



**St. James' Nursery
School News**



October 2010

**Calendar of Nursery
School Events**

10/4: AM Classes Only Closed and Full Day Pre-K 4's Class Delayed opening at 12:00 – In-Service Planning Time

10/8: Main Street MWF 3's and Pre-K 4's Bookmobile Visit

10/12: 3's Bookmobile Visit

10/12: Parent Volunteer Training at 6:30 (please RSVP)

10/13-14: Chapel Times

10/14-18: Joe Corbi order forms sent home!

10/19: Nursery School Closed for Staff In-Service

10/20-22: Larriland Farm Trips for the 2's

10/21: First Aid training at 6:30 PM

10/26 & 27: Gaver Farm Trips for the 3's

10/25: Summer's Farm Trip for Pre-K 4's



From the Director's Desk

As fall approaches I'm becoming excited about the holiday season getting closer and closer. We have so much fun and excitement to look forward to.

On October the 19th the Nursery School will be closed for our first in-service day. The staff will use this time to have a professional development training, plan for upcoming weeks and will spend some time working in individual classrooms.

Please visit the escrip.com website to sign-up. Your purchases at Safeway and other stores can benefit St. James. If you have signed up in the past, you will need to renew on the website. Money earned through e-scrip in the past was used to send our staff to the NAEYC conference in D.C. last year. We are again saving money through this fundraiser to attend again in 2013!

The "Cuddle-Up and Target Reading Program" will be starting in October!! I have ordered lots of books on fall and thought it would be a good idea to go ahead and get started! A calendar will be sent home through the cubbies for the next four months. Draw a smiley-face on each day that you read together for at least 15 minutes!! Cover at least 20 days with smiley-faces per month and your child will receive a free book complements of Target!! The children will certainly benefit from this program.

Please note the information in this newsletter concerning First Aid training on October 21st. I encourage parents (and grandparents) to sign-up. HealthFirst is an authorized training center for the American Heart Association and the American Safety Health Institute. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this training.

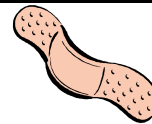
As always, I remain available to parents for questions or suggestions,

Pat

FYI!!

Remember that when teaching your child to write their name that they should learn to make the first letter (only) a capital and the following letter lowercase. Provide blank paper for your child to practice writing their name.

Coming Up on October 21st!!



Infant, Child and Adult First Aid Training will be held at St. James at 6:30pm. This is a wonderful, one-night training opportunity that really gives you peace-of-mind. The trainer is great and makes the experience fun! Cost is \$60 per person. Make checks payable to HealthFirst and sign up in the office by Monday, October 18th. Call Pat, 301-829-0014, for more information!

October Chapel Dates for the 3's and Pre-K 4's Classes

October 13th and 14th

This month's chapel is "feeling safe when it feels scary". Please feel free to join us.

Fire Safety

October is National Fire Safety Month. According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, even if children know fire is dangerous, they're still fascinated by the flames. It's up to adults to store matches and lighters out of their reach.



Halloween Information

As children become more and more excited about the holiday of Halloween, I want to ask parents for help on a few items. If your child's costume comes with a mask, please leave the mask at home on the day of St. James' parties. We are also asking that costumes be non-scary and 'friendly'. Remember, pretend weapons are not allowed at school.

Please look at the last page of this newsletter for additional information on the Halloween party and trick-or-treating event. Thank you for your help with this.

Preschoolers in the Kitchen



"Gingerbread Haunted House!!"

Here's a fun Halloween project for the whole family. Use your imagination to decorate your house any way that you desire. **Here is what you'll need:**

2 containers chocolate frosting*
2 empty 1 qt. milk cartons, rinsed and dried

1 large tray covered with foil.

*You can use a thick homemade frosting instead.

Decorations:

pretzel sticks graham crackers
black licorice and red twists
candy corn M&Ms
Foil wrapped Halloween Candy
rice crackers Orange Sprinkles
Colored icing for writing or decorating

Tape each milk carton closed at top and then tape the milk cartons together to make a house. Wrap with foil. Attach firmly to the covered tray with tape.

Frost cartons with chocolate frosting. Frost the tray also to use as the lawn.

Decorate with the assorted treats!

Some ideas

*Sprinkle orange sugar on the roof of the house.

*Rice crackers make neat "attic" windows.

*graham crackers for windows and doors-highlight with icing.

*pretzel stick window panes

*M&M "pathway stones" leading to the door.

