Dear Families,

Welcome to WCCC's K-5th program at Fiske! We’re looking forward to a fun year filled with play and growth! My name is Josh Begley. This is my fourth year as the Fiske Site Coordinator and my ninth(!) year at WCCC. I’m so excited to introduce Lisa Vergara and Stephanie Zafferano to the team this year! Lisa started at WCCC last year, and Steph is beginning her fourth year with us. Previously she worked at the Schofield and Hardy K-5th sites.

Whether you are new to WCCC or not, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the Family Information Area on our closet door in the cafeteria. This is where you’ll find all of the “need-to-know” information about our program, including the After School Program Directory, Dates to Remember, and monthly snack and activity calendars. There will also be a long-term calendar located by the sign-out sheet for you to write down any of your child’s planned absences in advance. Please remember to sign your child out every day and record the time at which you are picking them up.

[Additional Important Information:]

1] Stay in the Loop: Please read all e-mails from WCCC in a timely fashion and pay attention to the dates to remember.

2] “No Come, No Call” Policy: Even if you inform the Fiske office that your child will be absent from school, dismissed early, or attending a special activity after school (e.g. Girl Scouts or a Rec Department club), you still need to let WCCC know directly about the change as well. If you do not, you are subject to a fine ($10 the first time, $20 the second, etc.).

There are three ways of reporting your child’s absence from, or late arrival to, WCCC: 1) leave a voicemail, 2) send a text, or 3) send an e-mail. Messages must be sent before 2 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays, and before 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Our phone number is 781.603.7297 and our e-mail address is fiske@wcc wellesley.edu.

(As mentioned above, you can write on the long-term calendar to inform us in advance of planned absences or late arrivals. If you do this, you will not need to call or e-mail to report the change in plans.)

3] Adding to the Pick-Up List: If someone new is picking your child up and they aren’t on your child’s authorized pick-up list that we keep on file, please log in to your UpBup account and add them in advance. We’ll receive an immediate e-mail notification of the addition. Please note: Photo IDs of people sixteen years or older that list date of birth are required for everyone - parents, grandparents, babysitters, you name it - picking up for the very first time.

4] Late Pick-Up Policy: WCCC ends each day at 6 p.m. If you arrive after 6, you will be subject to a fine. If you know you are going to be late, please call or text us. (Calling ahead does not excuse you from the fine, but it is greatly appreciated by the staff that are staying late with your child - and by your child, too!)

We are so looking forward to the opportunity to get to know and spend time with your children in a safe, fun, and dynamic environment, and we thank you for entrusting us with their care. We will always strive to provide them with an absolutely wonderful after school experience!

Sincerely,

Josh, Lisa, and Steph
We can’t wait to hear about your summer adventures. Here’s a glimpse at some of our own!

Josh

Mount Kineo, Moosehead Lake, Maine
Quebec City Selfie
Sunrise on Moosehead Lake
Quisset Harbor, Falmouth
Family Time on Cape Cod
Camel’s Hump, Huntington, Vermont

Stephanie

This summer, I celebrated a nice birthday with my family in Rhode Island, spent time with my sister, cousins and friends, loved taking my little niece to the beach, and enjoyed sitting on Sweatt Beach in Wrentham on hot days!
Lisa

This summer, I worked at The Pools at Rosemary Recreation Complex in Needham and I got to sell ice cream every day. I also got to see a few Red Sox games and caught the attention of Wally! As the founder of Storytime Crafts, a non-profit whose mission is to promote literacy through art and kindness, I spent a lot of time collecting books to make chairs with and to donate to schools. I was fortunate to partner this summer with Savers in West Roxbury and Norwood through their “Get to Give” program. All books I collect go directly to Boston area schools through my “Kindness Project” to benefit students, families and classroom learning.

I always love to stroll through the Boston Public Garden and visit my favorite duck family as Make Way for Ducklings is one of my absolute favorite children’s books. I donated a Make Way for Ducklings chair I made to the Wellesley Hills Branch Library. Wellesley Nursery School in the Hills has a special tradition: every spring, a police officer helps the children cross the street to the library and reads Make Way for Ducklings. I’m excited the officer will have a special chair to sit in from now on!