

Winders Wee Care News – May 2011

Earth laughs in flowers. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Celebrating Parents and their children in May and June. Our décor is currently human and animal mothers and babies. In June this will become fathers and babies. Proper animal names are listed to help the children learn.

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SECTION 1 SUMMER PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-AGERS

Winders Wee Care is now offering a summer afternoon program for those in first grade and above. The enrollment fee is \$10 and covers the purchase of appropriate grade level tutoring material. The daily fee is \$15 for the first child with a 10% discount for the first sibling and 15% discount for the second sibling and beyond. This program requires no contract and is available June-August only. Space is, of course, limited and the session lasts from noon to 6 pm Monday through Friday.

Each day the school-age children will complete summer course work in order to retain information from the previous year in school and build their skills to prepare for the coming year. They will also be provided with 2 meals, 1 snack, additional programming, and plenty of fun with appropriate school-age friends. Some of the programs, such as gymnastics, will be subject to an additional fee.

If you would like more information, simply email me at anna@windersweecare.com and you will be replied to within 24 hours.

SECTION 2 THE TURTLE LADY IS COMING!

The Turtle Lady will be coming to Winders Wee Care on Thursday, May 26, in the morning. This is perfect timing as the visit coincides with our very own Turtle Week and National Turtle Appreciation Day.

A visit involves over 30 creatures...including, but not limited to 25 turtles, (small, medium and large), 4 bearded dragons, 2 or 3 snakes, (small) and a couple of surprise amphibians! During the visit, a large tarp is spread on the floor. The visitors (students or guests) sit around the tarp. As the guests anticipate the start of the program, many turtles are already entertaining you from their boxes!

Programs are 45~60 minutes long. This includes about 20-30 minutes of me teaching. The rest of the time is for touching the creatures. The animals are placed in multicolored touching tubbies for the guests to touch and feel.

For more information about the Turtle Lady, please go to <http://turtleladynancy.com/>

SECTION 3 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY IS THIS WEEK!

Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools

On National Teacher Day, thousands of communities take time to honor their local educators and acknowledge the crucial role teachers play in making sure every student receives a quality education.

The next National Teacher Day will be celebrated on **May 3, 2011**.

If you have children in school, please remember their teachers and remember that National Teacher Appreciation Week is ALL WEEK LONG!!!! I let our boys pick out a gift for their teachers and make a certificate for them and then I am sure to send in baked goodies for all the teachers. Parents today get so busy with t

SECTION 4 INTRODUCING PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

You work hard and parents deserve a night out! Beginning this month, Winders Wee Care will offer a Parents' Night Out on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Parents' Night Out will last from 6 pm – 10 pm and the fee will be \$10 per child with a 10% discount for the first sibling and a 15% discount for the second siblings and beyond. It is most important to realize this time period **does not include a meal**. There is an evening snack, but no meal. Space, as always, is limited and is open to children of all ages. No contract is required, but emergency authorization forms are required for all children remaining in care.

Parents' Night Our dates for May are Friday, May 13, and Friday, May 27. Children will be accepted until ratio maximum is met.

SECTION 5 LAKESHORE LEARNING & FREE CRAFT SATURDAYS

Lakeshore Learning is in Columbus at 2148 Polaris Parkway! They have free crafts every Saturday from 11 am – 3 pm. Their calendar is [here](#) or you may read the schedule below.

May 7 → Mother's Day Purse

May 14 → It's a Jungle! Collage

May 21 → Let's Dance! Streamer

May 28 → Look at Me! Mirror

SECTION 6 OUR FAVORITE COLUMBUS PARKS

Below is a list of some of our favorite parks in the Columbus area. It is the time of year when we can visit the parks so we want to share some of those we find best suited for families in the area.

Park Name	Park Address	Why a Favorite?
Alum Park	221 W Main St Westerville, OH 43081	Great location Spillway with geese Clean park with a choo choo
Homestead Park	4675 Cosgray Road Hilliard, OH 43026-7671	Away from main road Water park feature Plenty of playground to play on
Schiller Park	1069 Jaeger St, Columbus 43206	No Leash dog area Fishing pond Community Herb Garden Water Fountain Short walk to ice cream Shakespeare in the Park
Rhodes Park	1818 W. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43223	TONS of land Completely Handicap Accessible Playground
Highbanks	9466 Columbus Pike Lewis Center, OH 43035-9414	Awesome place to hike, bike, play and teach children about the earth around them

SECTION 7 MAKING YOUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE

It is not difficult to make your world a better place. It can be simple as baking some cookies! Winders Wee Care is going to let the children pick one cookie each month and they will help bake and bag these cookies for the Ronald McDonald House. Anyone can do this. They ask when you do this donate about 80 Ziploc bags with 2-3 cookies a piece per bag. Take the

recipe with you and drop them off. The cookies are then frozen and taken out as needed for families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their child is ill.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8. Looking for printables? Go [here](#).

Winders Wee Care has 1 full-time and 1 part-time opening. If you refer a parent who signs a child up full-time, you will receive 50% off your next week's payment and if they sign up part-time you receive 25% off!

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook for daily updates!

Since we have a family leaving soon, watch your email for the new username and password on the Winders Wee Care parent photo gallery!