



Dear First Roots - Wild Roots Families,

Please find attached the school calendar for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. This calendar includes dates from July 2022- August 2023 to help you plan with more advance notice. The Senior Team worked collaboratively on this calendar, balancing the needs of FRWR program staff training and team work, and each center's unique planning and operational needs.

We would like to draw your attention to a few things we have changed for next year going forward:

- In the week of **July 3-7, 2023 all of our FRWR programs will be closed for a Summer break** to ensure the health and wellness of our full year teaching staff. This is a core part of our mission toward sustainability and without parity with the public school calendar of breaks, this step is essential to provide the human need for sufficient rest for our teachers. Our early childhood team has consistently maintained high standards despite the persistent stressors of COVID illnesses/absences and ongoing daily staffing challenges due to the shortage of qualified early childhood candidates for our open positions.
- Like the Winter break in December, tuition will be charged during the Summer break.
- We have reduced the number of half day closures based on feedback from families in favor of 3PM closures to allow for staff meetings when not embedded in full days.
- Family Conference days are scheduled to align across all full day and part day programs (children age 6 weeks - 5 years.)
- The Treehouse Summer Camp may or may not be offered *during the Summer break week* as we want to help families align schedules with children in both programs. This planning will be complete in February 2023 when camp schedules are finalized and enrollment opens.
- Fisher Cats After School will not be open when Hinesburg Community School is closed for students. When possible, we will offer full day programming for school vacation "camp" (Nov, Feb, Apr). Please note occasional closures of Fisher Cats to include Treehouse staff in our full team Inservice Training.
- The HCS bus will come to FRWR on Wednesdays at 2:00PM (early release).
- The Fireflies Part-day Pre-K program follows the CVSD calendar and has its own calendar.

Please be in touch if you have any questions. We look forward to another year of nature - based early education with your child and family!

Best,

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## School Calendar: June 2022 – August 2023

The following is a list of days when First Roots-Wild Roots and the Treehouse will be **closed** to observe public holidays or for in-service professional learning days.

Monday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day (observed)
Friday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Closed at 3PM- Staff Meeting (Camp is open)
Monday, August 29 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday August 30 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Days
Monday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Indigenous People’s Day – In-Service Day and Staff Meeting
Friday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Meeting & Family Conferences Treehouse CLOSED
Thursday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup> – January 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2023	Winter Break
Monday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day— In-Service Day and Staff Meeting
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Close at 3PM- Staff Meeting Treehouse CLOSED
Friday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Training and Staff Meeting
Friday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Close at 12 NOON. In-Service Training and Staff Meeting Treehouse CLOSED
Friday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Meeting & Family Conferences Treehouse CLOSED
Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day
Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Training, Summer Classroom Prep and Staff Meeting
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> - July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break
Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday August 29 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Training, Fall Classroom Prep and Staff Meeting