

Bonny Doon Community Preschool

NEWSLETTER- October 2011



Fall is Here?

This month we will be exploring **Fall** and **Harvest** as our themes. We will also begin our introduction to the **Life Cycle**, looking at the cycles of pumpkins and sunflowers. Please note that the weather will be changing so be sure to dress your child in layers and keep a warm jacket or sweater at school. We will be harvesting the foods that we have grown in the garden this last year and preparing for Fall planting. If you have any special harvests from your garden you would like to share with the class please let us know!

We will also be exploring **make believe, dress up, dramatic play and storytelling** as a sub-theme which tangentially relates to the cultural holidays that many families celebrate in October ☺.

Thank you to all the families that have completed their Family collages! The kids love to share them and see them on the preschool wall!

Sign In Sheet!

Please be sure to sign in your child at pick up and drop off with a **full name signature (no initials!)** and the **EXACT TIME of drop off or pick up!** The sign in sheet is a legal document that verifies whether your child is legally in our care. Inaccurate times and partial signatures/initials are cause for licensing citations and violate the law!

Thank You!

Parent Workday

Saturday, October 15th will be our Fall Parent Workday. We will be sprucing up the yard, as well as replenishing the wood chips in our play structure area.

Lunch food!

We know making lunch for a preschooler can be a challenge. If you are looking for suggestions let us know. Often children will try new things when they are at school. Please refrain from sending cookies or candy in lunches, as they are a distraction from their main foods.

Thank you !

BOARD INTEREST

Fall is here and the annual Halloween Festival is just around the corner on Sunday October 23 2:00pm – 6:00pm. The preschool will be hosting a craft table in addition to selling treats at our table. Please look for the volunteer sign-up sheet when you sign in/out at the preschool and help us make this fundraiser a fun filled afternoon!

We especially need assistance with the building of wooden toy parts, creating edible delights, and serving at the tables during the Halloween Festival. These activities earn parent task hours!

Remember, the BDCP meets the third Thursday of every month and is open to all parents and community members. At our last board meeting, Vanessa (Remi's Mom) joined the board as Secretary, and we appreciate her valuable contribution and we look forward to the support from this new class!

Curriculum

Literacy- *Pumpkin Circle, Vegetable Garden, Apple Picking Time!*

Writing- Our Names, Friends Names, Our Jobs, Journals

Art- Mask making, Pumpkins, Sunflowers, Pumpkin carving, Owl puppets, Spiders, Leaf and Seed Collage, Easel Painting and much more!

Math- Seed Sorting, Patterns, Colors, Measuring and counting!

Science- Harvesting, pumpkin life cycle, sunflower life cycle, Fall planting, Life Lab

Music & Movement- *5 Little Pumpkins, Going on a Leaf Hunt*, Yoga, Music with Teacher Michelle! And exploring our musical instruments

Cooking- Pumpkin muffins, and Bread, Pumpkin Seeds

Social/Emotional- Inclusive play, using kind words, negotiating, sharing space and materials.

Friendly Reminder

Please remember that pick up time is **12:30pm** for the Morning Program and **2:45pm** for Aftercare! Arrival after these times will result in a fee of \$10 for every 5 minutes late.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 8th *Wooden Toy workshop!*
(Can be done instead of Workday!)

Saturday, October 15th 9:30a-1p *Parent Workday*

Monday, October 17th 1:15pm *Board Meeting*
@LeJeune home!

Tuesday, October 18th & Wednesday, October 19th
Picture Day at the Preschool

Saturday, October 23rd 3p-6p
Harvest Festival at the Elementary School!

Monday, October 31st *Halloween Parade*
at Elementary School (children may come in costume☺)

Tuesday, November 1st *Staff Development Day*
NO SCHOOL