

Wee Wharton Wildcat Preschool

2024 - 2025



Preschool Dates*

First Day of Preschool: September 17, 2024

Last Day of Preschool: May 9, 2025

Preschool Graduation: May 9, 2025

Preschool Classes

Tuesday– Friday

* Advanced notice will be provided if there will be any changes.

Hours

Drop Off: 8:40

Pick Up: 12:10 p.m.

*Dates may change during the year due to testing, other school activities, or other circumstances that require the Early Childhood Education students to attend. We will provide notice to you ahead of time!

Location

20150 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33647

Contact the school or email me for more information

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Principal

Mrs. Taryn Anello

Early Childhood Education

Mrs. Crystal Droor

Early Childhood Education Mission Statement Our Preschool is a developmental lab preschool program designed for children ages 3-5. Our goal is to provide opportunities for children to develop physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially in a child-centered, developmentally appropriate environment. We want our students to have a positive first experience with school and therefore be ready and excited to move on to kindergarten. We will provide support and encouragement to families as we work toward these goals together. Our preschool provides the foundation needed for every child to realize their individual potential. We invite your child into a world of learning: a place filled with books and blocks, where they can discover with creative minds, and where smiles, hugs, and laughter are abundant. Exploring, investigating, and discovering are the key elements of our curriculum. We focus on developmentally appropriate practices designed to meet the emotional, social, physical, and intellectual needs of the young child.

The Early Childhood Education Program Our preschool enables high school students to prepare themselves as responsible childcare aides and future teachers. The students will be working towards completion of the Child Development Associate, a national credential for early care and education teachers who work directly with children from birth to age five. The students serve as “student teachers” preparing themselves daily to promote learning through observations and developmentally appropriate activities designed to meet the needs of our preschool children.

Requirements for Admission Children in the preschool program must be **completely toilet trained** upon entering the preschool. They must also be three years old by September 1st of the year they plan to enter. They must have an up-to-date immunization record and proof of a recent well child check-up. Priority entrance is given to employees of Hillsborough County Public Schools. High school students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program may not enroll their own children in the preschool.

Staff Our program is staffed by high school students who are in training to become licensed childcare providers. The students are supervised by their instructor who is certified in Early Childhood Education. Our program comes under the umbrella of the Family and Consumer Sciences department and the Career and Technical Education division of the Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wee Wharton Wildcats Preschool Registration (2023-2024)

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Mother's Name _____ Home # _____ Cell # _____

Occupation _____ Work # _____

Email: _____

Father's Name _____ Home # _____ Cell # _____

Occupation _____ Work # _____

Email: _____

Children in Family

Name _____ Age _____ School: _____

Name _____ Age _____ School: _____

Name _____ Age _____ School: _____

Name _____ Age _____ School: _____

Name _____ Age _____ School: _____

Emergency Contacts

1. Name _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Phone Numbers: _____

2. Name _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Phone Numbers: _____

Required for Registration (Office Use Only)

Date Submitted: _____

\$50 (September's tuition) Proof of a recent well-child check-up Insurance form (attached)

Up-to-date immunization record Registration form completed (this page)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Picture Permission

Throughout the school year, we take photographs and record video to capture exciting activities of your child. I will use these pictures and videos for class projects and to post in the classroom. I would also like the Wee Wharton Wildcat students to be included in the high school yearbook. I would like your permission to photograph/video your child.

Initial ____ I **GIVE** Permission for Wee Wildcats Program to photograph and video tape my child and use the pictures and/or video segments within the classroom setting.

Wharton High School maintains a school website and social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, etc...). If a school-wide activity is being held and your child is photographed, I would also like your permission to use your child's picture.

Initial ____ I **GIVE** or **DO NOT** give (circle one) Permission for Wee Wildcats Program and Wharton High School to potentially use my child's photo on their web site or other social media accounts for Wharton High School.

Authorization for Pick-Up (in addition to those listed in case of emergency)

Please list below the people and their relationship to your child who are authorized to pick up the above stated child from the Wee Wildcats Preschool. Identification must be provided before the child is released.

1. Name: _____ Relation: _____ # _____

2. Name: _____ Relation: _____ # _____

3. Name: _____ Relation: _____ # _____

Notification of Allergies / Food Restriction / Physical Restriction

Does your child have food/drink allergies? If so, please list: _____

Does your child have any food/drink restrictions (non-allergy related)? If so, please list: _____

Does your child have any other medical alert information or physical restrictions? If so, please describe here: _____

Holiday Activities Permission

Some of the themes we will incorporate into our Wee Wildcats Program are different holidays celebrated around the world. I would like your permission for your child to participate in the following holiday activities: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.

Initial ____ I **GIVE** or **DO NOT** give (circle one) Permission for my child to participate in the above list of holidays. You may cross out any holiday activities you do not wish your child to participate in.

Health Policy

I understand the health policy stated in the packet and will keep my child home if he or she is sick, has a fever of 100 or more, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other conditions in the past 24 hours. Also, I understand medication is not administered at Wee Wildcats Preschool.

