

# WPS & P News

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## Open House

You are invited to an open house on Tuesday, August 11, to meet your child's teacher.

Please remember to take towels and sheets home on Fridays for laundering and *bring them back* on Monday. On water play days, you need to take the wet things home as well.

## Special points of interest:

- *Free Movies @ the Rave Theater in Montgomery every Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10am. The family films are rated G or PG.*
- *We are really proud of Ms. Cindy who is working toward her CDA. She is taking two classes this summer.*
- *Please don't run over the hose when it is across the drive way. You can park in front or go around behind Periscope to pull in. We will use the hose usually between 9 & 12:00 pm.*
- *We will be closed on Friday, July 3.*

## Refunded!

We were so excited to receive our refunding letter from the Office of School Readiness for the *First Class*. We have been refunded for another four years depending on the economy. This year, we were in proration and did not receive the full amount causing us to cut back on equipment and supplies. Even with that, we were in the excellent range on the environmental scales.

Please keep in mind Governor Riley has been pro Pre-K. The next administration may not have the same priorities. You need to promote Pre-K every opportunity

## Retirement

Ms. Gwen retired this year after 35 years of teaching, and the last 9 with us. She taught around 175 children at WPS. She plans to work in her garden and fix up her house. She may get a part time job if she gets bored.

We were also saddened that Ms. Jamie tendered her resignation. She wanted to spend more at home time with Gus and Dalton for a while.

nity you get with the lawmakers and in your local community. Studies show children who attend a quality Pre-K program are better prepared for higher learning, need less special education, have lower drop out rates and less juvenile crime.

## New First Class Teacher

We are so pleased to have Ms. Leslie Shoemake join us as the lead teacher for the *First Class*. She retired last year after 25 years of teaching kindergarten at WES. And she was the most requested kindergarten teacher there! She had been working as a curriculum consultant this past year, but really wanted to get back to the children.



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## NAPSACC

Many of you noticed the new equipment on the playgrounds and classrooms as part of the NAPSACC mini grant. We are in the process of completing an emergency planning guide, getting trained on asthma management, incorporating more teacher directed physical activity into the curriculum and working with the nutritionist to improve our menus.

## N.A.E.Y.C.

We are working toward reaccreditation with N.A.E.Y.C. We ordered the self study materials and made application. The next step is a candidacy application. The site visit will be between October 1, 2009 and March 1, 2010. There are a lot of costly emerging criteria we must have including a playground inspector, a health consultant who comes 4 times a year, a nutritionist consultant and all teachers with a least a Child Development Associate Credential. As such, you will see at least 3 staff changes to replace those not pursuing the CDA and for Ms. Haley's maternity leave in August.