

# TPCDC Newsletter

October 2015



Dear TPCDC Parents,

We're off to a great start in our new school year, and we have enjoyed watching our new friends become part of our TPCDC family. We were thrilled to see the great turn-out at the Parent Orientation Night. It was a great opportunity to socialize with families and spend time learning about the goals and expectations of each classroom. Please feel free to contact the staff and the office with suggestions, questions or concerns.

## TPCDC Parent Board Election

The TPCDC Board of Directors is responsible for determining policies and oversight of employee benefits. They provide assistance with personnel, finance, operating policies and program matters, like nutrition and staff development. ***This year's election will be done by electronic ballot. Take a look at the [board bios](#) and then click on this link, <http://goo.gl/forms/zs3ZDKJxUn>, to be taken to the electronic ballot. Please select as many members to the board as you wish.*** Please cast your vote no later than October 16, 2015. If you think you might be interested, contact the office or talk to one of the current board members to find out how to become a member of the board.

## Costume Parade

The Annual Costume Parade will be on October 30: Please NO Candy, NO weapons, and have your child wear comfortable walking shoes (i.e., no princess slippers). PS: if you are trick-or-treating and want some candy to "disappear", bring it to the office and we will make sure it gets donated to a local shelter.


## Fall Clean-up Day

Are you handy with a broom, hammer, rake, or paint brush? Come spend a couple of useful hours sprucing up the Center on our Fall Clean-up Day on Saturday, October 24, from 9-12 am. **Note: childcare will not be available at this event.**

## As Tulip Turns!

As most of you may already know there has been a serious push to lessen the traffic issues experienced on Tulip Avenue. In an effort to do so we are asking all of our families and visitors to do their part by:

- Entering Tulip from the Carroll Avenue end rather than the Maple Avenue end heading west.

- Refrain from making U-  turns on Tulip.

- Treat Tulip Avenue as if it is a one  way street.

- Position your child's car seat on the passenger side of your vehicle as to prevent unsafe loading/unloading

We are hoping to create a larger impact by diminishing traffic congestion experienced outside of the center. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in regards to this request.

## **TEDDY BEARS' NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents, the Teddy Bears seem to be getting acclimated to the classroom routine and getting familiar with the different learning areas. We have had a good time getting to know each other as well as getting to know the classroom. For the month of October, we look forward to talking about Fall Colors. The children will participate in activities that allow them to practice color recognition, language development and using their fine motor skills. We will do art activities such as painting, pasting and coloring. We will have a field trip to Clarks Farm in Ellicott City on October 7. We look forward to fun month of learning.

**\*Reminder - We kindly request that you be sure to sign your child in and out daily. Thank you. Enjoy the fall season.**

## **MUNCHKINS' NEWSLETTER**

In the month of October we will be focusing on our emotions and what to do with them; this inspired the theme "Emotional Monster!" Munchkins will use gross motor skills to participate in various activities where they will have to stop, identify, express, and/or act out different emotions. They will also use problem solving skills to tell what they think is appropriate in different situations. For example, "If Ben takes your toy, what do you think you should do?" or "While standing in line where should your hands be?" or "When you sit on the

toilet what should you do?" Munchkins will get to use math and science during our cooking projects. They will learn to mix, measure, stir, dump, freeze, etc. to come out with a final product. To build Munchkins' language development and social skills we will be holding two social gatherings where the children will be able to make their own plate (with adult supervision) and mingle amongst their friends. Our first social gathering will be a potluck held on October 16. There will be a sign-up sheet next to the sign-in and out sheet a week before the gathering. Our second social gathering will be a costume party held on October 30. Please bring your child to school dressed in a costume. At 10:30am we will parade around the neighborhood; afterwards, we will go to the municipal building to collect tasty treats! Then we will come back to school to socialize amongst our friends. We will also be introducing toilet training to our new toilet trainees! We will visit bathrooms, read books, express how we feel about the toilet, and even try to build our own toilet! We are all saying bye-bye to diapers and HELLO to undies! This month for show-n-tell please help your Munchkin pick something that sparks emotion (i.e. favorite toy that makes them happy or a "blankie" that comforts them).

