



## October 2016 Newsletter

Blessing: For the friend beside  
me, for the food before me,

We thank thee God. Amen

Parents, as cool weather approaches,  
we would like to remind you, that your  
children need outdoor apparel.

Gloves, mittens, and hats are  
required. If your child is  
unaccustomed to wearing these or  
they don't own any, now is the time to  
take actions. We **cannot** in good  
conscience allow the children to go  
outside for any period of time  
unprotected. As with all the  
children's possessions,

**Please clearly label each item.**

**Reminder:** Please drive in to the  
parking lot slowly a lot of times we  
are returning from the playground.  
Help us keep your children safe.

I would like to thank the parents for  
providing great snacks for your  
children. Some of you are asking for  
a list of peanut and nut free snacks  
here is what I look for, anything that  
lists it on the contents listing or  
usually I will stick to a name brand. A  
good example is Oreo, Chips Ahoy,  
UTZ pretzels not Snyder's products,  
fruits and vegetables are always a  
good snack. Look for the allergy note  
it will state nuts or peanuts or that it  
is processed in a facility that  
manufactures items with peanuts. If  
you have any questions about any  
snack please see me. Please only  
supply your child with one thing, our  
snack time is limited.

My office hours are Mondays 9:00-  
2:00; Tuesdays 9:00-3:00; Wednesday  
9:00-2:00; Thursday 9:00-3:00 and  
Fridays from 9:00-1:00. The Learning  
Center's phone number is 410-795-  
2287 and my cell number is 410-591-  
2280. Your child comes first here at  
Holy Spirit. We value the time we  
spend with your child, so if you call  
during class time, to speak to your

child's teacher, you will need to leave a message. Your call will be returned at the end of the class. Your concerns are important, so please leave a message. **If at any time before or after class you need to talk with your child's teacher please wait to talk to the teacher not the assistant. It is important that the communication is open to the teacher only. Do not share with the assistant and expect it to be relayed back to the teacher. Or you may also leave a note for the teacher in her mailbox.**

The class Moms will be contacting each of you throughout the year for help with fundraisers, class activities, teacher gifts, and they are your communication to the Board of the Holy Spirit Early Childhood Learning Center as they will be attending the meetings representing your classes each month. If you have anything to share with the board whether it be ideas, shout outs, or concerns you are able to share with them or me as the Director.

The Annual Apple Fall Festival is right around the corner (October 22) and we will need lots of help before and during that event. **There will sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across**

**from the mailboxes please volunteer.** We will need baked goods, auction items, and some good old hands on workers. Our main responsibility for the day is the silent auction. Each class will put together a themed basket to be auctioned and if any families have a business that would like to donate a gift certificate for products or services that would be very welcome. I will need help monitoring those tables and tallying the end results. This event will have fun activities for the whole family.

Our Lunch Bunch program has started. You will need to purchase tickets and the sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

The cost is \$12.00 per day per child for all the AM classes. The time for this is 11:30 until 1:00. The cost for the PM classes will be \$10.00 and you will bring your child at 11:30 and then they will begin their day at 12:30. At 1:00 their centers and learning piece begins where they will end at 3:00.

**YOUR CHILD HAS TO BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED (NO PULL-UPS or DIAPERS) AND 3 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND.** You will need to pack a lunch. After Lunch the children will play and socialize some more with games and activities.

October Color: Orange. The 3's have color days on Thursdays and the 4's and Pre-K have color days on Fridays. We encourage the children to look for our monthly color every day.

October Theme: Community Workers and Fire Safety. We hope to help the children express language heard in actions, and to become more careful listeners, and more fluent speakers. We hope to foster growth in the areas of locomotion, cooperation, empathy, expressing feelings, communicating, imaging, representing, imitating, manners, and patience.

Please check your calendars this month we have 2 field trips. Please fill those forms out and return back to school ASAP so I can get the count together. Thank You.

Scholastic Wish List: If you would like to participate in our scholastic wish list program here's what to do. Each time you receive a scholastic order pamphlet you will help the teachers receive books they can use in the classroom. If you would like to purchase a book in honor of your child please see your child's teacher for what books are desired. A bookplate

will indicate that your child donated that particular book to the school.

Holidays and Birthdays: We do celebrate holidays and birthdays in our Center. Celebrations are during class time and are very low key. We will enjoy snack time as usual. Parents may send in napkins for these parties. These parties are for the students only.

Our Character Trait for this month is **COOPERATION**. This trait the children will be talking about how they can assist others in different tasks by working together. This will build the children's self-esteem and communication skills while working together.

We are planning some fundraisers for this school year. Please know how much we appreciate your participation in the fundraisers. Our fundraisers are always voluntary and if you would rather not participate, but would still like to support us, we would gladly accept any donations you feel is appropriate, at any time.

## **Apple Fall Festival!! Silent Auction**

Cleaning House? Gifts you can't use?  
Have a special talent?  
Boy, can we help each other!!!!  
The Auction for the Apple Fall  
Festival sponsored by Holy Spirit  
Lutheran Church and the Early  
Childhood Learning Center is  
Saturday, October 22, 2016  
10 am to 3 pm.

How can you support the auction? So  
many ways . . .

**Make a donation:** Antique items;  
collectibles; or new items you can't use.  
**Donate a service** (e.g. manicure,  
tutoring). Services such as car detailing,  
private lessons in your specialty (cooking,  
quilting, cartooning); vacation home  
rentals, the opportunities are endless.

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If you are crafty, plan to make  
something (e.g. scarf, painting,  
decoration).

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**Solicit advertisements:**  
If you frequent businesses in the  
area, ask if they would be willing to  
donate a gift certificate or  
product to the auction.

## **Bake Table:**

**There is a signup sheet on the  
board with the form for  
ingredients list**

Plan to prepare a food item (e.g.  
candy, cookies, cakes, pies).  
Donations: (Please be specific e.g. walnut  
cake rather than cake). A list of  
ingredients with your item is requested.  
If you will be donating a group of items,  
please list separately.

A Standing Invitation: If you do not have a  
church family, we would like to invite you to  
attend our Sunday services and /or Sunday  
school.

*"The one real goal of education is to  
leave a person asking questions."*

*Max Beerbohm*