



# HILLSIDE VIEW

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## Playing to Learn

I recently read an article about the science of play. In the past few decades, more information has been discovered about what children learn when they play, and that this thing they like to do is actually something they need to do. The United Nations even recognizes play as a “fundamental human right.” When a child is safely supervised, yet allowed to play freely, he/she is learning to think creatively and with flexibility. This in turn is building a foundation for adaptation to challenges that may be faced later in life.

**“Free play encourages the development of the two skills that no robot can replace: creativity and teamwork.” ~Siobhan O’Connor**

When children play together with other children or parents, so much is being learned about social interaction and relationships. If a parent can allow a child the time and space to work out a problem on his/her own, that child is benefiting by practicing negotiations and conflict resolution. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Council on School Health in 2013, “safe and well-supervised recess offers cognitive, social, emotional, and physical benefits...” Providing the time and place for children to play and have fun when away from school and screens will benefit them both now and in the future. So when in doubt, let them play.

Erin Andrus  
WHPP Director

O’Connor, Siobhan. “The Science of Play.” Time: Special Edition, The Science of Childhood 2017: 42-47. Print.

## Teachers Appreciate YOU!!

THANK YOU, parents, for the generous treats you have shared with our preschool staff throughout September and October. There’s just something so heart-warming and motivational about receiving a thoughtful surprise big or small, salty or sweet.

What a VERY NICE perk!

Chairperson: Katie Hawkins

# WHPP STAFF APPRECIATION

*September*  
SWEET & SALTY  
STOCK THEIR SNACK DRAWER

*October*  
TEACHERS ARE FA-BOO-LOUS  
HALLOWEEN

*November*  
GRATEFUL FOR OUR TEACHERS  
THANKSGIVING

*December*  
MERRY & BRIGHT  
CHRISTMAS

*January*  
TEACHERS ARE SOUP-ER STARS  
PROVIDE A MEAL

*February*  
TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART  
VALENTINE'S DAY

*March*  
TEACHERS ARE EGG-CELLENT  
EASTER

*April*  
THANKS FOR HELPING US BLOOM  
BRING FLOWERS

*May*  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
MAY 6-10  
MORE DETAILS TO COME

## Family Fun Night

Smiles and laughter were in abundance as families enjoyed time together at Hat Creek Burger Company in Westlake. It was so nice to see everyone spending an evening with good friends, old and new.

A great big THANK YOU to the parent volunteers who helped make Family Fun Night...FUN!! What outstanding families we are blessed to have!!

Event Organizers: Stephanie Kelley & McCall Lewis



**NO HASSLE FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!**

## Mom's Night Out

What a wonderful time we all had at Patrizi's Restaurant at Cuernavaca as we kicked off the No-Hassle Fundraiser. We had delicious appetizers and drinks, but most importantly we had the opportunity to talk and laugh and get to know one another a little better.

## WHPP Parents Put Safety First!

WOW Parents!!! THANK YOU for donating to our No-Hassle Fundraiser throughout the month of October! We surpassed our \$18,000 fundraising goal and raised just under \$20,000. We had record-breaking participation with over 96% of our families donating to the fundraiser. The money raised will go to our safety fund to help pay for safety projects that have a direct impact on our preschool.



# POPSICLE PARTIES

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES GET TO CELEBRATE WITH A POPSICLE PARTY IN NOVEMBER THANKS TO 100% OF THEIR FAMILIES DONATING TO THE FUNDRAISER:

MS. CHARLOTTE'S MWF TODDLERS  
MS. CHARLOTTE'S TTH TODDLERS  
MS. LOUANN'S MWF 2'S  
MS. LOUANN'S TTH 2'S  
MS. KENDALL'S M-F 2'S  
MS. ASHLEY'S M-TH,F 3'S  
MS. KIM'S TWTH 3'S  
MS. CAROLYN'S M-F 4'S

A very special Thank You to our No-Hassle Fundraising Committee

McCall Lewis • Charly Standish • Kristen Mayfield

# THANK YOU

We want to recognize our magnificent Picture Day Volunteers! They really keep things flowing on those days when Mr. Dabbs is busy catching smile after smile (and possibly a tear or 2). It's a busy morning of escorting classes and children back and forth, entertaining little ones who are waiting their turn and helping to ensure clothes are in order and curls are in place.

**THANKS TO:**

**KRISTEN MAYFIELD ~ ANNE MAMGAIN ~ ROSALIE WOOD  
ASHLEY COLLINS ~ CHARLENE GILLIO ~ KATIE HAWKINS**

# Meet Our Team

**MS. CHARLOTTE**  
Toddler Lead Teacher



3 years  
# of years at WHPP

It is a community full of love, sincerity & harmony. I especially love that this school encourages the children's growth in their faith and love of Jesus.

favorite thing about WHPP

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness & self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

favorite quote

Run on town lake!

favorite thing to do in Austin

Optimistic  
word that best describes me

**MS. LUBNA**  
OFFICE STAFF: FINANCE



5 years  
# of years at WHPP

Sweet kids and staff

favorite thing about WHPP

It's not the years in your life that counts. It's the life in your years. - Abraham Lincoln


favorite quote

Hiking

favorite thing to do in Austin

Dependable  
word that best describes me

**MS. PAIGE**  
4's M-F Assistant Teacher



In my 7th year at WHPP.  
# of years at WHPP

The warm and nurturing environment. WHPP's committed teachers who provide safe, fun and effective learning.

favorite thing about WHPP

"God rarely moves the mountains in front of us but He always helps us climb them."  
-Sheri Dew

favorite quote

Walking or biking around Lady Bird Lake.

favorite thing to do in Austin

Conscientious  
word that best describes me

**MS. MELISSA**  
4's MW Assistant Teacher



2 years  
# of years at WHPP

The engaging staff and the delightful children

favorite thing about WHPP

Feel the Fear and Do It Anyways

favorite quote

Hiking

favorite thing to do in Austin

Enthusiastic  
word that best describes me

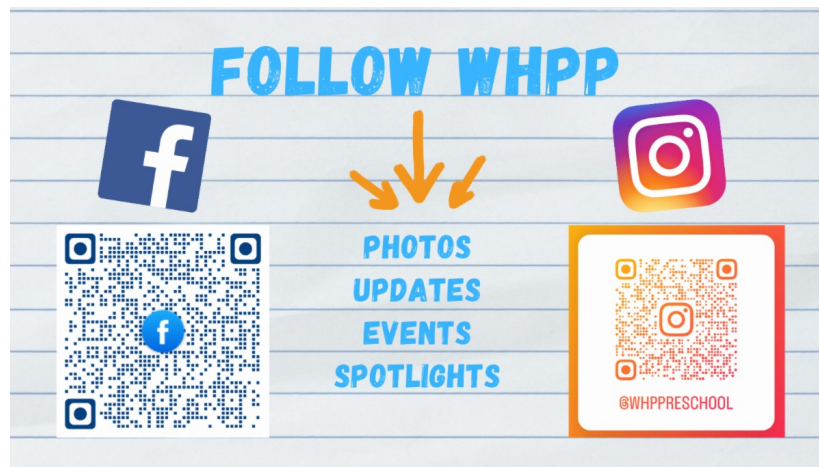
## Upcoming Events



**Consumer Safety Product Recalls**

The latest Consumer Safety Product Division recall notices are available at [www.epsc.gov](http://www.epsc.gov)

You can sign up to have notices sent to your email. Take a moment and check to see if you have anything in your house that might be harmful for children.



Thanks to Ashley Pampe for maintaining our preschool communications through our website, The Hillside View Newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram

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