

# April

## Macfeat Family Newsletter

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### Director's Message

Hello Families,

I CANNOT believe the end of the year is already rapidly approaching. It has been a remarkable joy to work alongside your family and watch your children grow and flourish this academic year.

As my first year in this position I too have learned so much, and I am incredibly grateful for the family support throughout the course of the year.

If you are coming back to Macfeat next year or moving to an elementary school, please note that Macfeat has roots within your family growth and we will always be connected. ☺

Thank you all for a wonderful year!

- Melanie Sanders

### Upcoming Events

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>- WUcycle

Fri. April 28<sup>th</sup>- Pop Can Tab Collection  
Deadline Date to Submit Tabs

Fri. April 28<sup>th</sup>- Toiletry Kit Donations  
Deadline

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>- Patchwork  
Festival

Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm- Meet at  
Miracle Park

Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm- WU Baseball  
home game

Fri. May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am- Last Day Activities  
(11am)/ Picnic on the Green (12pm)

**No afterschool care- All children must  
be picked up by 3:30pm**

### "Moving Up" Information Session

On May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm, Mrs. Porter and I will be leading a special moving up information session in her classroom for families who have children in preschool classes that will be moving up to the multi-age program. Save the date and more information is to come!



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### Miracle Park Meet Up

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm. Macfeat families have the option to gather at Miracle Park and connect while your children play with their classmates. We hope you can join!



### WUcycle

WUCycle happens Friday, April 21 in the Student Activity Center (Withers Gym). You can participate in this initiative by donating items and maybe even finding new treasures! Item drop off on Friday starts at 8:00 a.m. and you are welcome to browse for things to you would like starting at noon. All items left at 4:30 p.m. will be packed up and donated to Goodwill.

### Last Day of School Activities and Picnic on the Green

Save the date on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-1pm for our last day of school activities. We will participate in class activities at 11am and then transition to a picnic on the Winthrop green from 12-1pm. Families will bring a blanket and picnic lunch for their families. Please be advised that all children must be picked up by 3:30pm this day as there is no Afterschool care. We look forward to celebrating our growth this year with your family!







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Don't worry  happy.

### WU Baseball Game Macfeat Meet-Up

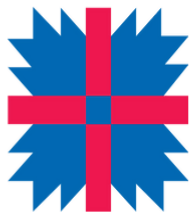
Macfeat families are having an "unofficial" meet up at the *Saturday, May 13th WU Baseball Game at The Winthrop Ballpark*. In accordance with this collaboration, Macfeat families have the opportunity to purchase tickets at a discount price of \$2 each at the ticket box (gates open 1-hour prior to the start of the game).

To reserve your discount tickets at the ticket box, please sign up by providing your child's name and amount of requested tickets (ex. Melanie Sanders- 5).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845AFA92AA3FF2-wubaseball>

More information to come about this exciting collaboration. We hope to see you there!





# Patchwork Tales

*Storytelling Festival*



**Timeless Tales, Music & More! • April 24–29, 2023**

The 22nd Annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival will once again bring stories to life! Experience the magic of storytelling through one-of-a-kind performances from national and local performers. Enjoy an exciting series of pre-festival events all week long, then join us on April 29 at the Comporium Amphitheater as our community comes together for this time-honored tradition! For more information, performers, and a full schedule of events, visit [www.patchworktales.org](http://www.patchworktales.org).

Families, I cannot speak enough positive things about this festival and HIGHLY recommend it. My family will be in attendance and we hope to see you there!

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*\*Bring a blanket or chair to the Anne Springs Close Greenway on April 29, and plan for a full day of stories, music, and more! Admission and parking are free! Stop by the "Fun Zone" for a variety of activities for children and teens, and grab a bite to eat from one of our participating food trucks. Please note that alcoholic beverages are prohibited.*

*For More information and to see the schedule of event please visit the [link](#).*







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### Professional Clothes Closet

Did you know Winthrop COE has a Professional Clothes Closet for College students entering the professional world to select articles of clothing to wear in their internship placements at no cost. As you are spring cleaning, I encourage you to donate your clothing articles that are professional and in good condition (stain and tear free).



If you are interested in donating to the Professional Clothes Closet, please contact [wucoeclothescloset@gmail.com](mailto:wucoeclothescloset@gmail.com) to schedule a donation drop off. Thank you for considering contributing to this wonderful initiative!



### Macfeat Food Pantry

As you know, food is VERY expensive, and our college students are experiencing the heavy impact of these increased food costs at a substantial level. In response, we have created a Food Pantry at Macfeat for our Student Workers to utilize.



This initiative will continue for the remainder of the school year and we invite you to donate food pantry items, toiletry items, and snack items **through May 12<sup>th</sup>**. During the final week of school we will send home all of the food items with the student workers before the break.

