



## 😊 Small Talk 😊

### The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool October 2020

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Welcome to October!!

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#### School Calendar for October / November

Please note that Preschool will be **closed** on **Monday, October 12th** for Columbus Day. We hope you enjoy the weekend!

#### Pajama Day – October 30<sup>th</sup>

We **close at 1PM** on **Wednesday, November 11th** for staff training.

We will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, November 26 AND Friday, Nov 27** in observance of **Thanksgiving**.

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#### Donations

We are in need of the following items:

- **Scrap Paper** – We love to draw and do art projects!
- **Boys Underwear**- Size 2T-5T
- **Long Pants** - Sizes 2T-5T

If you can help us out, please leave the items at the front desk. Thank you!

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#### Halloween and Other Celebrations

With Halloween around the corner, we would like to take the opportunity to share our philosophy on celebrating holidays.

Holidays and festivals are celebrated in conjunction with broader themes such as fall

harvest or pumpkins. Classroom teachers plan activities which allow the children to become familiar with the holiday and to discuss and experience the similarities and differences of other cultural celebrations.

Our philosophy of learning emphasizes the importance of a child-centered classroom; therefore, all food, cards, masks, and costumes are made in school rather than brought from home. **Please do not send in Halloween candy, masks and costumes.** If you are interested in sharing your family or cultural traditions, this is the perfect opportunity. Please feel free to speak to your child's teacher. For further information, please check your parent handbook or speak to a director. Thank you for your cooperation.

This year we will be having a school wide **Pajama Day on Friday, October 30th**. Wear your comfy pajamas and join in on the fun!

If you are having a birthday party for your child at home, we have lists of home addresses for each class. **We ask that you mail or email the invitations – Please do not place them in the children's Preschool mailboxes.**

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#### Seasonal Clothing

Please check your child's extra clothing box to be sure there is clothing that is appropriate for the cooler weather and is also the correct size.

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## No Home Toys

We are asking you to please leave your child's "home toys" at home. We already have a great selection of toys in the classrooms and we have noticed that home toys can cause some unnecessary problems between children. The only acceptable toy from home is **one stuffed animal for rest time.** The stuffed animal must be small enough to fit into your child's blanket cubby along with the blanket and will only be taken out at rest time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Book Orders

Thank you to those families who ordered Scholastic Books in September. Please let us know if there were any issues with the order.

Scholastic Books is not sending us enough paper order forms to hand out to everyone, so we will email a link to this month's order forms. To place your book order on-line, create a username and password at [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). On the parent page, click the "**Don't have a user name and password?**" link, and register for your own username and password. When prompted, enter the one-time **Class Activation Code** for Bethlehem Preschool, **GTCDJ**. Follow the instructions for ordering the books. The books will be delivered to Bethlehem Preschool.

This month's orders are due  
**Wednesday, October 21.**

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## Classroom Notes

**Infants:** We are enjoying all of our new babies and families. It is amazing to watch all the changes and how quickly they grow.

We will start our take home bag with our feelings book. We encourage you to share this book with the whole family. Please take pictures of your child to show their many emotions. We will send new books home after everyone has had a chance to enjoy each book. This is a great way to connect home and school.

We have started to hang family photos

up around the room. If you have not sent in pictures, please do so as we would love to display them.

We are going to explore art with crayons and some sensory items such as water and sand! It's fun to watch the babies explore art!

Happy birthday **Brianna!**

~ **Michele and Brianna**

**Toddlers:** Happy October! The children are settling in nicely and are having a lot of fun.

We enjoy the outdoors, but the weather is changing so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Mornings are quite cool, so bring in jackets.

We will be making simple projects with apples and pumpkins. Our friends really enjoy art and have fun playing and learning in the classroom.

Also, if you have not yet brought in a family photograph, please do so. The children love to look at the photos during the day.

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a school-wide pajama day. Please bring your child dressed in their jammies for a day of fun!

Please check your child's extra clothing box for warmer fall clothes.

Happy birthday to **Alicia.**

~ **Alicia, Jenny & Latizza**

**Twos Room:** Wow, September flew by! We have had so much fun getting to know each other.

With cooler weather approaching, please make sure your child has a jacket and appropriate extra clothing.

In October, we will be having fall fun. We will be looking at colors and textures of apples and pumpkins. We will also talk about fall activities, including carving a pumpkin, decorating our own pumpkins, and singing some fall songs at circle.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us.

If you have not already brought in a family picture, please do so. We will be hanging them up in the room.

Happy Birthday to **E!**

~ **Kristen, Tara and Ricleicia**

**Threes Room:** Happy Autumn to you! The three-year-olds are excited and ready for fall fun. We enjoyed getting to know our new friends this past month and learning about each other. During our study “**Beginning the School Year,**” the children learned ways to stay safe, be respectful, and work together in our classroom.

It is exciting to see our beautiful art work displayed in the classroom. The Three’s Room enjoys creating and working with arts and crafts materials. October will find us painting at the easel, designing stained glass leaves, decorating scarecrows and participating in other fall projects such as pumpkin carving, listening to books about the season, and taking nature walks. The studies for the month are “**Scarecrows and Corn,**” and “**Leaves and Pumpkins.**”

The children are very aware and curious about the changes happening outdoors! A family activity you can do at home is to take a walk through the woods and collect autumnal items to share with the class. We can add brightly colored dry leaves, acorns, pinecones, gourds, large smooth stones, and other pieces of nature to our science sensory table.

Here’s to a month of imagination, exploration, and investigation!

Happy birthday to **H** and **B!**

~ **Jared, Ashley & Nicky**

**Pre-K Three/Fours:** Our school year is off to an amazing start! We are enjoying learning more about each other.

The month of October is a time to enjoy cooler temperatures, cozy sweaters, and jumping in the autumn leaves. Please bring in a light jacket as the mornings are chilly.

We have some fun and exciting activities planned such as studying fall trees and leaves, and pumpkins. We will be focusing in on the letters E, D, P, B, and N.

Our class has been working hard at learning to recognize our names and learning how to write/trace our names. Please continue to practice this skill at home.

Please check your child’s extra clothing

box to be sure there is clothing that is appropriate for the cooler weather and is also the correct size.

We look forward to a fun-filled fall.

If you haven’t already, please send in a family photo so we can hang it up in the classroom.

Happy birthday to **E.**

~ **Tera, Stephanie & Saaleha**

**Pre-K Fours:** Our first month of school has been a busy one. We have taken time to get to know one another and our new classroom routines. Everyone has done a great job adjusting to their teams.

We have started our school year off by studying everything apples! We taste tested apples, charted our favorites, baked, and much, much more. One of our favorite apple activities that left a big impression was our apple science experiment. We touched a sliced apple with clean (freshly washed) hands and another sliced apple with dirty hands. After a few days of observing, the results were clear to see!

In October, we look forward to learning about the many changes that occur in the fall. We will also be studying fire safety and community helpers. We will continue to work on practicing our letters and numbers in our journals and writing workbooks.

Happy birthday to **Maura!**

~ **Maura, Sherry & Cassidy**

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## Calendar of Events

**Oct. 12 – Columbus Day - BPS closed.**

**Oct. 21 – Scholastic Books order due**

**Oct 30 – Pajama Day**

**Nov. 11 - BPS CLOSSES at 1pm** for staff training

**Nov. 26 AND Nov. 27 – Closed** for Thanksgiving