made for you!

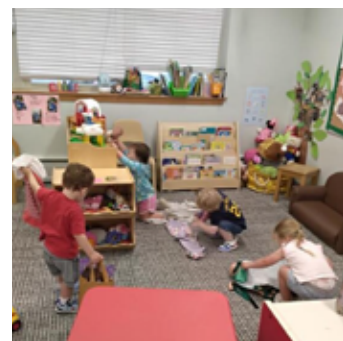
We had so much fun learning about farm animals. The children created barns with popsicle sticks and played with hay in the sensory table. They also had a blast playing with our bubble machine! Everyone loved running through the bubbles and watching them pop. We also bounced in a big bounce house, where all of our friends enjoyed dancing to music and jumping around.

We will be enjoying more Water Days throughout July, so please watch for messages about upcoming dates. We are also excited to have **Granny’s Treats** every Thursday, where the children will get to choose the flavor of ice cream they would like. They love getting to make their own choice!

Our **Fourth of July Parade** will be held on **July 2**, and we will be **closed on July 3**. We also have a slip-and-slide and an awesome gladiator arena coming up, and we are so excited for all the summer fun!

We hope everyone has an amazing summer!

Ms. Emily, Ms. Izzy, Ms. Brooke and Ms. Briana



Sunshine Room

What did the pig say on a hot day?

"I'm bacon!"

Happy Father's Day! It's officially summer!! With the start of a new season, we can't hold our excitement anymore and are ready for longer days in the sun :)

We had our first in-house field trip with Jonah from Emanuel Church. He blessed our bikes for a safe and fun summer. With a new season comes new friends; we want to give a big warm welcome to all of our new friends. We can't wait to see your personalities shine as you learn in our classroom.

As we get to know our new friends, we are focusing on the basics. We are learning the sunshine schedule, songs, and the names of our teachers. The children have been loving group time—it's always a big hit with Ms. Nay-Nay. We have been working on counting skills as well as reading a calendar. As the children become more comfortable in our classroom, we can't wait to see their confidence grow as they learn the correct day and numbers!

Unfortunately, we need to push back our hermit crab adoption day :(We want to focus on helping our new friends adjust to the classroom first. We want everyone to feel confident and comfortable before we bring in a classroom pet. By the end of summer, we are hoping to have two hermit crabs. The names are still a work in progress, and we will be holding a vote in the classroom to decide their forever names. We will announce the winners in the next newsletter :)

Just a friendly reminder to please check your child's cubby to make sure they have appropriate backup clothes as well as a swimsuit for water days. Also, we are running low on extra clothing, so please return any borrowed clothes. If you would like to donate any of your child's outgrown clothing, we would greatly appreciate it.

With the weather getting warmer, please make sure your child has a water bottle, as we will be spending more time outside. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us through the app, during drop-off or pick-up, or by calling between 1–3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

We're looking forward to a wonderful summer of learning, laughter, and fun!

Thank you!

The Sunshine Crew :)

Ms. Nay-Nay & Ms. Alexis



Fantastic Frogs

Welcome, July!

Summer is officially here—our favorite season of the year! The sun has been shining, and the weather has been beautiful. We are thankful for the wonderful weather that allows us to spend time outside. The children have been enjoying eating their snacks outdoors and reading stories in the garden area.

We welcomed new friends to the “Fantastic Frogs” room and said farewell to our old friends as they moved on to the “Shining Stars” room. All the children did a great job with the transition. We also welcomed two new friends to our program, Zoey and Luna. Everyone is adjusting very well and making new friends.

Some of our favorite highlights from the month of June included milking cows! During our “Farm” week, the children squeezed udders (plastic gloves filled with water) into buckets as they pretended to milk cows. They had so much fun with this activity! The children learned about the various animals found on a farm, how to care for them, why they are important to us, and where our food comes from.

Another favorite activity was creating steering wheels during “Transportation” week. After making their steering wheels, the children pretended to drive. Some of the funny things we heard while they were driving included, “I better not speed or else I’ll get a ticket!” “I need to roll the windows down—it’s too hot!” and “Don’t forget to buckle up!”

“Superhero” week was fantastic! The children made their own superhero costumes, including cuffs, capes, masks, and shields. They worked together as a team, pretending to be superheroes rescuing the day.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled July with plenty of learning! Our themes this month include “Play Ball,” “Fun at the Beach,” “Ocean Fun,” and “It’s a Jungle in Here.” We are especially excited because we will be making easy food projects each week.

During “Play Ball” week, we will make delicious Oreo medal desserts. We are certain the children will enjoy wearing them just as much as eating them! Other fun recipes include ice-cold lemonade, ocean Jell-O cups, and jungle popcorn trail mix.

The children will learn about teamwork and good sportsmanship while strengthening their large motor skills through activities like catching and kicking balls. During our ocean and jungle themes, they will learn about the wonderful creatures God made, including where they live, what they eat, and why they are important to our planet.

We can’t wait to share these fun experiences with you! Be sure to keep up with the Procare app, as we will be taking plenty of pictures.

