

# **Park's Edge Preschool**

# , Put a little PEP in your life!

## A Letter from the Director...

#### Happy Birthday

Elaina H.	10/03/2015
William R.	10/06/2015
Grace P.	10/08/2014
Grayson S.	10/12/2011
Anabella S.	10/12/2011
Benjamin E.	10/15/2015
Mckenna P.	10/16/2013
Eva G.	10/18/2013
Jack M.	10/30/2013
Lydia W.	10/31/2016



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Ms. Sandra Ms. Ellen Ms. Emily



Ms. Dee

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Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

I cannot believe how quickly the clock has ticked by this year. September has been an exciting month with the kick-off of the school year. **PEP's Annual Progressive** Dinner-Open House, Grandparent's Day and the USBORNE Book Fair/ Fundraiser were a success and made the last days of summer fly by. October is already upon us and the staff and I look forward to the festive fall month.

Milwaukee's 2017 CROP Walk is Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The annual event is an opportunity to help overcome hunger...one step at a time. The Annual Crop Walk starts at the McKinley Marina on Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront at 1:30 pm. Park's Edge Preschool will participate in the Crop Walk this year by collecting non-perishable foods. Park's Edge Preschool families have donated non-perishable foods to the Milwaukee Hunger Task Force in recognition of the annual Crop Walk since 2008. We are always curious which classroom will collect the most food. If you have any non-perishable foods to donate please drop them in the box at the entrance by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank vou!

October Celebrations and Fieldtrips at PEP

Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> no school Whitnall School District. Fieldtrip to the Pumpkin Patch at Prospect Hill, New Berlin, for children in the Fantastic Frogs, Shining Stars and Slithering Snakes. Cost \$7.00 includes hayride, corn maze, harvest games and pumpkin. Watch your mailbox for details and permission slip. Your child will need a pillowcase for their take home pumpkin. All chaperones need a current background check completed and on file.

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is Park's Edge Preschool's **Family Harvest Fest from** 5:30 to 7:30pm. Park's Edge Preschool's families, grandparents and siblings welcome too, will come together for an evening of fall fun...a costume parade, scavenger hunt and a magic show featuring Mr. Rick Allen. Chili, cornbread and brownies will be served to warm the little goblins bellies. Each family will be asked to bring a carved/ decorated pumpkin for display and a non-perishable food item to donate to the Milwaukee Hunger Task Force. Be sure to dress in child friendly costumes for PEP's costume parade! Please R.S.V.P. at the PEP Office front desk or call (414) 427-9561. Thanks!

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> fieldtrip to the Hales Corners Care Center for Trick or Treat fun in the community. The Fantastic Frogs and Shining Stars will be participating from 10-11am. Please send their labeled costume. Watch for details and a permission form in your family mailbox about this annual event.

PEP's Halloween Fun costume parade is also held, rain or shine, at 10 am on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Food...wonderful food! The 'Good News Group' from Emanuel Church is showing 'Frazzled Families' love and support by serving 'Chicken Pot Pie Dinner-to-go'. The whole concept behind the 'Frazzled Family Dinner' was originally started to promote family time and spiritual growth. Included in each meal is a prayer and parent/child interactive conversation card. Both, Emanuel Church and Park's Edge Preschool Families are eligible to pick-up 'Chicken Pot Pie Dinners-to go' Wednesday, November 15th between 4-6 pm. Be sure to reserve your family dinner by Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Blessings!

With all the beautiful colors displayed in this wonderful natural outdoor setting there is so much to learn and do on the edge of Whitnall Park at Park's Edge Preschool! Follow us on Facebook!

Sincerely, Ellen M. Kvalheim, Park's Edge Preschool Director



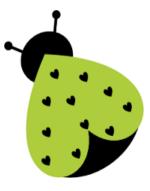
October already! We hope everyone had a great time at our Open House and Grandparent's Day. We always enjoy visiting with families at our special events. This month we wish Natalia and her family a fond farewell as she transitions to the Beautiful Butterflies. We also welcome Bodie, Coral and their families to our classroom. The rest of our Love Bugs are really growing into the season. Hugh has mastered rolling and getting all over the

#### Love Bugs

floor. Max has also mastered rolling over and Phoebe is also getting good at rolling side-to-side. Vincent has been banging at the toy bar, working on his motor skills. Our 'Child of the Month' is Elizabeth. She loves to roll everywhere around the room and likes listening to stories. She also likes to finger paint. As the weather grows cooler, we will continue to explore the outdoors, so please make sure your child has socks and/or shoes and a warm jacket daily. Also, please

check your child's cubby for weather appropriate spare clothing. All items need to be labeled with your child's name This month we have some more fun family events planned including the Harvest Fest, Thursday, October 26th and our Halloween parade, Tuesday, October 31st. Keep an eye out in your mailboxes for more information. We hope everyone has a wonderful month.