There will be a sign and plastic bin for you to drop off items next to the kitchen where the pop tops collection jar is and another bin will be placed in Mrs. Porter's room. Thank you for your support!



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### Pop Tabs Collection

For our service learning project this year we have chosen to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House of the greater Charlotte area. Ronald McDonald houses provide temporary housing for families outside of Mecklenburg County whose children are undergoing treatment at local medical facilities.

To raise funds, we will **continue to collect pop can tabs** up **until Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. A collection jar is located along the wall next to the kitchen, in the pre-school hallway, and there is also one in Mrs. Porter's classroom.



### Toiletry Kits

To further our service to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, we will be making **Toiletry Bags** for the Family Room and House. These bags are placed in each bathroom for families who quickly rush to the hospital and are not prepared for an overnight stay.

The bags must each contain:

- *a small toothbrush*
- *toothpaste*
- *dental floss*
- *shampoo*
- *conditioner*
- *body gel*
- *deodorant*



Our goal is for each child to make one bag for a family. Students will decorate the bags and assemble them in class. We are encouraging families to contribute to this initiative *if able* by donating the required travel sized items listed.

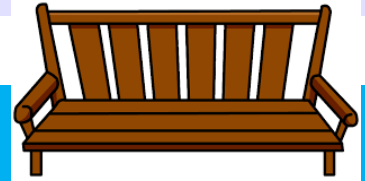
I will update you on the collection of materials as we get closer to the date to let you know if we have an excess or need for a specific item. **Donations will be collected through April 28<sup>th</sup>** and can be given to your teacher or to the office. Beyond this collection date, any additional materials required to complete this initiative will be covered by the school.



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### Bags for Benches



**Exciting news:** Macfeat will join in on the universities' Staff Conference initiative with the Office of Sustainability called "Bags for Benches" where our community recycles plastic items with the goal of recycling enough to have a bench built. Over the course of six months, if we collect 500 lbs. of plastic film (retail bags, plastic wrap, packing plastics, soft food bags, etc.), the University receives a free bench from Trexx, a plastic lumber company that uses plastic film in its manufacturing process.

**Family Support:** To support this initiative, please turn in the permitted recyclable plastic items as shown on the next page and place them in the basket in between the preschool rooms under the Community Connections board and in Mrs. Porter's room.



Image shows second bench located at the Dacus Library for an example of what these recycled items can become!

# Items that can be Recycled for "Bags for Benches"



GROCERY BAGS



BREAD BAGS



RETAIL BAGS



CASE OVERWRAP



DRY CLEANING BAGS



PRODUCE BAGS



AIR PILLOWS



PLASTIC SHIPPING  
ENVELOPES



BUBBLE WRAP



PRODUCT WRAP

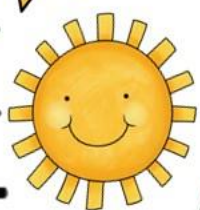


RESEALABLE FOOD  
STORAGE BAGS



NEWSPAPER SLEEVES





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### Parent Training Sessions

ParentSMART offers training sessions for families at the Sylvia Circle Family Learning Center in Rock Hill, SC. The schedule for the remainder of the year is attached in addition to a link to access the main website for additional information and to register.  
<https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/domain/1141>



ParentSMART  
2022-2023  
PACT  
2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Schedule



DATE	DOMAIN	TITLE	TIME
January 19	Gross Motor Development	 Winter Yoga	9:15 AM
February 16	Cognitive Development	 Dental Health	9:15 AM
March 23	Fine Motor Development	 Dr. Seuss	9:15 AM
April 20	Gross Motor Development	 Spring Yoga	9:15 AM
May 4	Social Emotional Development	 Summer Fun Sports	9:15 AM

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WU Summer  
Camp  
Opportunities

## Literacy Camp



## Lego Camp



On a  
Waitlist

## Scratch Coding Camp



## Python Coding Camp







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### Summer Camp Opportunities

#### York Preparatory Academy Summer Camp

The YPA sports summer camp registration is now open through June 1<sup>st</sup> and spots are available for rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

See link for additional information.

<https://www.yorkprepsc.org/page/summer-camp-2023/>



#### Summer Camp Digital Brochure

Looking for great summer camps and activities for kids in York and Lancaster Counties? We've got a lineup of camps to choose from in Fort Mill, Rock Hill, Tega Cay and even into Charlotte! Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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### Summer Childcare Offering

Hi! My name is *Abigail Corso* and I am currently a student worker at Macfeat.

Previously, I was an after school counselor for children ages 5-11 for a school year and I have worked in the nursery at my church for about 6 years now, so I have plenty of experience. I also have a little brother who is 8 years younger than me so I have been babysitting for a long time!

I am very passionate about the teaching career I am pursuing and I will always have your child's best interest and safety at heart.

Contact Information: 803-628-8805

