The Directors Corner

Dear Families,

Fall is in the air! Can you believe it? Lots of exciting changes to observe and enjoy; cool nights, warm sunny days, butterflies, colorful autumn leaves, apples galore, that create a multitude of opportunities for all to explore. For a look outside of our area parks and peaks, google: I Love New York Fall Foliage.

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 handwashing. 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.

Layer up and enjoy what the fall has to offer!

Peg Smith
Executive Director
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, hitting and 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
Louise
Sue

POOH BEAR

The Pooh Bears have been exploring apples through taste testing different types of apples, art projects, read alouds, and baking with apples. This October we will be switching gears to explore Fall; focusing on leaves, then pumpkins, and finishing up the month with Halloween. We will be participating in the Campus Pre-School Halloween Parade!

We would also like to thank all of the parents that ordered books through the September Scholastic Book Club. Your purchases earned 11 new books for our classroom!

Alisha
Nicole
Megan

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

HONEY BEAR

The children have adjusted very well to the Bear Cub Classroom. Thank you to all of the parents for making their transition from home to school a success. We have now developed our classroom routines, of which the children nicely follow. We have been singing a lot of songs that I am sure you are all hearing at home also. This is great for encouraging language development. Sing and read together as much as possible. We are also working on a lot of self-help skills, such as sitting at the table and eating by themselves; encouraging use of their utensils, and being able to drink from a regular cup. Please encourage these skills at home. The bond between home and school is very important.

We have been working on the colors red & yellow, and talking about the change in the seasons. In October we will be experimenting with mixing red/yellow to make orange for our new color. We will be working on fall leaves, pumpkins, taking walks to discover fall, and many other related projects.

At the end of October, we will celebrate Halloween with the rest of the school. I will send home a separate letter about this.

Reminders: Check your child’s “cubby” for proper clothing. Make sure that they have proper outdoor clothing. They may start out in the morning needing a warmer jacket and end up later in the day in a lighter one. Please label all clothing, it makes it easier to distinguish who is who when so many wear the same color and style of clothing. Also, please be sure your child is wearing sturdy shoes for outdoor play (preferably sneakers), they are much safer for running and climbing in.

Happy Birthday to Everett, and Carson. Everett turned 2 on Sept. 16, and Carson will be 2 on Oct. 12. Happy Birthday to both of them!

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the preschool any time between 8:30-4:30. I will also be doing parent-teacher conferences at the end of Oct. through the beginning of Nov. to discuss your child’s progress. Again, a separate notice will be sent home on this.

Thanks,
Chris Megan Sheila
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.

Unfortunately this year we were unable to find a caterpillar due to unforeseen events in nature! There was some sort of freeze in Mexico and we were very disappointed.

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 welcome Kate to our class! She is a BU Volunteer. This is Kate’s third semester being with us in the Teddy Bear classroom. She will be here on Fridays.

We would like to wish Naomi and Victor a Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Cayden Hill on October 2nd!!!!

The Pandas have been very busy this September making new friends, and learning new routines. Everyone seems to be settling in easily.

We were very disappointed that we could not find a monarch caterpillar this season. They create so much excitement and opportunities for learning. Each phase is a marvel.

The children enjoyed assembling their books “All About Me.” They were excited to take them home to share with you.

Comparing apples was a tasty treat. Our apple tasting was a hit, red Macintosh apples were liked the MOST, with yellow Golden Delicious and green Granny Smith the LEAST.

Fall is here which brings adventuresome activities in October. We will be taking walks on Campus looking for signs of Autumn and bringing them into the classroom. Don’t forget to start thinking of costume ideas for the annual Halloween Parade!

The Pandas will soon begin to dive into our alphabet exploration with books, activities, and a cumulative take home piece. Letter recognition is a building block for early literacy and allows children to become more confident readers and writers.

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Claire, Stacy, and Carolyn

Hello Grizzly Families!

We had a fantastic first month of school. We have been having a great time getting to know new friends. Everyone seems to be settling in well.

We have learned all about manners and we practice them every day, especially at meal times.

We also learned about apples, feelings, leaves, and Eric Carle. We made the most delicious personal sized apple pies.

We are looking forward to a fun filled October when we will be learning about spiders, bats, pumpkins, fire prevention, and Halloween.

We will be trying to plan a field trip to the pumpkin farm for this month. Please watch your parent folders for further information.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our September and October babies:

9/13   Miss Kat
9/17   Dane Kelly
10/20  Jade Rose
10/24  Anderson Selby
10/31  Devrin Naholnik

Nicole & Kat

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 done a lot in the short time we’ve been at school. As a class, we have explored salamanders, toads, and the life cycle of the butterfly. We have baked bread and made pickles using ingredients that we all harvested from our own school garden. We have also come together as a class as we learned about ourselves and each other’s friends and families. We explored our diversity; we even learned about and celebrated the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana.

During September we started to learn the Spanish language as we practiced using good manners and began exploring colors. We learned that red is “rojo,” yellow is “amarillo,” and when you mix two together you get, “anaranjado.” Also in September, 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 different yummy products that could be made from hand-picked apples.

In October we will be delving into topics related to the Fall Season. We will be learning through the themes of scarecrows, squirrels and acorns, 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 (this will happen in October) and our annual Halloween Parade!

Thank you!

Nicky, Jane, Carolyn, and Jamie
**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE**

To ensure the safety of your children and our staff, we have a keypad security door. Each family has their own individual code to be used as access to the building.

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**HEALTH BEAT**

*Add Color To Your Snacks*

We experienced an early small return on our garden at CPS this summer. The colorful fruits and vegetables reaped from everyone’s labor provided many wonderful snacks and learning experiences. Fruits and vegetables can be eaten raw or cooked, made into smoothies, yogurt, or made into trail mix. Snacks can also be incorporated into class projects. Keep those fruits and veggies coming! Enjoy the fall!

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**Class Pictures**

Individual Class Pictures will be taken on October 16th & 17th. Flyer/order form to follow.

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**PARADE DAYS!**

Our Halloween Parade will take place on

**Wednesday, October 30th**

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**Thursday, October 31st.**

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

**Staff Birthdays**

Tina Fetten 10/2

Chris Matthews 10/30

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**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.

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When your child comes home messy...

*Red paint in the hair?* Blue paint on the Jeans? Sand in the shoes? Jelly on your favorite shirt? White socks look brown?

Sleeves a little damp?

**YOUR CHILD probably…**


**YOU probably…**

Paid good money for those clothes. Will have trouble getting the red paint out. Are concerned that the caregiver isn’t paying enough attention to your child.

**YOUR CHILD probably didn’t…**

Feel lonely. Become bored. Repeat tasks that are too babyish. Do sit-down work that is discouraging.

**The Caregiver probably…**

Was aware of your child’s needs and interests. Spent time planning a challenging activity for the children. Encouraged the children to try new things. Put smocks on the children.