*Candy corn "icicles" under the roof

After you have the house and pathway finished add details to the lawn area. Foil wrapped candy is great because you buy little mummies, ghosts or pumpkins and place them on the pathway and around the house.

This is fun to look at and then eat!!

Down by the Station
Down by the station
early in the morning

See the great big fire
trucks all in a row.

Hear the jangly fire
bell
sound a loud alarm
now---

Chug chug, clang
clang, off we go!

CAR SEAT PURCHASE/INSTALLATION/ CHECK



SAFE KIDS and Kids in Safety Seats
(KISS) Program
Carroll County Health Department
290 South Center Street
Westminster, MD 21157
410-876-4448

The KISS program offers car seats to low income families in Carroll County for a nominal fee.

New car seats may also be purchased at a reduced cost to any family residing in Carroll County, regardless of income.

Anyone requiring a car seat check or car seat installation, regardless of county of residence, can contact Maggie at 410-876-4448 to schedule an appointment. Drop-ins are discouraged.

Crab & Shrimp Feast



St. James' Church will be hosting a delicious feast on Friday, Oct 22nd. Advance ticket purchases are required. The cost is \$40 per person for all you can eat (there will be a small charge for children who eat hotdogs instead!). BYOB. Contact Linda Bonifant at 301-703-8155 for more information!

GET READY FOR THE GOLD EVENT

Collect all your old gold items - broken jewelry, single ear rings, old gold teeth - for the Sunday November 14th Gold Event at St. James'. The buyer will calculate a price and make you a

cash offer to purchase your gold. You can then decide whether to accept the offer or not. The public can bring in their gold from 1:00 to 3:00. At the end of the day, 10% of the total purchase will go to St. James' to help to pay the mortgage. It's that simple. It's a win, win event. Check to find your unwanted gold, and invite your neighbors. Please call Susan Winters at 410-489-9323 or e-mail her at grwii@comcast.net to let her know if you will be bringing gold so the buyers can be prepared. There will also be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

There will also be a baked goods and gifts-in-a-jar (cookie mixes, scone mixes, muffin mixes, etc.) sale!

ST. JAMES' RAFFLE & AUCTION

The Raffle and Auction will take place at St. James' Thrift Shop during Fall Fest on Saturday October 2nd from 9:00-5:00 and on Sunday October 3rd from 10:00-5:00. Come by to buy tickets and support the Raffle and Auction. There will also be wonderful items to bid on as part of the silent auction - a solitaire diamond ring, two pairs of diamond earrings, a wonderful collectible vintage pig cookie jar, an antique quilt, and Chanel No. 5 cologne and powder.

Bible Study at St. James - Maybe Even During Your Child's Class!!

The St. James bible study group meets on the first, third, and fifth Fridays of the month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the church kitchen. We recently started a study on the book of Romans. It is an informal and friendly group - no experience required! For more information or to get a study guide, please contact Maureen Suckling at 301-829-8421 or msuckling@juno.com

Halloween Parades and
Trick-or-Treating!!
October 28th (TTh 3's)
October 29th (MWF 3's and Pre-K 4's)

Trick-or-Treating with your friends is so much fun! It's even more fun when the children can actually trick-or-treat at their friends' homes. We would like the children to be able to experience this even if they don't live in the same neighborhoods! How you ask?? **With a little bit of imagination and parent participation!**

On the day of your child's Halloween Party, take your child into their classroom dressed in their costume (no masks or scary costumes, please) and drop them off as you typically do. After you have dropped them off, proceed to the parking lot area for a parade and a song or two. Remember your cameras!! But, the fun isn't over yet!

After the children have paraded around, sang some songs, and posed for pictures, we'd like to do a trick-or-treat activity. In order to make this work, we need you to work with your child at home (before the party day) to make your house out of a paper bag or shoe box (have fun, be creative). Fill your house bag or box with Halloween treats. **PLEASE NO NUTS, NUT PRODUCTS, OR PRODUCTS WITH TRACES OF NUTS.**

Please give out only a single item to each child. Some suggestions include: stickers, pencils, spider rings, a piece of candy, individual bags of pretzels/goldfish, etc.

Parents will line up in a row, with their houses filled with goodies, and the children will go "door-to-door" to trick-or-treat with their friends (Some classes will trick-or-treat in the inside hall – watch for directions that day!). After the trick-or-treating activity, the children will go back inside the classroom and you are free to leave until the end of class time or stay if you have signed up to volunteer.

