Dear Families,

Fall is in the air! Can you believe it? That means that it is time for lots of fun Fall activities, like Boo at the Zoo and Howloween at the Zoo at the Ross Park Zoo in Binghamton. For specific details on all the fun, visit http://new.rossparkzoo.com/. Remember the monthly newsletter and menu are available on our website at: http://www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school. Extras are posted in the hallway.

With the beginning of each new year we often highlight areas of significant importance mentioned throughout the Parent Handbook.

Pg 9 – Arrival & Departure – children must always be escorted to/from your vehicle or to the appropriate room and helped with seasonal clothing, and hand washing. Also upon arrival, as information is exchanged on your child’s day thus far, you must also record your name and time you dropped off using **appropriate full names** on the sign in and out sheet.

Pg 32 – Photographing Children – CPS will not use photos taken of children on any internet site, without written permission of parents. Parents should not place photos of children other than their own on any internet sites without written permission from the child’s parent. This also pertains to staff member’s pictures.

Pg 33 – Social Media – CPS prides itself in professionalism and discourages staff, interns and volunteers from participation in forms of personal social media. We are asking staff to relay information regarding your child or CPS during our hours of operation 7:30am – 5:30pm. **Any work related correspondence should be copied to the office.**

Please take time to review and follow through on these areas, we particularly want to ensure the health and safety of all the children, families, and staff at Campus Pre-School this school year.

Have a fantastic and fun filled October!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director

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Happy Fall! Autumn brings many changes, and Campus Preschool is no exception. Our Executive Director, Tonya Rivera, welcomed a baby girl at the end of September. We welcomed Freedom Morehart, who joins the CPS family as interim Executive Director while Tonya is on maternity leave. The Board of Directors will also go through our annual transition this month. We'd like to thank our outgoing members for their time and service and welcome our new members aboard. An updated board member list will be available and new bios will be posted after our October meeting.

As always, feel free to contact the board through our email address cpsbod@binghamton.edu.

Best,
Jackie McKenna
Board President
**WEE BEAR**

“Wee” are settling in very nicely. Just a few tears, some stress when transitioning to a new area, and very normal toddler behaviors of taking toys, saying “NO” as well as comfort touches, giving toys, and being excited when it is time for gym. The rocking boat and bouncer are favorites, which increase balance, trunk stability, and motor planning.

As the season changes, we are watching the squirrels and birds get fatter, and noticing the leaves flying in the sky. Autumn adds a new selection of vocabulary words and an opportunity to experience new (or renewed) sensations of cooler temperatures, wind blowing, the smell and sound of rustling leaves. We will continue to be outside experiencing nature, as well as bringing nature inside.

Please check the extra clothes to switch out any summer clothes for warmer clothes. If you layer your child’s clothing due to cold mornings, we will dress them accordingly when we go outside.

Kelly
Nicole
Sarah

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**BEAR CUB**

It has been a very busy and exciting start to a new school year. Thank you to all our parents for helping to make this a success. The bear cubs have done a great job settling into our classroom routine. In September we started out getting comfortable with our new friends and teachers. We have started learning the color red and doing a lot of project related activities as well as learning about the coming of fall and the changes of the season. As a special science project we have observed the transformation of a monarch caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly.

In October we will continue with our fall theme, start the color yellow and mixing it with the color red to make orange. We will also be working on fall leaves, apples and of course pumpkins for Halloween. We will be celebrating Halloween at the end of the month. I will send home a separate notice on this.

Developmental Info: As many parents have seen, their children may be reluctant when coming to school and separating from their parents. For infants and toddlers transitions from home to outside can be very stressful and scary at times. This is a normal phase of development called separation anxiety. Some suggestions are: Help your child feel secure (let them know they are safe.) Make your goodbyes firm (let them know you are going to work, etc. and will return). Talk to your child about their feelings (let them tell you if they are upset or miss you when they are at school). In return, let them know that you miss them too, and when you come home you will do something special together.

In working together with my highly trained, educated and truly dedicated staff, we are committed to providing high quality care for your child. Together we will successfully more through this phase of development (as well as others!).

Finally we want to recognize our birthdays: Zohie was on September 7th, Gabriella on September 27th, and Alexandra on September 28th. They all turned 2! In October, Kaitlyn’s birthday is the 8th, and Kaylee’s is the 29th. They will also be turning 2! Happy birthday to all!

Thanks,

Chris Jamie Sheila

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**POOH BEAR**

The Pooh Bears have been exploring apples through tasting different apples, art projects, and read aloud stories about apples. This October we will be switching gears to explore the Fall season; focusing on leaves and pumpkins. We will also be learning about fire safety and community helpers! To finish the month of October we will be celebrating Halloween. We would like to thank all of you parents for a great start to the year!

Larissa
Sara
Kait

*Please take a few minutes to check your child’s extra clothes bin for weather appropriate clothes!

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**HONEY BEAR**

The Honey Bears are all adjusting to the new classroom and getting to know all of their new friends! We are going to have a great year!! We have been focusing on daily routines and getting used to being away from our families.

We have had a monarch caterpillar in our classroom and have experienced its transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis to beautiful butterfly! The children helped release our butterfly and we said our goodbyes. The children have loved *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and other songs and stories related to butterflies.

Fall is upon us and we will be exploring and celebrating all the great benefits of living in the NE during this captivating season. We will be investigating apples, pumpkins, leaves, trees, and all of the vibrant colors through hands on experiences. October is also fire safety month and we will be discussing safety and fire men and women.

Halloween will be upon us at the end of October. Please keep your eye out for more details!!!

Weather is changing so please make sure your child comes dressed appropriately and has extra clothes labeled in their bin.

