

TPCDC Newsletter

October 2016



Dear Parents,

We've got the first month of the school year under our belt, and in all the rooms we've seen the children adjust to the many activities and programs we do each day. One of the most important parts of TPCDC's efforts to help the children be ready at five for 'big' school is to support the children's development of a variety of social-emotional skills and abilities. We provide an atmosphere of loving and respectful care, with lots of practice using words to express our wants and feelings, and many opportunities to work and play together. Studies have shown that children cannot learn unless they feel safe and accepted, so we make a place where they feel accepted and cared for. The links below give additional ideas of activities you might wish to do at home with your child to build social emotional skills.

<http://www.readyatfive.org/download-document/for-parents/parents-tips/216-03-feb/file.html>

<http://everydaylife.globalpost.com/activities-childrens-emotional-social-development-3375.html>

Important Dates to Remember

October 10th- Town Hall/ General Board Election

October 12th- MCPS Closed-TPCDC open (School Age field trip to Cox Farm)

October 29th- Fall Clean Up 9:00am-12:00pm



Annual 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, <https://goo.gl/forms/10E3uCmOg6hWdsdY2>, 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 9, 2016.

Town Hall/ General Board Meeting

Our Town Hall / General Board meeting will be on Monday, October 10th, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Childcare and dinner will be provided for participants who sign up ahead of time. If there are any suggestions, topics or discussions you would like to bring up, please submit using our suggestion box found on our website. We will also be installing new board members at this time.

Fall Clean-up Day

Are you handy with a broom, hammer, and rake or paint brush? Come spend a couple of useful hours sprucing up the Center on our **Fall Clean-up Day** on Saturday, October 29th, from 9 am to noon. We also are in need of a parent coordinator for this event.

Note: childcare will not be available at this event.

Costume Parade

The Annual Costume Parade will be on October 31: 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.

TEDDY BEARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Ana

Dear Parents the Teddy Bears have had a great success adjusting to the new environment as well as to the teachers and routines. We are happy to see how well they are doing when come in the mornings after the first two weeks. In the month of October, we will talk about Fall Season focusing on colors and things that we can see during this season. We will provide opportunities for the children to explore outdoors and purposefully discuss about what we see such as different colors of leaves, leaves falling from trees, pine cones, acorns and how the wind blows through the trees. We will promote social-emotional, physical, and cognitive and language skills by providing activities related to the daily topic as well as by focusing on skills that children need extra support to develop. We are excited to have our first field trip on

October 12th, to Clarks Farm on Ellicott City. Your child will need: the Center Yellow T-shirt, Picnic Lunch, Comfortable close toes shoes and be at the center no later than 9:30. Thank you so much and have a great fall season.

MUNCHKINS NEWSLETTER- Ms. Razia

Welcome to Fall! We have an exciting fall-filled month of activities planned. The Munchkins will learn about fall changes, including leaf colors, weather, animal habits and more! For their physical activities, we will go on nature walks and collect seasonal items, such as acorns, leaves, and pine cones. During these walks, they will develop their social skills and observation skills by discussing what they see outside. On Thursday, October 13th the Munchkins will have a potluck lunch. Each child will bring one dish to share with everyone. We will also have a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 19th where the Munchkins will be able to learn about farm animals and see them up close. They will also go on hayrides and choose their own pumpkin to take home. For language and literacy, the Munchkins will listen to several books about fall topics like hibernation, harvest, and animal habitats. At the end of the month on October 31st, we will have a fall snack party to celebrate the season.

RAINBOWS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Corina

We have made it through September! The children are much more familiar with their new Rainbows home, as well as, falling into the new classroom routines. The month of October will be dedicated to a fun study about pets. Our Rainbows family will explore how to care for pets and learn how to handle different types of pets. Additionally, we'll discover answers to questions about what animals are pets, what they eat, how they communicate, how they make us feel and their habitat will be answered. We will have the opportunity to see professionals in the field of pet care caring for animals. If possible, please send a picture of your child and family with their pet or what they wished was their pet; photo-shop a picture if necessary; this will make it a lot of fun. The pictures can be sent electronically to the Rainbows room tpcdc111@yahoo.com Thank you and looking forward to the Pet Study!

EXPLORERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Indhira

Hello October, Welcome Autumn. The study for the month is Making Music and Music from Around the World. Many of us have fond memories that involve music. From very early ages children begin demonstrating their enjoyment of music by smiling, clapping, bouncing and dancing. In preschool years, children are often very interested in performing musically, understanding how music is made, and learning new ways to generate sounds. We'll be taking inspiration from family music traditions and familiar songs. Preschoolers are eager to perform and experiment with music instruments, conventional or homemade, and sing songs either familiar or new. Music is an important part of children's academic, social and emotional development. As we study music making, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts and technology. Activities include musical self-portraits, music in nature and enjoying musical freeze dancing. While learning about various types of music from around the world we'll make various art projects, Tam-tam, paper-mache drums, paper bag maracas and painting with water colors to classical music. Wow experience will be our field trips to Cox Farm, A "Tot Rock" concert at Discovery Theater and a Disney on Ice show. October is going to be a busy month of educational fun!

BRIGHT STARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Brenda

For the month of October the Bright Stars will have activities geared towards fall, pumpkins, spiders and creepy things. Please make sure you check the bulletin board in the classroom for details of upcoming trips for this month, which includes a trip to Cox Farm. During the month of October we will be collecting socks, t-shirts and underwear for children 12 and under. All donations will be sent to UCAP. The Bright Stars will have a harvest party on Monday October 31st. We will post a sign-up sheet for yummy treats donations. We are collecting mason jars, so please, if you have any at home bring them to the Bright Stars room. Happy October!

SHINING STARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Pam

Welcome October, the beautiful month where everything changes around us. It is hard to believe that we are in fall already. For this month the Shining Stars classroom will be doing a lot of fall activities and observing the nature changes that happen during this time of year. We will be doing art projects, science experiments, games, nature walks around the neighborhood and much more. We already have a field trip scheduled our favorite Cox Farm on the 12th. Our Harvest Party has been planned for Friday, October 30th. There will be a donation list posted outside of the classroom if you want to donate healthy goodies for our party, which will be greatly appreciated. Please do not forget to sign your kid out every day and also please inform the classroom teacher or office if your child will be absent from TPCDC by calling 301-270-6824 or by email at TPCDC111@yahoo.com or toni@tpcdc.org.

SCHOOLAGERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Dorothy

We are calling this month of October the month of Harvest. The schoolagers will be building our very first cornucopia. We will be playing plenty of Harvest games. Guess the fruit or vegetable just to name one. In addition to planting we will be making bird and squirrel feeders, stick portraits with nature and lot of other fall projects. We will be going to Cox Farm on October 12th so make sure you sign up. We will be collecting donations of flower pots and fall season seeds for classroom projects.