



October Newsletter



Dear Mom and Dad,

Some October news! All the children have been busy adjusting to school, making new friends, and learning new things. Please try to check the parent board in your child's classroom to see what is happening on a daily basis.



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Jessica	Katerina
Skylar	Daniel
Camren	Heath
Jade	Gavin
Matthew	Gabriel

Jodi

We will be celebrating October Birthdays on Tuesday, October 11th & Wednesday October 12th. Please talk to your child's teacher about celebrating in school.

We will be doing a variety of autumn and Halloween activities. Each class will be celebrating with a Halloween party on Thursday, Oct. 27th or Monday, Oct. 31st (please refer to your classroom news). Because most children spend a full day at the center, Halloween costumes could become damaged or lost, therefore, no costumes are to be worn to school. Instead of costumes everyone is asked to wear crazy mixed up clothes on this day. A party sign-up list for refreshments will be posted in each classroom.

Also, we will be discussing and learning about fire safety (the bravery of fire fighters) and practicing fire drills. Talking about safety; please help us with your eyes...if you notice anything that may be hazardous, please let us know.

Some of our preschool and kindergarten classes had a fun time at Parlee Farms. We will have our rescheduled trip on Tues., Oct. 4th. Our Nursery school children were excited to see all of the animals on their very first field trip to Johnson's Highland Farm. We would like to say a special thanks to all the Moms, Dads and Grandparents who took time out of their busy schedules to help. If you have any feed-back (good or bad) on the outing, please let us know.

We also want to thank all those who participated in the Cherrydale Farm fundraiser. All monies raised by fundraisers this school year will be used for our natural playground.

A message from Ms. Mary in the Library:

Thank you so much, ESCC families, for all the General Mills boxtops that I see in our classroom collection baggies. The goal of our first mailing is 2500 boxtops, but we can't do it without **YOUR** help! Thank you for all **YOUR HELP** to make ESCC an even better school. (**Attached is a copy of products on which you will find Boxtops for Education to clip and save.**)

A FLU PRIMER:

How to stop it:

- ◆ **Wash your hands** – warm water and soap help prevent germs from spreading.
- ◆ **Cover your mouth** – if a tissue is not handy, cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm.
- ◆ **Get vaccinated** – seasonal flu vaccine is available now.



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Reminder:

The center will **not be open** on Columbus Day, **Monday, October 10th**.

The Kindergarten class will be visiting the Fire Station on Wednesday, October 5th. The firemen will be coming to the school to visit with Rooms B (m-w-f), C (5 day & m-w-f) & D on Friday, October 7th and for Rooms B (t-th), C (t-th) & E on Thursday, October 13th.

We would like to remind you that our space is limited for bedding. Also, it is important that bedding be stored in plastic bagging to prevent the transfer of bacteria and/or other critters. A shopping store size plastic bag is an appropriate size for us to store bedding. Please bring a small travel pillow, crib size sheet blanket (fleece works nice) in a plastic bag to school on the first day of the week that your child comes to school. We will return them the same way on your child's last day of the school week. We appreciate your cooperation, as this is a health, as well as a space concern.

At the beginning of each new school year the children are learning new responsibilities. Every day they will empty out their mailboxes and place their work neatly into their yellow school bag. With this, we hope to foster independence, responsibility and pride for their accomplishments. Also, we would like to clarify some information concerning the front pocket of our yellow school bags. Although, some teachers are using a file folder system to send home daily or weekly class work, the front pocket is for important communications between the parent and the school. We would like to remind parents and teachers to check this pocket daily.

Please be reminded that all children are required by law to have a medical report on file **each year** at school. The state requires, at admission, proof that each child has been successfully immunized in accordance to the current department of public health, and a physician's certificate that he/she is in good health be on file within 60 days of admission.

ESCC HAPPENINGS:

- ◆ Jade, of the Apple Orchard, welcomes a new addition to her family – her new puppy “Shi – Shi”.
- ◆ Skylar, of Elmo's Farmstand, was a flower girl in a wedding this September.
- ◆ Talia, of the Apple Orchard, and her mom Susie, helped rescue a chipmunk in distress. They took it home to nurse it back to health, and later returned to set it free at ESCC – OUR HEROS!

Sincerely,

Joan & Kathy