



PHCP October Newsletter



News from the Director

It has been a great first month of learning at PHCP! I have loved getting to know your children as I walk around the school and visit classrooms. The Back to School picnic was so much fun. Please save the date for the Little Pumpkins Fall Day on October 15th. I have heard so many good things about this event in the past. My boys love seeing friends outside of school!

In October each class will be talking about fall, fire safety and community helpers. We have already had a few fire drills at school and all of the classes did a great job following directions and exiting the building. Now that fall is finally here we are looking forward to collecting fall leaves, observing the changing colors and helping to rake leaves at my house. These are great ways to make connections to the things they will be learning in class.

The teachers have been working hard to establish classroom rules and routines the past few weeks. Now that the kids have adjusted to coming to school we are going to be starting weekly chapel and music. Ms. Mari, a former PHCP teacher, is going to be our teacher for both chapel and music. Chapel will be in the fellowship hall with a few other classes and music will be in separate classes. This month they will be learning that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that sheep are loved, saved, and protected by a Shepherd. I think this will be a time that the kids really look forward to each week!

Returning to preschool also means that the germs are back! Thank you for your help in monitoring your children each day before sending them to school. Please let us know if you have any questions about our sick policy.

We will be passing out Operation Christmas Child boxes this month. You may return them to the preschool any time before November 16. I filled boxes last year with my boys. We talked about the purpose of the Christmas box and reviewed our shopping list before going to the store. I'll admit that I was a little worried about an ugly Target meltdown but it ended up being a lot of fun for all of us. They were so proud! As we move into the Christmas season, I am always looking for ways to teach my boys how to show love to others and keep the focus on Jesus. Please prayerfully consider helping with this mission.

Many Blessings,
Sarah Whitlow



October Is Fire Safety Month!



Little Pumpkins Fall Family Day

Fort Hunt Park

Saturday, October 15th 3:00—6:00 pm

Dates to Remember

- 10/10- NO SCHOOL - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10/11 & 10/12—Picture Days
- 10/20—McAlister's Restaurant Day 11am-8pm
- 10/20 & 10/21—Spirit Days
- 10/21- Scholastic Orders Due
- 10/21-No Stay & Play
- 10/31-NO SCHOOL



Parent Group News



Happy fall everyone! We have kicked off September in style with a great start to the school year and the Welcome Back Picnic! It was such a blessing to see everyone together, having fun and being a part of our preschool community. The picnic was a huge success!

We have two fun events coming up quick! We will be hosting the Annual Little Pumpkins Fall Family Day at Fort Hunt Park, Picnic Area C-001 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We will have two cook offs! Enter your best Chili recipe or your best Mac & Cheese in the cook off! We will also have pumpkin decorating, fall crafts, activities, games, a Pumpkin Silent Auction, and the Annual Costume Parade. We hope you will join us! Watch your email this week for links to sign up to participate! We will need lots of helping hands to make the event possible, so please sign up to help decorate, be in charge of crafts, set up and clean up!



Head over to McAllister's Deli on Thursday, October 20th any time between 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and drop your receipt in the container. All meals purchased during this time (dine-in or takeout) will benefit PHCP. Just remember to drop your receipt in the container at McAlister's! Spread the word to your local family and friends.

Our first parent group meeting will be on Friday, October 7th right after drop off to discuss all of the Parent Group activities and events. We will have coffee and treats. Children are welcome at the meeting!

Our Annual Wreath Fundraiser will kick off on Tuesday, October 10th! Information will be sent out via email, posted on the Facebook page and sent home in your child's bag. The wreaths, centerpieces and tabletop trees make great gifts and are perfect for decorating your home for the holidays!

If your child's birthday is coming up, treat them for their birthday with an Ice Cream Party!! They will be able to celebrate with their class and have some ice cream! The cost of the party is \$20 and everyone in the class receives an individual vanilla ice cream to celebrate! The link to sign up for an Ice Cream party is posted on the Facebook page and sent in the weekly emails from PHCP. When signing up for a party, please give us 1 week notice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Parent Group at phcpparentgroup@gmail.com.

We look forward to a fantastic year at PHCP!

Many blessings,

Allison Bryant
Parent Group Chair

New Parent Group E-Mail Address
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Chapel
 Theme:
 Jesus is my Good Shepherd

Scripture:
 The Lord is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need. Psalms 23:1