We will also be participating in Water Day activities. Please check the Procare app for upcoming Water Day dates. You are welcome to send your child with a swimsuit, towel, and water shoes ahead of time if you would like.

A special thank you to all the dads who joined us for our Father’s Day celebration. We hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful gifts the children made. They were so excited to give them to their dads!

We hope everyone has a blessed and safe month. Stay cool as the weather continues to heat up!

Ms. Sandra, Ms. Shanda, and Ms. Sarah



Shining Stars

July is here, let's cheer! If you told us you weren't excited, we'd say 'Ju-ly-ing'! We are looking forward to starting our field trips and celebrating the 4th of July, but first let's take a look back at how June treated us.

June started off legen-'dairy' with farm life! We made an awesome word wall full of fun farm terminology, we also learned what a silo is and what its purpose is. After that, we 'rolled' right into transportation week, we sang so many fun songs, and explored lots of new construction vehicles. Then we celebrated the one and only Father's Day by throwing a 'dad-tastic' party with mini golf and snow cones! And to wrap up June, we 'flew' right into superhero week, where we created our own comic strips, and discussed the importance of telling the truth and being kind.

July is the start of many fun field trips, as well as some interesting themes. We are starting off strong with 'America the Beautiful' for 4th of July week. We will be having a parade on Thursday the 2nd at 10AM! After that, we will have 'Play Ball' week where we will play all sorts of fun sports and work on building our large motor skills! Next, we will have 'Fun at the Beach' during beach week, where we will enjoy lots of fun in the sun, and in the water with water play days! Make sure to have your suits and towels ready. Following that, we will have Vacation Bible School theme week, 'Rome Wasn't Built in a Day', with lots of construction and building. And to wrap up July, we will have 'It's a Jungle in Here!' week, where we are excited to explore different jungle animals!

With the warm weather, please make sure your child has a water bottle every day, as well as summer-friendly spare clothing in their cubby. When on field trips, please make sure shoes are appropriate for lots of walking and playing!

Happy July!

Ms. Mariah, Ms. Hannah, and the Shining Stars Squad



Purple Moons

Poof! June disappeared in a blink, but not before we bounced, bubbled, crafted, and celebrated. We had such a wonderful month celebrating our amazing dads during Fantastic Fathers Week. We explored Super Heroes, Life on the Farm, and Transportation, and we made plenty of delicious treats along the way—pancakes, ants on a log, super protein balls, and banana chocolate chip muffins. The sweetest treat of all was sharing a Kona snow cone with our dads during our Mini Golf with Dad celebration.

June was also packed with fun field trips, the bounce castle, the bubble machine, and our always-popular car wash. Our classroom was full of creativity too—we built beautiful boards featuring our farm and transportation themes, and our door became our favorite art display. From a week of Father's Day crafts to our Super Hero door this week, the kids' artwork has been incredible. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, stop by and enjoy the awesome pictures.

If June was this much fun, we can't wait to see what July brings.

Ms. Maria and Ms. Eryn



Slithering Snakes

Hello! And welcome to another glorious month of our summer program! June came and went in a flash, leaving us with not only fond memories, but also a few days of extreme heat. While we certainly hope that weather of that extreme won't be the norm, it may very well wind up happening again. In that event (The event being anytime the real feel is over 90) we will stay inside and adjust our outdoor activities to work inside, or move them to another day. We will do our best to keep everyone apprised of any and all weather changes, and hope for a summer spent outdoors enjoying the weather instead of sheltering from it. Please also try to bring in a water bottle for your child, so they can have quick and easy access to their water. In the case that it's forgotten we will always provide water and a disposable water bottle if any are available.

July looks to be the truest beginning of our summer program, as its advent brings a bevy of water days and bounce houses, as well as the bulk of our field trips. We will be going to the Milwaukee county zoo, Chuck E Cheese, as well as seven bridges. When we take our trip to the zoo please be sure to send a bag lunch as we will be enjoying as much of our day there as possible. In July we will also be exploring topics such as America and its founding, Rome and its involvement in ancient christianity, as well as Pirates and their adventures of the high seas. We hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July, and used that time to enjoy your family, and to also reflect on what being an American means to you and your family. During Pirate week we will be spending one day each week to learn about an infamous pirate, and explore their impact on not only their world but the culture we now have. Our classroom has been showing a very healthy appetite for learning about a variety of things, and we will continue to look for ways to spark an interest in learning about the world. We thank you as always for the opportunity to help your children grow, and blossom and look forward to a July full of activities and Enjoyment!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole, Ms. Susan and Mr. Cody



Themes with Christian Sub Themes

06/29-07/03 America the Beautiful

“God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam—God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.”

07/06-07/10 Play Ball

2 Timothy 2:5: An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
2 Timothy 4:7: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

07/13-07/17 Fun at the Beach (Pirates)

God's love for us is as vast and wide as the ocean.

Psalm 139:17-18 “How precious to me are your thoughts, God, how vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they could outnumber the grains of sand.”