Initial ____ I am fully aware of the health policy and will abide by the stipulations.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wee Wharton Wildcats Parent Questionnaire

Child's Full Name: _____

Does your child have another name they preferred to be called? _____

Child's Birthday: _____

1. Has your child been in daycare before? ____ Yes or ____ No If yes, where? _____

2. What toys, games, and stories does your child prefer? _____

3. What toys, games and stories does your child dislike? _____

4. What activities does your family enjoy doing together? _____

5. What is your child's favorite... Song: _____ Story: _____

Toy: _____ Game: _____ Place to go: _____

6. What are your child's favorite foods? _____

7. Does your child dress himself or herself completely independently? _____

8. Does your child need any assistance with toileting? _____

9. How does your child indicate when he/she needs to use the restroom? _____

10. Does your child take any medications on a regular basis? ____ Yes or ____ No If yes, please list:

11. What do you hope to gain from this preschool experience? _____

12. Is there anything else we should know about your child? _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

The following forms are required to enroll your child in the Wee Wharton Wildcat Preschool. If there are any questions, please contact the Early Childhood Education / Preschool Director, Crystal Droor via email at crystal.droor@hcps.net

- ___ Completed Wee Wharton Wildcat Registration Form
- ___ Physical Form (DH3040 Gold) – provided by pediatrician
- ___ Immunization Form (DH 690 Blue) – provided by pediatrician
- ___ Copy of Birth Certificate or Social Security Card
- ___ Student Accident Insurance Protection Program Form
- ___ First payment of \$50

Fees and Payment Schedule

The cost of the program is \$50 per month. Payments are due by the 5th of each month. A onetime insurance fee of \$3.75 will be paid with the initial payment. If your child is out for any length of time, tuition is still due. We will use an online system for payment called My Payments Plus. Please see the directions at the end of this document to register. Cash, check, or money order are also accepted.

Sign In/Sign Out Policy

It is required for each child be signed in/out on a daily basis. Please help us by signing your child in when they arrive in the morning and signing your child out in the afternoon as your child leaves. Remember, only persons known by the staff who have had photo ID checked and are on your pick-up list may pick up your child.

Absences

Regular attendance helps to allow monitoring of your child's progress. A child may be withdrawn from the program if excessive absences occur. If you know that your child will be absent ahead of time, please let us know!

Calendar and Hours of Operation

The preschool begins in September and ends in the middle of May due to district testing. We observe all holidays and altered schedules of the Hillsborough County Public School Calendar. Since we are operating on a school campus, we are not able to accommodate early arrivals or late pick-ups. It is imperative that you observe this time schedule. Parents who do not adhere to this requirement may have their child withdrawn from the program.

Dress Code

Children's clothing should be:

- ✓ Comfortable and appropriate for the weather and indoor/outdoor play.
- ✓ Easy for the child to manage.
- ✓ Shoes should be safe. For your child's safety, we do not allow cowboy boots, flip flops, or any type of sandal. Shoes should have a flat sole for running and a tie/strap to secure the shoe to foot. Sneakers.
- ✓ Please supply a labeled change of clothes in a Ziploc bag in case of accidents.

Personal Belongings

Please make sure every piece of your child's belongings (including jackets) are **clearly labeled with child's name** on inside tag. **All toys should be left at home!** 😊

District and DCF "No School" Dates:

October 11 th – DCF Testing	February 14 th - (Non-Student Day)
November 15 th – DCF Testing	February 21 st – DCF Testing
November 25 – 29 (Fall Break)	March 18 – 21st (Spring Break)
December 10 th – January 3 rd (Exams/ Winter Break)	March 29th (Non-Student Day)
	April 3 rd – Schoolwide testing
	April 18 th – non-student day
	April 23 rd – DCF Testing

***There will be additional NO SCHOOL dates due to student testing (SAT, DCF, etc...) and for school-wide events**

Health Policy

Our preschool takes every precaution to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for your child. Because we are responsible for the health and safety of all the children, we ask that you keep your child home when he or she is sick. Please call or email and let us know that you will be keeping your child home, since we are concerned about each one of our children. Please do not send your child with a fever (100 or more), rash, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other contagious conditions or if your child has had such in the past 24 hours. Any child with an illness who has been seen by a doctor is required to bring a note from the doctor saying they are not contagious.

****Please notify the school immediately if your child is diagnosed as contagious so we are able to notify other parents to be alert for signs of illness. If your child should become ill at school, we will notify you first and if you are unreachable, then we will notify the next authorized person on your emergency form to arrange for the child's immediate pick up.**

- If your child is sent home due to fever, they must be fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of medication and may return the following day.
- If your child is sent home due to diarrhea, they must be out for 24 hours and may return the following day without any symptoms.

If your child is taking any medication, we ask that the medication be given before or after school hours. We do appreciate you letting us know if your child is on any medication that may have an effect on his or her behavior.

COVID: We follow the school district's protocol if a student has tested positive for COVID. We do enforce a strict policy for any Wee Wildcat who has a runny nose/cough to please stay home.

Discipline Policy

We are a developmental lab preschool program dedicated to the children and families we serve. Our activities are developmentally appropriate for the ages and stages of our children. We pledge to provide a safe and consistent environment for the children in our care. We establish reasonable boundaries and clearly stated guidelines for each child's behavior and our goal is for each child to feel safe/secure and enjoy their time at Wee Wildcats. We will always use redirection to help a child get back on task. A "cool down" will be used if a child needs more time to get back on task and they will always be warned before their cool down. If a child is having constant behavior challenges, disenrollment **MAY** happen. We will always keep our communication open. Our goal is to have happy and healthy children who are learning to be independent and self-disciplined.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment Information

My Payments Plus (Tuition Payment)

1. www.MyPaymentsPlus.com – click on REGISTER NOW
2. Select State and School District (Florida and Hillsborough County)
3. Enter name, e-mail, and create password
4. Click on REGISTER
5. Select “I’m a Guest interested in district activities and/or I want to support the district”
6. Select “NEXT”
7. Select “SKIP FOR NOW”
8. Click on EVENTS & ACTIVITIES at the top
9. Search for “**Wharton HS Wee Wildcat Preschool**”
10. Select ADD TO CART and click CHECKOUT at the top

***Note: You should register soon on Payments Plus
Cash, check, or money order are also accepted forms of payment.**