



# News Letter

## October 2017

### *Our Lady's Child Care Center*

Important reminders for all families; **We are closed October 9<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Columbus Day and October 13<sup>th</sup> for plumbing work.** We apologize for any inconvenience that this poses. This closure is both necessary and preventive and we thank you for your flexibility and understanding in this matter.

Parents of school age walkers, it is getting colder every day. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately. To avoid any morning arguments feel free to evoke Jon as the bad guy, "I know you don't want to wear a sweatshirt and rain boots, but Jon said you have to."

Fire Safety and Prevention week is the 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of October. The preschoolers will be learning about prevention and preparedness; don't be alarmed if they have questions or concerns regarding fire. If you get a really tough question save it for The Public Safety Complex, they are hosting an open house community event on October 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special visit to Our Lady preschool classes October 10<sup>th</sup> by the Easthampton Fire Department trucks and crew.

The preschool classrooms are already looking forward to their trips to Fletcher farm in Southampton on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The kids always do a great job at the farm and they love to ride on the bus.

We will have a Scholastic book order this month available to the preschool classes, but anyone can order online: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> Then click on the *Get Started* tab under *Parents*. Our code is DRNC9, this gives you access to all the titles available through Scholastic during our book orders.

#### **Just a few reminders for parents:**

- Please label everything (food, cups, pacifiers, etc.) that comes into the center.
- Please check your child's mailbox frequently found in the classrooms (Infants/toddlers are in the entranceway below the parent sign-in sheet)
- Please bring a light jacket or a sweater for your child as we still go outside daily (including infants).
- Check out the calendar for program and community events

#### **Blue Room – Beth and Felicia**

Yeah! Fall has finally arrived bringing with it cooler and drier weather for all of us to enjoy! This is certainly one of the best times of the year.

With the arrival of the cooler weather we ask that you have a lightweight jacket or sweater available so that we can continue to go out for walks, this also includes socks to keep the toes warm. We are also requesting that you have an extra set or two of weather appropriate extra clothing for those OOPS moments.

This month we will be saying hello to a new addition to our room, while we start the transition process for one of our oldest. Along with these transitions, we will be spending our days on activities and games that will help each child develop their large and fine motor skills, their social/ emotional skills, and their language development etc. This will all happen through our daily activities and play times.

As a reminder please remember to label all items that come into the center such as; bottles, food, pacifiers, etc.

We hope everyone has a great month and we wish all a Happy Halloween! As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to seek us out.

### **Yellow Room – Lisa and Jayna**

Welcome Fall! We look forward to the change of season and the beautiful colors. With that in mind we would like to remind you to bring in a change of clothes for the upcoming season. We welcome some new friends to the Yellow Room while we say goodbye to friends who are moving up to the Green Room. This month we will be learning about pumpkins, fall, fire safety, and Halloween!

### **Green Room – Ivette and Angela**

The Green Room is looking forward to October! This month we will be learning about fall. We will sing songs and make fall themed art. We will talk about fire safety and we might even get to see a real fire truck! Then we will start getting ready for Halloween. We will learn about pumpkins; we will have pumpkin crafts and a pumpkin in our texture table. We will learn about bats. We will finish off the month with a Halloween week with lots of Halloween crafts! Be on the lookout for some new handprint art on the walls. We may even have some paint in between our toes this week!

### **Room 1- Jon**

It's October! And we know what that means...Halloween!!! We will spend the month decorating our classroom with creepy crafty art; zombies, monsters, spider webs and more. The room will be transformed for our School Age Halloween Party. We are planning a Halloween celebration. We will have games and spooky activities on the 25<sup>th</sup>, (the same day as the Rag Shag) kids can bring in their costumes if they want for a Halloween (dance) party. We will also have Unicef fund raising boxes available for any children who are interested.

### **Room 2- Casey and Laura**

This month we are learning about Community Helpers, pumpkins, squash and Halloween! The Easthampton Fire Department will be visiting us on October 10<sup>th</sup> with a firetruck. We are very excited to see them! We have a field trip adventure and visit to Fletchers Farm. Please sign and return your child's permission slip, the date is October 17<sup>th</sup>! We are looking forward to the return of Brittany from her maternity leave at the end of October. Please check and change out the seasonal clothing in your child's labeled bin in the closet. Please be sure to add extra socks or shows if your child is potty training. Please send in a sweatshirt for our crazy New England weather!