> Ms. Nicole & The Love Bugs



### **Beautiful Butterflies**

We also have some wonderful fun planned for the month. Dates to remember are: PEP Harvest

Festival, Thursday October 26th and PEPs Halloween Parade,

Tuesday, October 31st. Your child should bring in costumes for both events. We encourage families to dress up as well! Look for details in your mailboxes. Also, on October 23–27, Ms. Julie will be NY for a

church leadership retreat. Our 'Child of the Month' is Lydia. She's celebrating her first birthday on the 31st and she loves to smile and greet everybody by saying, "hi!" This month is a great time to explore sensory play with your child outside. We encourage families to share your favorite family fall activity with us. We hope everyone has a very blessed month filled with wonderful fall time fun.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carla

What a wonderful September we've had! We just enjoyed the start of the school year and enjoyed seeing all of our families at Open House. We said goodbye to Sawyer, Vivian and their families as they transition in to the Busy Bees classroom. We also welcome Justin and his family to the Darling Dragonflies classroom. We wish Elaina, William, and Ben E. very Happy Birthdays on the 3rd, 6th and 15th of this month. We also wish Ms. Emily a Happy

#### Birthday on the 17th!

#### **Darling Dragonflies**

As quickly as the leaves are

changing colors and falling, the

year is moving along and so are

your children. Thank you to the

grandparents who were able to visit

last month. We encourage

Families to visit whenever possible.

Our themes for the month include,

My 5 Senses, Fire Safety &

Prevention, Apples, Pumpkins &

Scarecrows, God's Sweet Treats of Harvest and Imaginations God

Gave Us.

We have a lot of fun themes planned for this month. We will be talking about: My 5 Senses, Fires Safety & Prevention, Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows, God's Sweet Treats of Harvest and Imaginations God Gave Us . We can't wait! We would also like to remind families of our Harvest Party on Thursday, October 26th from 5:30-7:30pm. Come for a chili dinner and lots of fun. We will also be having a parade at 10am on Tuesday, October 31st to show off our costumes once more.

We remind all families to please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate spare clothing as the cooler weather approaches.

Our child of the month is Ben E. He enjoys doing puzzles and creating art. Ben also likes to work with shape sorters. Please come in and say, "hi," to Ben.

We hope everyone has a wonderful October with family and friends.





As we say a final farewell to summer, we look forward to and welcome the new season. This is one of our favorite time of year, seeing all the changes around us.

We will be discovering "Our 5 Senses", learning about "Fire Safety & Prevention," followed by "Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows." The toddlers and 2s will also have our very own pumpkin patch on our playground. We'll end the month with "God's Sweet Treats of

#### **Busy Bees**

Harvest" and, of course, "Imaginations God Gave Us-Let's Pretend," which will include our Halloween parade. We hope you can join!

Our 'Child of the Month" this month is William. He enjoys creating art, solving puzzles and building with blocks and Legos. William also likes to dance and sing lots of different songs. We welcome you to come on in and say, "hi."

We would like to encourage

parents to take some time out of their busy schedules and take your family on a walk to enjoy all the beauty this season brings. Remember, you're never too old to jump in a pile of leavesI

Reminder to parents, to check clothes in your child's cubby. With changing weather, we want to make sure appropriate clothing is available if needed. We wish everyone a safe and happy fall season.

Ms. Beth & Ms. Mary

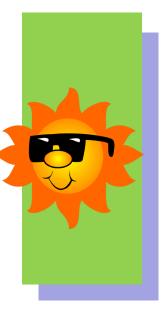
Welcome Back ! We had a great start to fall with the month of September. We welcomed new friends and old. Thank you to all who came and visited our Sunshine Room. We are excited about the month of October. We have great themes planned and fun activities for fall. Our themes include, "My 5 Senses" where we will explore all of the senses God has given us including, listening skills. We will also sample different types of flavors both sweet and sour using our sense of taste.