07/20-07/24 Diving into Learning (Ocean)

Psalm 107:29 “He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.”

07/27-07/31 It's a Jungle in Here

Isaiah 40:3-5 “A voice is calling, clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness”

Psalm 96:12 “Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; et all the trees of the forest sing for joy.”

A Pastor's Prayer

Loving Creator, on this Fourth of July, we give thanks for the beauty and bounty of our land, a precious gift from You. Help us to cherish and protect this Earth, our common home.

Grant us the wisdom to be good stewards of Your creation, caring for the air, water, and soil that sustain life. Inspire us to work for justice and peace, ensuring that all may share in the fruits of the Earth.

Bless our efforts to live sustainably and harmoniously with nature, reflecting Your love and glory in all we do.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen



NAC Nook

C4: Employees communicate with me on an ongoing basis about my child's experiences and activities.

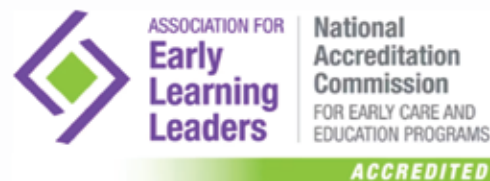
For this month's NAC nook, we will be discussing how teachers communicate about your child's experiences and activities.

The teachers do this in a variety of ways. The first is the ProCare app. If you do not have the ProCare app please speak with the front office as this is the best way to receive communications from your child's teacher and the office about important requests, events, and updates. The teachers will input when your child ate, slept, was changed (if applicable), and will do their best to post at least one picture per day. Please keep in mind we have a classroom full of children so at times a picture may not happen, but for the most part our teachers do an excellent job of posting photos of our fun activities at PEP.

Another way experiences and activities are relayed is through the PEP Newsletter. In the newsletter the teachers describe the activities they did the month prior and what they will be doing the current month. In the infant classrooms they let everyone know what new skills the infants have learned.

A great way to see the activities happening in classrooms is to view the lesson plans each classroom creates. The infants post all lesson plans on their cribs, tots and 2s are in the hallway upstairs, and all the downstairs classrooms' lesson plans are in the hallway leading downstairs. All lesson plans are also posted in the classrooms on the parent boards. Feel free to ask your child's teacher where these are located.

Let us know if you have further questions on how teachers communicate the activities and experiences your children have here at Park's Edge Preschool.



Happy Anniversary!

Happy 13-year anniversary to the amazing Ms. Emily.

Ms. Emily started her career at PEP right out of high school. She started out as a teacher in our sunshine room. After working in the sunshine room for a year she moved to a float teacher position throughout the building. While in college Emily did her practicum training in the Stars classroom and then did a second practicum training in our Busy Bees room and has remained there ever since.

Ms. Emily has an associate's degree in early childhood education and is CPR and AED certified. She is also a floor manager and an integral part of our culture team.

Ms. Emily loves her two-year-olds. She constantly has stories about a cute or hilarious thing one of her children said or did throughout the day. She has a passion for teaching and loves doing fun experiments and crafts that inspire and entertain her group. She also enjoys doing yoga and being active with the kids. She is loved by her little ones so much that they frequently stop by to say hello after they transition to the next room. She is absolutely a PEP celebrity.

In her free time Ms. Emily is an avid biker. She lives for the warmer weather so she can break out her bike and log some miles. She is also a fan of traveling and has quite the impressive vacation list. This year Ms. Emily married her long time partner Garrett in a whirlwind ceremony in Las Vegas. We were all so excited to hear the great news!

We want to thank Ms. Emily for her commitment to PEP and her commitment to her little buzzing bees!



Happy 8-year anniversary to the famous Mr. Cody.

Mr. Cody started his PEP journey as a child in the program. His time here made such an impression on him that at 16 he came to work as a dishwasher in the kitchen. When Cody turned 18, he moved into the role of Assistant Teacher. Over his time here he has worked in the Sunshine room, the Frogs and is now our Bus driver and a leader in our summer program.

Mr. Cody has a CDL with a D/S endorsement, he has his serve safe manager course and is AED and CPR certified. He is also an important member of our culture team.

In the children's opinion Mr. Cody is one of the "coolest" teachers at Park's Edge. The kids think it is so awesome that he gets to drive the bus. Whenever Cody walks around the building it is a sea of "Hi Mr. Cody" from all the children. Mr. Cody loves helping children. If a child is having a rough time or struggling, Cody will sit with them and calmly help them through whatever is going on. His gentle and quiet presence helps put the children at ease. He is always willing to come and help any child or teacher in need. He also loves playing with his school-aged kids. The kids look forward to playing a game of Magic or Pokeman with Cody, they also love a good game of Ghost in the Graveyard or Tag. He brings the fun to whatever room he is in.

On his free time Cody loves spending time with his partner Taylor and their two kids, Mathilda and Cassidy. He is an avid reader and is also a lover of all things outdoors and loves camping and hiking.

We want to thank Mr. Cody for his commitment and dedication to Park's Edge Preschool.

