

OCTOBER

Fall is here! Lets rake a pile of leaves and jump right in!! The first month of school has flown by. For September the children focused on "All About Us." This month the themes are related to "When I Grow Up." We have an exciting and busy month coming up with the Scholastic Book Fair, Fire Safety, and our Annual Fall Festival. Keep an eye out for all upcoming events so you don't miss out!

On Monday, October 19th, we will be participating in our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair is a wonderful way to raise money while promoting reading. During the sale, we will also have a wish list posted for each classroom for parents who would like to help purchase new books for our classroom libraries. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

The week of October 19th, Ms. Sydney will be going to Las Vegas for Nobel Learning's Principals' Conference. If you have any questions in her absence, Ms. Jessica should be able to answer them. Ms. Sydney is very excited about the trip, but apprehensive about leaving her family and the school; wish her luck!



- 10.01.15 **United Testing (Optional for ages 3-5)**- Form due to front desk
- 10.02.15 **Parent Date Night!**- 6:30-10pm
- 10.03.14 **United Testing (Optional for ages 3-5)**- Forms distributed
- 10.06.14 **Fire Safety Week**- Fire Safety Education week
- 10.05.15 **Michael Andrew Holiday Fundraiser**- Orders due to front desk
- 10.07.15 **United Testing**- Assessments
- 10.07.15 **Fire Drill Practice** around 10:30am
- 10.07.15 **Fairfax County Firefighter Visit @ 9:30am** with Engine! (Tentative)
- 10.09.15 **Yankee Candle Fundraiser**- Sale starts
- 10.09.15 **Fairfax Count Public Schools** - Student Holiday
- 10.12.15 **Columbus Day**- We are OPEN!
- 10.12.15 **Fairfax County Public Schools** - Student Holiday
- 10.16.15 **Scholastic Book Fair Preview**- Sales start on 10/19
- 10.19.15 **Scholastic Book Fair Week**
- 10.19.15 **Principal's Conference Week in Las Vegas**
- 10.23.15 **Michael Andrew Holiday Fundraiser**- Order's delivered
- 10.24.15 **SUPER CAMPUS FALL FESTIVAL @ CBA Chantilly** 10-1pm
- 10.26.15 **Yankee Candle Fundraiser**- Orders due to front desk
- 10.30.15 **Fairfax County Public Schools** - Released 2 Hours Early
- 10.30.15 **Halloween Classroom Parties!**
- 10.31.15 **Halloween**
- 11.01.15 **Daylight Savings Time!**
- 11.01.15 **Operation Gratitude**
- 11.07.15 **ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**- 10:00-1:00pm
- 11.11.15 **Veteran's Day (Wednesday)**- CLOSED for Teacher Development Training

Ancillary Reminder

Ancillary programs are in full swing! If you are interested in Joy of Dance, Stretch-n-Grow, Yogis, Music for life or Happy Feet, please refer to the bulletin board in the hallway. If you are interested in enrollment or have questions, please ask Ms. Jessica. We will be billing out all programs at the end of each month. September's Ancillary will be billed out Friday October 2, 2015.

Ancillary Schedule

Monday – Joy of Dance

Tuesday – Yogis

Wednesday – Stretch-n-Grow

Thursday – Happy Feet

Friday – Music for life



Prices for the Ancillary programs are:

Joy of Dance – \$78 per month

Yogis – \$55 per month

Stretch – n – Grow – \$40 per month

Happy Feet – \$55 per month

Music for Life –

Music & Movement – \$10 per class

Small Group Piano – \$15 per class



Fundraising Announcement

Thank you to all the families that sold Michael Andrew Holiday fundraiser last month! The money we received will be put towards supplies for the classrooms! The Al Nattour family from Ms. Annette Pre-K1 Room sold the most and WON a free parent date night! Thank you Al Nattour family and all others for your participation and always supporting our school!

Coming up...



