

# WELBORNE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

I can't believe we've been in school for 2 1/2 weeks. Your children have all begun to make new friends and feel so comfortable at Welborne. I hope you have been receiving emails from me and your child's teacher. This will help you keep up with activities that we will be doing during the week. Please let me know if you are not getting them. The month of October is a very busy one, so please be sure to keep this newsletter, along with your child's calendar, to refer to during the month. Listed below are the activities for the month.

**FUNDRAISER** – Fellowship and Fun on **Monday, Oct., 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **McAllister's** at Gayton Crossing from 4:30pm – 8:00pm. We hope your family can join us for a night of fun with preschool friends and teachers. **15%** of the proceeds from the night will come back to the preschool to purchase supplies for the whole school. Yeah! A night of no cooking or clean-up! Hope to see you there with the whole family!

**FIRE SAFETY** - Next week is Fire Prevention Week. The preschool will be having a visit from the fire truck on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The firefighters will be showing the children the truck, their fire gear, and talking about fire safety at home. We would encourage you as parents to discuss this with your child and “have a fire safety plan”! This includes designating a meeting place outside the house preferably at a neighbor's house. They will give the children homework. They will tell them to go home and find where the smoke detectors are (do you have them and are they working?). The preschool had our first “fire drill” this week and the children did a great job and were so responsible. These will continue each month during the year. We discuss with the children that this is only for practice, so we will know what to do in case of a real fire.

**PUMPKIN FUN**- Coming home with them next week will be the directions for decorating a pumpkin as a family. A printed pumpkin will come home with the directions and we invite you to do this as a family and have fun doing it. We will be hanging them all up in the hallways. The children enjoy seeing their family's artwork. If there are any questions after it comes home, just let me know. Please have them back to the school by Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LLOYD FAMILY FARMS** – 12204 Pinhook Rd., Rockville, VA 23146 (25 minutes from Welborne). Our journey in search of the “Great Pumpkin” will begin on **Wed., October 12<sup>th</sup> for the whole school**. The hay ride will begin at 9:00AM sharp so please plan to be there at 8:45AM. If you are not there at the time of the hayride you will have to ride with another group.

The cost for each **student** that attends will be \$8 (**parents do not pay**), siblings will be \$8 also unless they are under 2 years of age and **will not** be receiving a pumpkin. The cost will include a pumpkin from the field, hayride and a visit through the animal barn. Permission slips go home this week and need to be returned by the due date noted on the form. This is an exciting and exhausting day, but one the children will remember. It is a great opportunity to share in this time with your preschooler. Each child will be

asked to wear their school shirt (ordered t-shirts will be back before this event) and bring a snack and a drink. In the event of rain, we will attempt to reschedule this trip but there are no guarantees.

**PRESCHOOL T-SHIRTS** - Thank you for getting in your orders. T-shirts will be here on October 11<sup>th</sup> in time for the Pumpkin Patch if you have not already ordered yours. I have purchased a few extra if you were not able to get your order in on time.

**PRESCHOOL CLOSED - Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a scheduled day off by Henrico County.**

**LUNCH BUNCH** – Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>(Tuesday), 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. **We still have spots open if you are interested in signing up your child.** Due to the limit in the number of children that can attend Lunch Bunch, there will be no refunds or makeup days if your child was scheduled but could not attend. Please be sure that your child brings a lunch and drink, in addition to their regular morning snack. Please do not pack peanut butter or anything containing nuts. The November Lunch Bunch form will go home in their bag next week. Pick up is at 1:30 and use the carpool line for pick up.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS** - Thank you for the orders that came in for September. September orders should be in the week of the 5<sup>th</sup>. The October book order forms will go home this week. All orders should be made on line by **Fri., October 21<sup>st</sup>**, so the books will be in before the end of the month. If you still have questions about ordering please let me know. If the orders are gifts, please let me know as well.

**PONY PICTURES** - (school pictures will be taken on a pony)

**Tues., October 18<sup>th</sup> - JK and 3's**

**Wed., October 19<sup>th</sup> - 2's and MWF**

Please let us know ahead of time if you would like to have siblings together in pictures. If your child does not attend school on these days and you would like to have your child's picture taken, please email me and I can schedule a time.

**PUMPKIN PARTIES** - The Fall parties will be on the following days:

**Thurs., October 27<sup>th</sup> -2's and 3's**

**Mon., October 31<sup>st</sup> –MMO, MWF, JK**

The festivities begin with a costume parade promptly at 11:00 a.m., followed by goodies and games in their classroom. All parents are welcome to join us for this event. We encourage you to help your child choose a positive and happy costume. Remember masks can be dangerous for little people. In keeping with the Christian philosophy, we ask that you emphasize harvest, not horror, during this time. Please have your children bring their costumes to school that day. They will change into them around 10:45.

**CLAIRE'S GOURMET FUNDRAISER** – Yeah! Claire's Gourmet is back! We will get catalogs out to you the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October. This is the best pizza and baked goods you can buy! Samples will be out for you to taste some of the products the day of our Harvest Parties. Orders will be due back no later than **Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**TUITION** –Payments are due on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You may send them in your child's folder in an envelope marked with their name.

**CARPOOL** - seems to be going smoothly. Don't forget to hang your carpool sign and to come in the third entrance for morning and noon carpool. Remember to pull your car down the line so that we can fill 3-4 cars at a time. Please be patient with us as we get to know your car and your family. **Please remember that the carpool line will begin at 8:55 until 9:05. When you are arriving for morning carpool please take note that if the line has begun to form please enter at the third entrance to the**

**church parking lot as you do for afternoon carpool. \*\*Please remember to pass on the carpool rules to other family members and friends that may be picking up your child.**

We do offer an **EARLY BIRD** program that begins at 8am and then the children are taken to their class when school begins. This is only offered if you have scheduled this with me 48 hours ahead. The teachers are not scheduled to be at school until 8:30 each morning so we will need to have someone there for your child if you plan to use this program. The cost is \$10 for each morning. There are forms available on our school bulletin board and also on our website.

**Music** - I am really enjoying music with your children!! We are having fun with rhythm sticks and rhythm eggs as we sing songs about feeling, colors, apples, fire safety and the changing seasons!

### **UPCOMING NOVEMBER DATES**

<b>Wed/Thurs. - Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Lunch Bunch (form to go home in bags next week) Claire's Fundraiser orders are due
<b>Tues., November 8<sup>th</sup> -</b>	Preschool closed for Election Day. The church is used as a Polling Station.
<b>Wed. and Thurs., November 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> -</b>	Thanksgiving Feast
<b>November 21<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> -</b>	Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Thank you so much for sharing your child with us.

Blessings,

Miss Sheila

