

PENNY LANE FALL NEWSLETTER



There are several things happening this month at the center. Fire Prevention week is October 10th-14th, we will have the opportunity to visit with some emergency responders as well as a fire truck on October 10th. We will be very busy trying to ensure that all of the children have this opportunity, so please have your children here on time.

Our Halloween celebration will be on October 31st at 3:00pm. All classes will participate by having a classroom party. If your child has a costume, please bring it on Halloween day.

The classrooms will all have sign-up sheets posted in each room if anyone chooses to bring treats for the celebration.



Mrs. Sara and Miss Amanda's classes will also be going to Belle Trace again this year for some trick-or-treating fun. We have participated in this for the past several years and it has been quite a success. The transit will pick the children up at 9:30am on October 31st. **There is a fee for us to ride the transit, so we are asking for every child to bring in \$2.00.** More details are available in Mrs. Sara and Amanda's class if needed. If you want your child to go on this field trip, please arrive by 9:00am.



Breast Cancer Awareness

October is *breast cancer awareness* month. We will be working on special activities with the children to help recognize this important issue. These will be displayed throughout the center.



MILITARY GROUP OVERSEAS

Penny Lane has adopted a Military group that is currently overseas. The preschool will be making Christmas cards/pictures to send to them.



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00pm. More information will be posted at a later date.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES

Pictures are scheduled on Thursday, November 1st, 2012.

STAFF/TEACHER CHANGES

CONGRATS TO MISS NICOLE!! As everyone knows, Miss Nicole will be going on maternity leave soon. We all wish her the best.

Miss Jeri will be assisting in the Preschool group during this time. We also have a new substitute teacher, another Miss Sara, that will be helping out as needed. She has Early Childhood Education as well as experience in the field. She has been a parent here for about 5 years. Please make her feel welcome!

ASSESSMENTS

Teachers are on the last stages of completing children assessments. Informal Parent-teacher conferences will be available if requested. Please see your child's teacher if you have any concerns or question.



COLD WEATHER/ SICK POLICY

Fall is here and Winter will be here before you know it. The weather is constantly changing, and classes will continue going outside as much as possible. This only helps to build childrens immune system up; required by the State Board of Health. Please make sure that you keep appropriate clothing in your child's cubby. We do not have a lot of extra clothes at the center, so please make sure that your child is prepared for the colder weather conditions.

REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE SICK POLICY PROCEDURE BY THE STATE

BOARD OF HEALTH. Please take a minute to go over these guidelines, they are posted up on the Parent information board. This is only for your child's safety, we have to make sure they are not contagious to other children.

PLEASE GET DOCTOR'S NOTES! We have to follow these guidelines to ensure that we are doing what we can to keep everyone healthy.



CUBBIES

We ask that you check your child's cubby weekly to take papers/artwork home. Naptime items need to fit properly into cubby, do not bring oversized blankets & pillows. Remeber to take things home on Friday to be washed. This is a health & safety issue.



Holidays/Celebrations Center Closings

As the holidays quickly approach us, this is the time to spend with family and friends. Please let us know if and when your child will be gone during this time. This helps us allow staff to schedule additional time off with their families as well. ***We will close early on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve; furthermore, the center will be closed on:***

Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd

Friday, November 23rd,

***Christmas Day, December 25th, and
New Years Day, January 1st.***



LATE PICK-UPS

Children being picked up after 6:30pm is becoming an issue. I want to remind parents about the late pick up policy that is in the financial agreement in which you signed upon enrollment. ***THE CHARGE IS \$7.50 PER 15 MIN EACH CHILD AND AFTER 5 TIMES, THE CHARGE IS \$5.00 PER MINUTE.***

Be courteous and pick your child up on time. Any child who is left after closing hours, and parents are not reachable, then the local police department is contacted. Therefore, DCS (Department of Children Services) is also contacted. This is the procedure that has to be followed. Another reason why it is important to not only pick your child up on time, but to make sure your contact and emergency information is up to date.

***PLEASE CLOCK YOUR CHILD(REN)
IN/OUT ON COMPUTER.**