

PTO NEWS

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Spotlight On...



Karen Swan
 Director of Pre-K
 PTO President 2016-2019

"Before GMA I worked at three Montessori schools, and began three infant/toddler programs. In my last position I was an assistant principal too."

"I truly love the basis of the Montessori philosophy - respect. Respect for one another and respect for the environment. We strive to build a peaceful community within our classroom, and one of the truest ways to do this is to get to know one another. When you know one another, then you can become friends. When you become friends, then you can live peacefully with one another. We see the children for who they are, not for who we think they should be."

"I saw a younger student sad because she couldn't be with her mom. An older student put her hands on the child's face and spoke so softly saying, 'It will be okay. You will see your mom this afternoon.' She invited her to work with her, and dried her tears with a tissue, and off they went. I realized my class is a community. We love and care for one another."

"My goal for next year is to open a second Pre-K classroom! (Psst...it's gonna happen!)"

"I'd like to hike in the Red River Gorge carrying a backpack with all supplies to camp overnight."

"This summer I will run the kitchen at Bible Camp for a week feeding 140 people three meals a day - I have a blast!!!"

"I wish parents knew how much we appreciate all the time they donate, and the support they give. We know that they are tired, they have to work, and usually they just want to be with their kids."

What's Happening?



Reminder: Please bring in any remaining box tops by the end of the year!

Contact Melissa Reynolds (melcor23@gmail.com) with questions.

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Shout-outs!



- Ms. Natalie and all of the volunteers for a fun Spring Carnival. Thanks also to Caitlin Wild-Cohen for the cakes everyone talks about.
- Ms. Meagan and all of the volunteers for making GMA's Got Talent a success. A special thanks to Annie Wilson (Grace and Ava's grandma) who baked most of the concessions.
- Mr. Kevin and his helpers for the stories from Field Day. Thanks also to Anne Tordai, Abby Strong, and Cricket Kregel and other volunteers for cleaning the fields.
- Mr. Nik and Ms. Mary for their enthusiasm during Running Club.
- Ms. Meagan for putting on two great plays during Act It Out!
- The 6th grade teachers who have been taking students out to lunch.
- All of the middle school teachers and students who organized pizza lunches. The kids look forward to it and the parents appreciate the break!
- The middle school teachers who organized fun trips to Washington DC, the Columbus, OH, zoo, and Flat Fork Creek.
- Abby Strong for organizing Staff Appreciation Week.
- Ms. Natalie for her leadership organizing Science Day.
- Ms. Karen and the M&M brigade: We think you are Marvelous and Magnificent too, and truly think chocolate is the way to start the day!

This summer I'm excited about...



Adventures!
--Nicholas, Pre-K



Spending a lot of time in this tree.
--Lilly, 6th



YMCA Summer Camp.
--Jocie, Kindergarten



Playing with friends outside!
--Molly, 3rd (with Bella) and Orion, Kindergarten



Earning \$100 by doing chores, swimming in the lake, and s'mores in the backyard.
--Isaac, Pre-K, and Atticus, 1st

Going to Disney World for my 6th birthday!
--Emersan, Pre-K

Playing in my baseball, basketball, and football leagues, but I'm most excited about my new baby brother being born!
--Harlan, Pre-K



Sleeping in and having fun!
--Coryn, 2nd



Going swimming!
--Violet, 3rd



Taking care of our flowers and veggies. Also playing with friends and family and spending time together.

--Simon, 1st; Hazel 3rd; Gideon 4th; Charlotte Future GMA Student; Ridge, Pre-K; Remy, 4th; Graham 6th



Summer Activities:

- **Summer School:** Classes begin **Monday, July 22nd** and run through **Friday, August 2nd** from **8:00AM - 12:00PM** and will be held at the **NORTH CAMPUS**. Summer school is **FREE** and open to incoming students enrolled in 1st -8th Grade in the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, call the front office at: 317-335-1158.
- **Summer STEM Camps at GMA:** Engineering for Kids provides high-quality camps with a STEM focus. We have half-day or full-day options. See: <https://www.engineeringforkids.com/indianapolis/programs/camps/> for more information.