

# OCTOBER

Fall is Here! Can you believe it?!! 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!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

On Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

The week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Sally will be going to Atlantic City for Nobel Learning's Principals' Conference. If you have any questions in her absence, Ms. Kirby should be able to answer them. Ms. Sally is very excited about the trip, but apprehensive about leaving her family and the school; wish her luck!

October 2<sup>nd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Mad Hatter Drive- Starts

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

United Testing (Optional for ages 3-5 - Form passed out in cubby)

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Starts

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Columbus Day- We are OPEN

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Fairfax County Public Schools Closed

October 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Fire Safety Week- Fire Safety Education week

October 12<sup>th</sup>

Fire Drill Practice around 8

Fairfax County Firefighter Visit with Engine! -

October 13<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Book Fair Preview

October 13<sup>th</sup>

Parent Date Night - 6:30-10pm

October 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Book Fair Week!!!

October 18<sup>th</sup>

PreK2 Field Trip- Mad Hatter Drive @ Ronald McDonald House in Falls Church. Busses leave CBA Fairfax at 9:30am (Wear your favorite hat to school today!)

October 23-26<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Sally gone to Principal's Conference in Atlantic City

October 23-

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Ends

October 31<sup>st</sup>

Halloween, Classroom Parties and Halloween Parade! Look for sign-ups on your child's classroom door soon!

November 4<sup>th</sup>

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL & Open House- 10:00-1:00pm



## Ancillary Reminder

Ancillary programs are in full swing! If you are interested in Joy of Dance, Stretch-n-Grow, Karate Kyle, or Soccer Shots, please ask Ms. Sally or Ms. Kirby how to sign up. We will be billing out all programs at the end of each month.

### Ancillary Schedule

**Monday** – Joy of Dance

**Tuesday** – Karate Kyle

**Wednesday** – Stretch-n-Grow

**Thursday** – Soccer Shots

*To ensure your child does not miss their program, please have them dropped off by 9:30am on their respective day.*

### Prices for the Ancillary programs are:

**Joy of Dance** – \$78 per month

**Joy of Dance Tutus for Twos** – \$63 per month

**Karate Kyle** – \$175 per Season

**Stretch – n-Grow** – \$40 per month

**Soccer Shots** – \$135 9 week season

## United Testing

United Testing will be here on Tuesday, October 18th. They will be providing vision, hearing, and speech screening for a small fee. This is being offered to all children who are at least three years old. If this is something you are interested in, please filled out the flyer and drop it off at the front desk.

## Fundraising Announcement

Thank you to all the families that sold Charleston Wrap Fundraiser last month! The money we received will be put towards supplies for the classrooms! The Hiltz family in the Intermediate classroom sold the most and WON a free parent date night! Thank you Hiltz family and all others for your participation and always supporting our school!

## Coming up...



Our annual **Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Similar to last year's event, we will have a HUGE celebration with games, face painting, food, photo booth, 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 3<sup>th</sup> to register. The judging will take place on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> by our Fall Festival attendees. The top three winners will receive a free Parent Date Night.

### COMMUNITY BOOTHS

We will have booths set up in our baby room for anyone interested in selling items. Currently we have Ms. Brianna selling handmade hats & scarfs, Ms. Ashley selling handmade jewelry, Meredith Geesaman selling Skin Care products. Please let Ms. Sally or Ms. Kirby know if you are interested in reserving a community booth!

## FALL FESTIVAL!

*Come together and donate to a  
good cause...*



### **Mad Hatter Drive!**

Join us to help make a childhood cancer patient's smile a bit brighter with the organization Hats Off For Cancer (<http://hatsoffforcancer.org/>).

Please donate any new or lightly used hats during the weeks of Oct 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday morning, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> our very own PreK2 children will bring our donations to The Ronald McDonald House in Falls Church, where they will deliver the donated hats and take a tour of the facility. They will be learning math concepts, language and literacy and Citizens of the world concepts while they help a worthy cause! This will be PreK2's **FIRST** field trip!

# Jump into Fall with These Festive Activities

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Fall is officially here! Your little one has probably begun to notice the environmental changes happening all around him, including falling leaves, shorter days and crisper air.

The fall season isn't only a great time to get outside and play, but it also presents an opportunity to use items found in nature to reinforce important skills, such as listening, self-expression, critical thinking, gross motor and more.

Below are some festive, hands-on activities that you can do with your child to celebrate the fall season.

## 1. Apple Taste Test

Visit a local orchard or grocery store with your child, and ask him to help you choose a few different types of apples. Encourage him to name the color of each as you add them to your cart. Do a taste test at home and ask him which apple he liked best and why.

## 2. Pumpkin Seed Snack

If you carve pumpkins this year, save the seeds for a yummy, healthy snack. Drizzle them with olive oil and ask your child to sprinkle cinnamon, cumin or even pumpkin pie spice on top. Bake the seeds for 15-20 minutes at 350 degrees. He'll be excited to try the snack that he helped to create.

## 3. Fall Foliage Collage

Go on a nature walk with your child and collect a few fall treasures, such as acorns, leaves, pine cones and sticks. Encourage him to create a collage using the items he found. Provide glue or tape and markers in fall colors like brown, red and orange. Let his creativity run wild!

## 4. Leaf Pile Fun

Playing in a pile of leaves is a lot of fun, but it also serves as a chance for your child to practice gross motor skills and spatial vocabulary. Enlist his help in raking together a large pile of leaves and then give him directions, such as, "hop over the pile," "skip around the pile" and "jump into the pile."

## 5. Sink vs. Float Experiment

Fill a large bin or bathtub with water, and provide your child with various seasonal items. Ask him to predict whether each object would sink or float. Have him conduct the experiment to see if his hypotheses were correct.