



## **OCTOBER 2023**

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 18**

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:

**7-7:20 pm** - All parents meet in the Ministry Center for a General Meeting

**7:20-7:40 pm** T/TH Twos Class (Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Geoffroy)  
All Fours Classes (Mrs. Tunney, Mrs. Tracey) & (Mrs. Kowalweski, Mrs. Drummond)  
Pre-Kindergarten (Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Magnola)  
Kindergarten (Mrs. Sieman, Mrs. Shanahan)

**7:40- 8:00 pm** MWF Twos Class (Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cahill)  
All Threes Classes (Mrs. Killian, Mrs. Wright) & (Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Graziano)

(There will be coffee in Room100AB for those parents whose presentation begins at 7:40 pm.)

### **Halloween at Preschool – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>**

We are excited to celebrate Halloween! 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.

### **Important October Dates**

October 9 School Closed, Columbus Day  
October 18 Parents' Night

### **Looking Ahead – November Dates**

November 9 & 10 School closed, NJEA Teacher Convention  
November 21 & 22 Thanksgiving Celebrations (children only)  
November 22-24 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).

**Market Street Mission Annual Coat Drive**

Market Street Mission is holding its 34th annual Coat Giveaway on Saturday, November 4 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Morristown Green for those in need in our area. We are privileged to work once again with our longstanding mission partner and collect new or gently used winter coats for men, women and children. Sizes 2x and 3x welcome! There is always a special need for women's and children's coats. We will also collect new hats, scarves and gloves. Please no light jackets, raincoats or sweaters. Collection boxes will be available inside the entrance downstairs from October 1 to October 29. Contact Joanne Chatterton at [jbchatterton@verizon.net](mailto:jbchatterton@verizon.net) with any questions.

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