

White Wing Annual Report 2009-2010

White Wing School Board is made up of church members and friends of the White Wing School. This years members include Kate O'Shea (Chair), Victoria Agnew (Vice Chair), Amy Snedaker (Secretary), Joyce Bedard (Treasurer), Sarah Belanger, Gillian Hinkle, David Hudson, Michelle Lanier, and Amy Savoie. Deb Castonguay serves at the director of White Wing School.

White Wing School is a non-sectarian, non-profit preschool and kindergarten offering programs for children two through six years of age. We offer a developmentally based curriculum, and our program is currently accredited by the [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#).

This was a busy year for the school. During the summer our Director Becky Parsons announced that she was retiring. The board worked very hard during our director search and we were able to have our new director Deb Castonguay on board before the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

White Wing School celebrated our 50th Anniversary this year. The preschool and kindergarten first opened its doors in the fall of 1959 as a community outreach project of the UU Church of Nashua. The big celebration took place on May 15 with a carnival themed activities and a performance by Billy Bedard. Serving on the planning committee were Kathi Coppi, Lydia Acheson, Chris Camargo, Kris Kokas, Ann Marie Droznick, Sarah Belanger and Amy Savoie.

White Wing School started two new programs this year. In February we debuted our new two-year old 2-day program. The pilot program was so successful that we are expanding the program to two 2-day programs for the 2010-2011 school year. A June "Summer Camp" program was added to the schedule. "Summer Camp" takes place during the two weeks after White Wing School year ends.

White Wing School launched a new fundraising campaign to develop a school library. The library will be available to both White Wing Students, UU Church Members and will have a community outreach program for preschool age children in the French Hill Neighborhood.

White Wing School Board hosted a Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Donna Purkhiser Scholarship Fund. The evening was very successful and we hope to make it an annual event.

White Wing School installed a new fence in the "front yard" playspace to conform with NH Childcare Licensing requirements.

The Donna Purkhiser Memorial Tree was planted in the playspace. The Dedication Ceremony took place during the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Thank You to Lori Lerude and Dave Hudson and the Playspace Committee.

We also Dedicated a Cal Libby inspired Student Artwork at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you to Amy Savoie and Dick Widhu.

The White Wing School Board is looking forward to the next school year and all the challenges and success stories that it will bring.