### Sunshine Room

During "Fire Safety & Prevention Week," we will demonstrate stop, drop and roll along with other very important safety measures. Another theme we will have fun with is "Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows" and we will end the month with "God's Sweet Treats of Harvest," where we anticipate fun and games at our annual Harvest Festival, Thursday, October 26th.

As we look forward to all the wonderful fall themes this month, you are welcome to stop by and share some of your great ideas with us. Our children get so excited to welcome visitors into our classroom and teachers could always use a helping hand. Last thing, please make sure to check your child's folder daily and make sure all their clothes are up to date and weather appropriate. If you have any questions relating to our Sunshine Room, feel free to ask.

Ms. Jenele & Ms. Sandra





September was a great month. We are very happy that Ms. Caitlin joined the Fantastic Frogs and we had a wonderful time getting to know all of our friends. We worked very hard on our names, letters, numbers and cutting.

We are now entering October and there will be many fun things going on. Please keep watch for special activities or announcements. We are

especially looking forward to our Harvest Fest, Thursday, October 26th and Halloween Parade,

# **Fantastic Frogs**

Tuesday, October 31st. We also can't wait to make a trip to the pumpkin farm on Monday, October 23rd.

October is a fun time with lots of treats but please make sure to keep treats nut-free. Speaking of treats, what is a ghost's favorite dinner? Spook-ghetti! HAHA!

October is also costume time and we ask that all costumes are school/child friendly.

With the change in weather, please check to make sure your child has weather appropriate spare clothing. They will also need to be prepared for exploring the great outdoors on a daily basis with warmer jackets and shoes.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe October. Have a great month.

Ms. Caitlin & Ms. Michele





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#### Shining Stars

Happy October! Get ready for some more fun. This month we will be having fun learning about our 5 senses which is a lot of hands on activities, woohoo! Fire safety week will be an explosion of excitement because I am all about safety and being prepared. We will also have firefighters coming in later in the month to expand on what we learned. I also love the harvest season, learning about

fall weather and harvest activities are a frightfully good time. Please plan to come to the PEP annual Harvest Party Thursday, October 26th. I wonder what the teachers theme for dressing up this year will be? You don't want to miss it!

In the classroom, we are still working on safety rules and routines from September but will be adding letters A-D and numbers 1-10. We mostly worked on writing our names and will continue writing skills for October.

Everything is coming along wonderfully. Please come talk to me or call during nap time (1:00pm-2:30pm)if you have any questions or concerns.

Just a friendly reminder, please sweatshirts or jackets daily with the weather changing and check cubbies. Children may appropriate spare clothing. Last but not least, your children do a lot of art that they want to take home, so please make sure to check your child's folder daily.

Ms. Melinda and The Shining Stars

### **ATTENTION FAMILIES!!!**

Children love to show off their families to their friends! As you know, many classrooms ask that children bring in family pictures to share. Now we've made it easier for you to do so! Simply attach a picture from you cell phone and e-mail it to us at Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com. We will be more than happy to print these pictures so your child has the opportunity to display their family proudly!



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Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin? A: With a pumpkin patch!

The first month of school sure has been a whirlwind but we are finally back in our routine. If you couldn't tell by the joke, it is finally fall! Pumpkin and apple picking will be in full swing and the weather will start getting cooler. With the cooler weather, please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing.

The themes for this month are : My 5 Sense, Fires Safety & Prevention, Apples, Pumpkins & Scarecrows and God's Sweet Treats of Harvest.

#### **Slithering Snakes**

The school closings for this month are: St. Leonard's- No School October 12-13 Tess Corners- No School October 16 HCE & Edgerton- No School October 23 Please be sure to sign your child up if they will be attending the whole day on these dates.

We also have some great fun planned for this month. We hope families can join us for our annual Harvest Festival, Thursday, October 26th and our annual Halloween Parade, Tuesday, October 31st. We encourage all who attend these events to come in costume. Please remember they need to be child friendly. We also will be attending Prospect Hill Pumpkin Farm on Monday, October 23rd. This is sure to be a great adventure on a day off of school!