### **Room 3- Sarah and Doreen**

As we welcome the fall season, we will learn about many topics like fire safety, community helpers, pumpkins, and Halloween! We will explore these themes through open-ended art, math activities, literacy, games, and play. Please make sure you check your child's clothing box to switch summer clothes out with more appropriate clothing for the change in weather. Have a wonderful month!

### **Room 4– Jen and Nikki**

Room 4 is ready to have some fall fun! We will be talking about what happens during fall, like the weather changing and the leaves changing colors Fire

Safety week is in October, we will learn about preventing fires and how to stay safe in case of a fire.. Room 4 is very excited that we are going to the pumpkin patch in October. We will spend a week talking about pumpkins and we will do lots of pumpkin art! We will end the month with lots of Halloween fun!

### **Room 5- Cassie and Tyler**

Oh boy is Room 5 excited for October! We will begin the month by learning about fall and how the seasons change and why. We are also very excited to start talking about Halloween! We will be adding spooky crafts to our walls along with some gooey, slimy science experiments! We will be having our Halloween Party on October 25<sup>th</sup>! Costumes are encouraged and if you would like to bring a snack or treat please remember it must be store bought and peanut free. \*No candy please!\*

### **School Age Program Bulletin**

Jon ordered some UNICEF boxes, they should be arriving shortly. With all of the devastation Caused by the recent hurricanes this offers an engaging way that we can work together and help. This month we are featuring UNICEF and their charitable efforts. UNICEF works to identify and combat global childhood poverty and inequality. The effort is realized through food assistance, educational materials, disease control, access to fresh water and more.

The trick or treat for UNICEF program began in 1950. UNICEF, however did not start it. The Allison family in Pennsylvania made collection boxes from old milk cartons. The Allison family raised \$17 and donated it to UNICEF to aid post-war Europe. The program has raised \$188 million since its humble beginnings in 1950.

To do our part in helping this organization we are going to host a trick or treat for UNICEF program. Children in the preschool and school age programs can take one of the



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boxes and use it collect money for the drive. The boxes can be returned and the School age students will count it and post a grand total. The boxes need to be returned to Jon (Room 1) by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Parents; this is a great introduction to the season of giving that is just around the corner. These are a couple of resources, the first link is for the adults and the second one is for the kids.

[http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/index\\_45357.html](http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/index_45357.html)

<https://www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat/resources/family-and-group-resources>



### **Directors Corner:**

Thank you to all the families that came out to help us celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We had a great time; food, families and fun. There was a nice article written about us for iobserve.org; <http://iobserve.org/2017/09/20/our-ladys-child-care-center-celebrates-10th-anniversary/>.

This Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> we will be featured on Real to Reel on WWLP Channel 22 at 7pm. Tune in to see us on TV!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 EPS ½ day Apple Day Park Hill Orchard 2 - 6:15 <b>Pre-Register</b> \$	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>We are Closed</b> In observance of Columbus Day	10 EHFD visits OLCC preschool	11	12	13 <b>We Are Closed</b> for plumbing repairs	14 EH Safety Complex 10am  Harvest Fest Nonotuck 12pm
15 Westhampton Fall Festival 10 am	16	17 Preschool Field Trip Fletcher Farm	18 Preschool Field Trip Fletcher Farm  Scholastic Book Orders are due.	19 EPS ½ day	20 EPS ½ day	21
22	23	24	25 Rag Shag Parade 6:30	26	27	28
29	30	31 Have a Safe and Happy Halloween	<b>Notes:</b> Look Park Haunted Train Ride 10/20-22 5:30-8:30pm \$			

**Parents Volunteers Always Wanted!**

Let us know if you want to volunteer to come in and spend some time with us. We would love to have you. You could read to us, you could play an instrument, you could just be a classroom helper. **Anything you do means everything to us.**

**Let your child's teacher know if you would like to volunteer.**