### **RAINBOWS' NEWSLETTER**

It is hard to believe that fall is almost here. The beginning of a school year is such a busy time. The children are getting used to a new routine, meeting new friends, and anticipating a new day. All of the Rainbow children have been doing awesome work. October brings an exciting learning adventure with a new study on clothing. We will discuss features of clothes, measuring tools, and will make a comparison of our clothes to see how many shapes can be found. At home you can help us by talking with your child about how their clothes were made. Early literacy skills are essential to literacy development; therefore, we will practice these skills by reading a variety of books related to clothing, singing new songs, and introducing new vocabulary to increase their language skills. We will also model the proper way to hold a book. The children will exercise their imagination and creativity by creating patterns and designs through gluing and pasting different kinds of clothing to make a collage. In addition, they will examine objects by observing similarities and differences.

### **EXPLORERS' NEWSLETTER**

Farewell to summer and welcome to fall. Oh, The Places You'll Go in the month of October. The subject for the month is Dr. Seuss. We will focus on the introduction of teaching philosophy to children. We will do this by using Dr. Seuss books and encouraging them to think about their surroundings and how they relate to their environments. Dr. Seuss books raise the question of the role that experience plays in the formation of our beliefs. One example is the book "Green Eggs and Ham." It is an all-time favorite and a fun read, but it raises important questions about the relationship between beliefs and experiences. Sam I am spends the entire story offering green eggs and ham to the storyteller. The narrator firmly refuses to try this new food, as he does not like Sam I am. Sam I am tries to serve this new tasty dish in many different locations with various partners. The Narrator finally gives in toward the end. He tries and loves this new food. He will eat it with anyone anywhere. He also comes to like his new friend Sam I am. In philosophy, this topic is known as the theory of knowledge. The book teaches us this by raising issues pertaining to our beliefs by using the food as an example. Projects that we will be participating in this month include creating Gertrude McFuzz hats from using different art materials. Designing our very own color books based on the book My Many Colored Days. We will play games like pin the Hat on the Cat. The class will identify various sounds through the book Mr. Brown Can Moo! A trip to Cox Farm is planned for October 15, 2015. The Disney on Ice trip is planned for October 23, 2015. Do Not Forget the Halloween parade and party, it will be October 30, 2015. Please remember: no weapons, safe shoes, and good visibility.

### **BRIGHT STARS' NEWSLETTER**

October for the Bright Stars will be spooktastic! From acorns to fallen leaves and pinecones, our fall activities will surely brighten up our child's days. As the weather gets cooler, the Bright Stars will be doing a lot of indoor/outdoor crafts. We will use acorns, pumpkin seeds, and leaves, of course, to make fun and creative crafts. We will also make our very own scarecrow. We will need donations of old clothing (adult), hats, shoes, and items you think may come in handy. . On October 16, 2015, the Bright Stars will be going to Cox Farm. Unfortunately, camp is full on this day. We hope we will see you all at the next camp day. We will have a Fall Harvest Party on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the classroom for snack donations. During the Harvest Party, games and crafts will be available for the kids. Friendly reminders, on field trip days all children must wear a yellow TPCDC t-shirt. Please make sure you are signing your children in/out daily and checking his/her mailbox. Happy October!

### **SCHOOL AGERS' & SHINING STARS' NEWSLETTER**

For the month of October the School Agers are preparing to enjoy a wonderful fall harvest season. We are looking forward to participating in activities, such as creating our new monthly banner filled with all types of art dedicated to the new season. We will learn how to carve a pumpkin and design it in many ways. Our class will be looking for a volunteer to take our pumpkin seeds home to roast them so that the children can experience a new taste. Also, a reminder that on October 16 there will be no school for students, but here at TPCDC we will be going to Cox Farm! Unfortunately, camp is full on this day. We hope we will see you all at the next camp day. Last but not least, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate a harvest festival where children are welcome to dress up in costumes, but please no weapons! We will need the parents help to bring snacks or drinks. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted outside of the classroom. Thank you for everything!