Our annual **Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 10am-1pm. Similar to last year's event, we will have a HUGE celebration with games, face painting, food, a moon bounce, trunk-or-treat and MORE. This year we are asking for your help. There are many ways that you can help and participate.

Children and families are invited to wear costumes to this event!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Picture this: having trick or treating here at the school during the Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity for all of our students to share trick or treating with their Chesterbrook friends while enjoying this experience in a safe environment with parent supervision. The parking lot will be blocked off from the street from 12:30pm-1pm and the children will go to each truck and "trick or treat." We need families to volunteer by signing up to decorate their trunks and to provide treats from their trunks. Please no nuts! The best decorated trunk will receive a FREE PARENT DATE NIGHT & Your child will win "PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY." We will only allow trunk or treat participants to park in the front row parking spots/by sidewalk.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTESTS

Join us for our Family Pumpkin Carving Contest in support of our Fall Festival. To enter, please carve a pumpkin at home and label it with your family's name on the bottom of the pumpkin. Please bring your finished pumpkin to the lobby on Friday, November 6th to register. The judging will take place on Saturday, November 7th by our Fall Festival attendees. The top three winners will receive a free Parent Date Night.

FALL FESTIVAL!

From the Education Department

Exploring Community Helpers & the Roles They Play

This month, our students are gaining a greater understanding of community helper occupations, such as police officers, mail carriers, medical professionals and firefighters. The children have a lot of fun imagining themselves in these important roles, and incorporating toy versions of the uniforms, equipment and vehicles that go with them.

In addition, October is National Fire Prevention Month, so we place a special emphasis on the importance of fire safety and the role of firefighters. Our classroom activities help the children become more comfortable around emergency responders in uniform, and teach them basics about what to do in case of an emergency.

Here are some ways children learn about community helpers in the classroom, as well as activities for you and your child to do at home.

TODDLERS (ages 1-2):

In the classroom: Toddlers are fascinated with dressing up as doctors, police officers and firefighters, because they have distinct uniforms and roles that children can easily understand. During dramatic play, our teachers provide students with costumes and props, and encourage them to choose the role they want to play.

At home: Continue dress-up play by providing your child with various props and costumes. Ask him, “Who do you want to dress-up as?” and “What does that person wear?”

Recommended reading: *Whose Hat is This* by Sharon Katz Cooper

BEGINNERS (ages 2-3):

In the classroom: Our Beginner students learn about the special vehicles that community helpers use, by playing matching games, reading books, and building vehicles using cardboard boxes.

At home: Go for a drive with your child. Point out vehicles that belong to community helpers, such as a fire truck and a police car. Ask, “Who drives that vehicle?” and “Where might it be going?”

Recommended reading: *The Little Fire Engine* by Lois Lenski

INTERMEDIATES (ages 3-4):

In the classroom: During fire safety lessons, many of our schools invite local firefighters to visit. Students explore the tools firefighters use, learn “Stop, Drop and Roll,” and may have the opportunity to tour a fire truck.

At home: Continue exploring fire safety by practicing “Stop, Drop and Roll” with your child. Ask him, “Who puts out fires?” and discuss what he should do if he hears a fire alarm at home.

Recommended reading: *The Fire Engine Book* by Tibor Gergely

PRE-K/PRE-K 2 (ages 4-5):

In the classroom: Teachers introduce situations when it might be necessary to dial 9-1-1. Students practice finding 9-1-1 on different keypads, such as cell phones and landlines.

At home: Show your child photos of various community helpers and the buildings where they work. Ask him to identify the helpers and their workplaces, and describe the roles the helpers play in our community.

Recommended reading: *The Berenstain Bears: Jobs around Town* by Jan Berenstain

We provide many opportunities for students to learn about community helpers. By setting this foundation, they become more familiar and comfortable around the people that make their neighborhoods a better place.

- Lauren Starnes, PhD – Director of Early Childhood Education