



OCTOBER 2022

Welcome, Autumn! The children are settling into their new school routine quite nicely- thank you for everything you are doing to help in this adjustment process. New routines take time for both children and adults to establish. We all need grace in this process. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parent's Night – October 19

We are excited for Parent's Night this year (Parents ONLY). You will receive more information as it gets closer. But for now, here is the schedule:

<u>7-7:20</u>	<u>7:20-7:40</u>	<u>7:40-8:00</u>	<u>8:00-8:20</u>	<u>8:20-8:35</u>
All Classes	T/Th 2's	MWF 2's	M-Th/F 4	Kindergarten
Ministry	T/TH 3's	Pre-K	MWF 4's	OPEN HOUSE
Center	Kindergarten	M-F 3's		
	MWF 3'S (Mrs. Hanson)	MWF 3'S (Mrs. Killian)		

8:20 pm-8:35 pm *Kindergarten Open House* – Anyone interested in coming to New Providence Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year, please join us for an overview of our Kindergarten program.

Halloween at Preschool – Oct 27th or 31st

We are excited to celebrate Halloween in school this year! Most of the children enjoy dressing up, but if your child doesn't want to wear a costume, that's ok! Please see your child's teacher regarding costumes, party dates, etc. And please nothing scary! Thank you.

Pumpkin Patch - (date pending) We will visit our pumpkin patch at our school and choose a pumpkin to bring home.

Important October Dates

October 10 School Closed, Columbus Day

October 19 Parents' Night

Looking Ahead – November Dates

November 10 & 11 School closed, NJEA Teacher Convention

November 21 & 22 Thanksgiving Celebrations (children only)

November 23-25 School closed, Thanksgiving Recess

Flu Shots Thank you to everyone who gave me their child's medical records. Please remember that all children between the ages of 6-59 months old must have a flu shot this autumn. If you choose not to have your child receive the flu shot, I need a note from you claiming medical or religious exemption. Children **will not** be allowed back in school in January without the shot or exemption documentation, as required by the state of New Jersey.

Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills As you know, we make every effort to keep your children safe while they are in our care. This includes having Fire and Lockdown Drills. Fire Drills occur at least once a month. Lockdown Drills occur at least twice a year. When we have a Fire Drill, we tell the children, "Sometimes we have a drill where we practice leaving the building quickly." When we have a Lockdown Drill, we will tell the children, "Sometimes we have a drill where we practice staying in the building quietly." Teachers will respond to children's questions with age-appropriate answers. However, we will not engage in lengthy discussions but rather will direct the child to ask his/her parent these questions. We believe it is ultimately up to each family to determine how they want to handle these drill situations. In the past we have found that the children do not have many questions. But if you have any questions about these drills, do not hesitate to ask me.

Parking Lot:

Please be mindful of the parking lot when dropping off and picking up your children from school. *Please follow the arrows to be sure you are going in the correct direction.*

October Outreach Opportunities:

Moms Helping Moms – We are excited to continue our partnership with the **Moms Helping Moms Foundation**, an organization dedicated to helping moms in need obtain baby equipment and supplies. Diapers and wipes are needed! There is a box for your donations in the reception lobby inside our main school entrance (inside the double doors to the school)

30th Annual Coat Giveaway - On Saturday November 5, 2022 from 10 AM to 1PM, Market Street Mission will be sponsoring their 33rd Annual Coat Giveaway! Coats that are collected will be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Please donate gently used or new winter coats, as well as new or homemade hats, gloves, or scarves. Please no light jackets, raincoats or sweaters. Collection dates are Sunday, October 2nd through Monday, October 24th. A box for your generous donations will be located in the reception lobby at our main school entrance.

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"The future is as bright as the promises of God." Adoniram Judson