We have created a question board in our classroom this season and have some really interesting thoughts from our school agers. Make sure you stop in and see what they have written and feel free to write some questions yourself.

We are looking forward to all the fun we will have this month. Happy fall!

Ms. Anna & The Slithering Snakes





## **Important Dates:**

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<u>October 3rd-7th-</u> "Doing Good Campaign' Donate 1 non -perishable food item to help fight hunger for the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 8th.

October 8th-CROP Walk located at Mckinley Marina 1:30pm

October 12th-13th-St. Leonard's-No School

October 16th- Tess Corners- No School

October 19th-Visit from Hales Corners Fire Department 9:30am

October 23rd– Whitnall– NO School & Field Trip to Prospect Hill Pumpkin Farm \$7 per child Fantastic Frogs & Shining Stars– 9:30am-11:30am Slithering Snakes– 12:00pm-2:30pm

<u>October 26th–</u> Harvest Festival 5:30-7:30pm- 1 non-perishable food item per guest. Includes a chili dinner, fun activities and entertainment. All are welcome to attend and wear their costumes.

<u>October 27th–</u>Trick-or-Treating at\_Hales Corners Care Center @ 9:45am Fantastic Frogs & Shining Stars

October 31st-Costume Parade @ 10am-Families welcome to attend

## **Parent Advisory Council**



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

Danka, Gracias, Je vous remercie...Thank you to all the parents that purchased books from the Usborne book fair that was kicked off at our annual open house on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Usborne Book sale went through Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and raised over \$500.00. Park's Edge Preschool will receive over \$250 in free books for our children's library chosen from our faculty's wish lists! Thank you to Christina Manning, PEP's new Usborne Books consultant! Thank you to all the parents that participated in the Usborne Book Fair! Happy reading :-)

Sixty-eight grandparents accepted our invitation and came to play at Park's Edge Preschool with their grandchild on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Every grandchild and grandparent were treated to cookie decorating, story-time and outdoor fun together. The occasion was joyous and memorable! Grandparents do not have to wait until Grandparents Day to be invited back to PEP. Grandparents are welcome to visit anytime. Please let us know if you have a grandparent interested in getting more involved at PEP. Grandparents are welcome to join us for our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings too!

PAC Meetings—watch for PEP's PAC Survey on PAC's Meeting schedule. We've noticed that days and times are difficult in pulling parents together for a meeting. With a new school year and group of families we would like your feedback if/when you could participate in a PAC Meeting or maybe you're not able to but would like to be involved at some level. Thank you.

Warmly, Kristin Burr, Assistant Director

# **NAC Nook**

### October is Fire Safety Month

The Hales Corners Fire Department are planning a visit to Park's Edge Preschool on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Talk to your child about fire prevention and safety procedures at home. Please practice with your child stop, drop and roll for fire safety. It is never too early to teach fire safety to preschoolers! Did you know we practice fire safety monthly by doing a fire drill and timing our evacuation for the entire center? Practice, practice, practice...your child's safety is our #1 priority at Park's Edge Preschool!

### Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

#### **Upstairs & Downstairs Themes**

#### 10/02-10/06- My 5 Senses

God gave us eyes to see him, ears to hear his truth, mouths to speak life and a nose to smell the fragrances of life.

10/09-10/13- Fires Safety & Prevention Week

- Story of the burning bush
- Keep our torches burning bright for Jesus.

#### 10/16-10/20- Apples, Pumpkins

- The seed grows and flourishes where it is planted
  - Apple of God's Eye

#### 10/23-10/27- God's Sweet Treats of Harvest

- The harvest fields are ready, the workers are few
  - We have to put our hands to the plow
  - 10/30-11/03- Imaginations God Gave Us
- The parable of talents, use what God gave us
- The Lord gave us capabilities that we can imagine

#### **SCHOLASTIC**

Thank you to everyone who ordered books for the month of September. We were able to order sets of books for our library including;

The 5 Sense Pack and Firefly CD of the month pack, along with other books that the children can enjoy!

Catalogs for the month of October will be in your mailboxes soon. Please take advantage of the many books for great prices. Remember Scholastic books are carefully selected to help our children build skills, grow a love of reading and succeed beyond preschool. You can also order online before the due date on the monthly Scholastics. The code is M63P4

Thank You,

Ms. Sandra Scholastic Coordinator