



## WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR AT TCW!

August 2018

*Dear Parents,*

*On behalf of the entire TCW Staff, I am excited to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! I'm excited to be starting my fourth year as director and understand the decision about where to educate your child for his/her first school experience is a very important one. We feel honored that you've chosen The Children's Way and privileged to share this precious year of growth and discovery with you and your child(ren). TCW is a joyful, thriving community of children, parents, extended family members, caregivers, teachers and staff, where our daily interactions reflect mutual respect and caring. We strive to meet each child, the whole child, right where they are and help them grow to the next level in all areas of development. This happens in a very personalized, developmental, and innovative and holistic way, supported by a collaborative team approach. You are an integral part of this team and we are committed to fostering trust as we learn and work together. Our staff of exceptional professionals is ready to meet you and your child as we begin this formative journey. "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom", so here's to a year full of wonder, learning, connection, and collaboration.*

*Welcome to the TCW family... WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!*

*Respectfully, Katy*

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

#### STAFF UPDATE:

I am very excited to be welcoming some new staff members to TCW! Susan Huang will be a teacher in the Giraffe room. Susan earned her Master's Degree in child development from Tufts and comes to us with eleven years of teaching experience. Dominique DiSilva, who will be a teacher in the turtle class, holds a Master's degree in early childhood education from Wheelock college, and brings with her three years of experience working with preschoolers. Brianna Hopkins will be joining the Panda team as a yearlong teaching sub, as Tracey Cuzzupe will be taking an extended medical leave. Tracey plans to be in to do subbing as soon as possible. Brianna recently earned her Master's Degree in Education from Boston College and has been an intern and a sub @ TCW, as well as a group leader at the Pegasus Summer Program for the past four years. Additionally we have hired Dana Sullivan RN., MSN, who is a pediatric nurse practitioner. she will have the dual role of providing medical support for a student in the giraffe room as well as being a teaching assistant for the Giraffe class. Finally, Audrey Nelson will be joining the bunny team as a teaching assistant. She comes to us with several years of experience teaching preschool and working with children in early intervention. I know you will join me in welcoming all our new staff members and i look forward to the new energy, knowledge, and fresh insights they will bring to a TCW staff that is committed to continual reflection and learning.

#### CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS:

Your child's class list is attached. Please note that the names of your child's teachers are at the top of the page. Within the next week, you'll receive a note from the teachers welcoming you and your child to the classroom.

**WATCH FOR A WELCOME LETTER & NEWS FROM THE PARENT ORGANIZATION (TPO)!**

**KEEP UP TO DATE WITH TCW NEWS - CHECK THE [TCW WEBSITE ONLINE](#):** Kathy Defina, our "web master/editor extraordinaire", routinely updates the calendar and TCW announcements. Click on this link [TCW Announcements](#) to get all the news and program information you will need. The WPS website is a great source for district -wide information.

**NEXT TUITION PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 1:** REMINDER: *The invoice we sent in **MAY**, or your **most recently amended invoice** is the **ONLY invoice** you will receive - you will **NOT be billed** for each payment.*  
**TUITION CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO "WSCP" WITH "TCW" WRITTEN IN MEMO LINE** THANKS!



**REMINDER: THE CHILDREN'S WAY IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**

Multi-tasking has become so second nature to us that it is easy to lose sight of the extent to which cell phones have invaded our personal and family time.

*WE THANK YOU AND YOUR CHILD WILL THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING THIS POLICY!*

*TURNING OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WILL ENABLE YOU TO:*

- be fully present with your child during the crucial transition times of drop-off and pick-up.
- focus your attention on your child's needs during these key transition times and thus, help your child's daily routines go more smoothly.
- have more opportunities to connect informally with your child's teachers and build ongoing communication

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - SCHEDULE FOR THE START OF SCHOOL**

*\*Note; if you have two children attending TCW you are welcome to visit both classrooms during the same time frame.*

**TUESDAY 9/4: Informal Classroom Visit Day**

Half the class visits for 45 min., according to first letter of last name:

**A-K 9:30-10:15**

*\*Note: A-K : Parents of Dolphin children can come meet the Dolphin teachers from 10:15 - 10:25 in the Armadillo room.*

**L-Z 11:00-11:45**

*\*Note: L-Z : Parents of Dolphin Children can come meet the Dolphin teachers in the Armadillo room from 11:45-11:55*

**WEDNESDAY 9/5:**

**First Day - Regular Schedule**

**FRIDAY 8/31 & MONDAY 9/3:**

**No School**

**WEDNESDAY 9/26:**

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, 7:00-8:30pm**

**WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO HAVE AT SCHOOL**

**CUBBIE SUPPLIES**

I hope that this information proves helpful. Kathy Defina and I are in the office daily, so please don't hesitate to call, email or drop by if you have any questions. See you in September!

*Respectfully,*

*Katy C. Merrell MEd. Director*