

# Preschool Parent Newsletter

Back to School Edition- January 2023



## **We are looking forward to having all parents with us for Parent Child day January 19!**

This event will be from 8:30-11AM and will include several parts of your child's daily schedule as well as some "make and take" activities for you to do with your child.

Parents come to buildings with their students this day. There are no busses and no regular school this day. Please find childcare for younger children.

This is a required component of our program. Please be sure to ask off of work and arrange for childcare if needed.

We have limited spots available for a 5-7PM make-up evening session if you are not able to attend the 8:30-11AM session. However, this make-up session would not be with your child's teacher. Your child's

teacher will reach out to you to confirm whether you can attend the morning session or will need a spot in the evening session.



**You are invited to a virtual "Chat with the Principal" Jan 9 and 23.**

Please log on to zoom for a time to talk with members of our Principal team.

Here is the zoom link:

[bit.ly/3li6LKc](https://bit.ly/3li6LKc)

Topics this month:

- Jan 9: Welcome back to school!
- Jan 23: Teaching problem solving at home

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Spanish translation will be provided.

**We are learning to be problem solvers as well as being emotionally and physically healthy!**

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|  <p>Step 1: What is my problem?</p> |  <p>Step 2: Think of a solution.</p> |  <p>Step 3: Would it be...</p> <p>How would everyone feel?</p>  |  <p>Step 4: Give it a try.</p> |  <p>Step 5: Did it work?</p> <p>If yes,  let's celebrate with a Kagan Cheer.</p> <p>If not,  let's try again and repeat steps: 2-4.</p> |

Your children are learning how to maintain a solution-oriented mindset when faced with a problem. They are also learning the importance of practicing healthy habits and what activities keep their body healthy.

We are thrilled to see the growth our students are making when faced with a problem and taking the vital steps needed to find a solution. We have been practicing how to face these challenges with a positive mindset and working together to find a solution.

We encourage you to ask your child how they are working together to be effective problem solvers. Provided above is our anchor chart that each teacher is using to support the children in maintaining a solution-oriented mindset.



**Thank you for making this event a success! We loved having you in the classrooms.**







**Thank you to our Family Liaison team for all their help with December's event!**

## **Reading with your child**

You set a SMART goal to read at least one book everyday at APTT.

We send ARC and library books home in the backpack for you to use. We also encourage you to join the West Chicago library for additional books in your home.

As you read to your child, ask them questions about the pictures and stories and celebrate together all they are learning! Here are some [comprehension questions](#) for you to ask.



## **Preparing for Possible Snow Days**

Please keep Ipads at home.

Ipads will be used for online learning if we have a snow day!

[Here](#) is the link to the PreK remote learning schedule. Your teacher will parent square you a message as well on the morning of the snow day!

We suggest parents limit the time their child is on the ipad after school. Please consider an art bin, books, blocks, or other toys for your child instead.

Students new to our program over the last month will be getting their child's IPad in their backpack before Thanksgiving break.



## **Busses**

Thank you for your patience with bussing.

We know that some routes are long and that some days the busses are running late. We are working on this and will do our best to communicate with you when we know busses will be late.

**If you are able to bring your child to school and pick them up after school each day of the week, please call your building secretary to let them know this.**

- ELC Main Office: (630) 293-6000 x1313
- Winfield Main Office: (630) 909-4954
- Trinity Main Office: (630) 293-7324

**We know many families depend on bussing for school and we will continue to work on this and do our best to communicate with you!**

As a reminder, here is the phone number for Illinois Central School Bus 630-584-1658 EXT 1.

## **Birth to 3 Program in West Chicago**

If you have a child ages 0-2 or know of families with children this age, check out our [Birth to 3 services](#) right here in West Chicago D33!

Call for more information today: 630-473-0778. You can also reach us via email at: [wegobirthto3@wego33.org](mailto:wegobirthto3@wego33.org) or on Facebook: @d33birthtothree



**Check out Healthy West Chicago, West Chicago Park District and West Chicago Library events this winter!**

<https://www.healthywestchicago.org/educational-resources>

<https://www.we-goparks.org/special-events>

<https://wcpd.info/services/youth/early-literacy/>



## **Important Dates!**

**No School on these days coming up!**

Winter Break Dec 22- Jan 4

MLK Day- Jan 16

**APTT Parent Conference Nights- 5-7PM**

- Feb 23, June 1

**Parent Child Days- Parents come to school with their children from 8:30-11**

- Jan 19 and April 27

## **School contact information for attendance**

If your child will be absent, please call Attendance Line to report symptoms AND also call the bus company.

Please make sure that all emergency contacts are always updated.

- ELC Attendance Line: 630-293-6000 ex.1314
- Winfield Attendance Line: 630-909-4956
- Trinity Attendance Line: 630-293-7324 ext 1416
- Illinois Central School Bus 630-584-1658 EXT 1

## **PreK school hours**

ELC ½ day preschool and (extended day until 1:40 pm)

**Preschool Hours:** A.M. 8:40 a.m. - 11:10a.m.

P.M. 12:10 p.m.- 2:40 p.m.



**TRINITY** Full day preschool

**Preschool Hours: 8:40 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.**

**WINFIELD** Full day preschool

**Preschool Hours: 8:40 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.**



## **Parents, come work for us!**

Please consider working for us!

**A Short Term Approval (STA) - Paraprofessional License** is now available for application.

The STA(PARA) is a temporary (3 fiscal year) credential that will allow someone to serve as a paraprofessional **without having to pass the WorkKeys** or ETS Parapro or submitting a transcript showing 60 hours of coursework. The approval is non-renewable.

The requirements are

- Minimum Age - 19 years old
- Application in ELIS (\$50 application fee)
- Proof of High School Graduation - copy of diploma, copy of transcript showing graduation date, GED, etc

Please reach out to Assistant Principal Melissa Favata, [favatam@wego33.org](mailto:favatam@wego33.org) or 630 589 9548 for more information.



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