We want to thank all of the parents and families for all of their support in the transition of a new year, new classroom, and new friends.

Happy birthday to: Olivia Stewart on the 6th
Enzo Saltino on the 24th

Claire, Brenda and Stephanie
The Teddy Bears have had a great start to the school year. We are getting to know each other and starting to settle into our routine. It has been very exciting watching our caterpillar make its chrysalis and waiting patiently for it to evolve as a butterfly. The Teddy Bears are curious as to how many days it will take for it to come out. We will end the month of September with our apple unit. We talked about different types of apples and do many activities related to apples. We will even make apple pies...YUM!!! In October we will be talking about fire safety and the changes of the seasons. We will also be getting ready for Halloween. Look for more information in your parent folder. We would like to wish Nicholas a happy birthday! He will be turning 4 in October! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to any of us, or you can give me a call at school. Here is to a fun filled year!!!

Gabe Michele Renee

The Pandas have been very busy this September making new friends, and learning new routines, and showing our teachers how smart we are! The arrival of our mail-order caterpillars brought much excitement to our daily routine. We enjoyed watching them grow and metamorphose into butterflies. October will bring even more fun and exploration as we move into our animal unit and begin to discuss the similarities and differences of many of our favorite animals. We have begun our “letter of the week” curriculum and are busy learning the name, sound, formation and ASL sign for each letter in the alphabet—be sure to ask your child to share with you what we have been learning! Letter recognition is an important building block for early literacy. Halloween is approaching quickly and we look forward to celebrating in style! Keep checking your parent mailboxes for information regarding the Halloween parade and class party. Happy 4th birthday to Lucy on October 7th!! Happy 5th birthday to Jude on October 20th!!

Stacy and Julie

Hello Grizzly Families!

We had a wonderful first month of school. We have been having a great time getting to know new friends. Everyone seems to be adjusting well. This month we learned all about our Grizzly friends in our “All About Me” week. The children have been working on letters and letter sounds. They are doing a great job with recognizing letters. The Grizzly’s have also been learning shapes with sand trays, coloring, making shape pictures, and hunting for shapes! We have been working on the color red, and I’m very proud of all my Grizzly friends for learning “The Red Song”. We’ve made apple prints which have been used in our “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” bulletin board. The Grizzly’s loved predicting the taste of, and then tasting different apples. We graphed which apple we liked the best, and we also did an apple hunt!

October is here and our new unit is “My Family, My Community”. This month we will learn about each other and our families, as well as discussing community helpers. At the end of October we will be doing fun crafts and activities for Halloween.

Miranda & Kristy

We would like to welcome everyone to the Polar Bear Class! We are all looking forward to a new and exciting year. Already, we’ve come together as a class to learn about ourselves and each other’s friends and families. We have explored our diversity; we even learned about and celebrated the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. During September we learned about the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. We watched as our caterpillars grew bigger and transformed themselves into chrysalises. Soon they will finish the process of Metamorphosis and emerge as beautiful butterflies. Also this month, we learned a lot about apples. We were fortunate enough to go apple picking at Russell’s Apple Farm. Afterwards we investigated and enjoyed all the different yummy products that could be made from our hand-picked apples. The Polar Bear especially enjoyed pressing the apples into fresh cider! :)

In October we will be delving into topics related to the Fall Season. We will be learning through themes such as Autumn Leaves, Squirrels, Pumpkins, Creepy Crawly Creatures, And Halloween. Fall is one of our favorite seasons, so get ready to have a ton of fun this October! Please keep your eyes open for information on Picture Day, and our annual Halloween Parade.

Thank you!

Nicky, and Carolyn
PARENT MAILBOXES

Please remember to check Parent Mailboxes DAILY for important information from the Office, the Community and your teachers!

The students are back!

Please be aware that you must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks. The pedestrians expect you to stop and will step out in front of you.

Class Pictures

Stayed tuned for a notice from the office regarding picture day dates and details!

Fun with your Kids: Pumpkin Play dough

- **Ingredients:**
  5 1/2 cups flour
  2 cups of salt
  8 teaspoons of cream of tartar
  3/4 cup oil
  1 35gm container of Pumpkin Pie Spice
  4 cups of water
  red and yellow food coloring

- **Directions:**
  In a large pot or saucepan (like what you would use to boil a big batch of spaghetti noodles), dump in your flour. Then add the salt. Measure out the Cream of Tartar and add it to the pot. Add in your Pumpkin Pie Spice and stir. Then add the oil. And finally, add the water. Here you can add your food coloring until it is your desired shade of “pumpkin”! Warm the ingredients over medium heat and stir continuously, getting all the lumps out. When it starts to look like brown sugar, dump the dough out onto a floured surface and knead until no longer sticky. Enjoy your play dough, but do not eat it, no matter how much like Grandma’s pumpkin pie it smells!

Tuition Deposits:

As usual, our Check Deposit box is in the office. You can drop your check payment by at any time during regular hours. Also, feel free to stop by the office and request a billing statement.

HEALTH BEAT

**Staying healthy during the “Sniffle Season”**

Worried about colds this season? Remember these essentials tips in maintaining your health:

1. Eat a healthy breakfast every morning.
2. Include physical activity into your routine.
3. Drink plenty of water in place of sugary drinks.
4. Select a daily multivitamin to boost immunity.
5. Disinfect hands and surfaces often.
6. Make sleep a priority for a well-rested body.

PARADE DAYS!

Our **Halloween Parade** will take place on

**Wednesday, October 30th** &
**Thursday, October 31st.**

**Time:** 11:00am (on each day)

Staff Birthdays

Sarah Webb 10/1
Lisa Rosa 10/9
Chris Matthews 10/30