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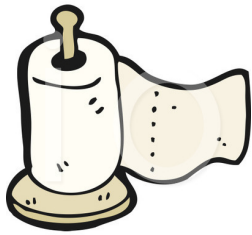
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WE'RE FALLING INTO THE FUN!

Our school is in full swing and the students are adjusting comfortably to new friends and new routines. We hope they are excitedly sharing stories of their school adventures with you at home. During this month, all classes will be going on fun Fall field trips (check your calendars for dates) to experience all that nature has to offer during this colorful season!



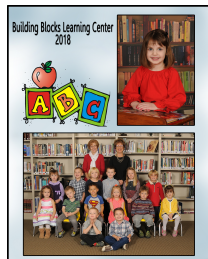
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DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH--ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS

Thank you so very much for the generous bottles of sanitizer so many families donated in September...we appreciate each and every squirt! Congratulations to Coco in Step 2, as she is the lucky winner of September's drawing! During the month of October, we will be collecting **rolls of paper towels**...each child who donates is entered into our monthly drawing. We use these towels every day to keep our classrooms clean. Thanks in advance for your consideration in donating a roll or two.

PICTURE DAY!

Our school portraits will be taken on October 17/18 by Jontori Photography Studios. Classroom calendars will indicate which day pertains to your child. White pre-pay envelopes with instructions will be sent home in folders very soon. Please note the procedures and return envelopes **by October 15/16th**. Purchasing pictures is purely optional, of course.



ADD-ONS...

Mindful Monday, Fun Frolics--Preschoolers in Motion, and Groovy Guest--Halloween Magic will take place this month. If your child is registered for these programs, please be sure to send in a name-labeled lunch that day and carefully note the dismissal time. Add-on programs always dismiss from the dumpster doors. Additionally, there is no regular walk-in lunch bunch on Groovy Guest Day, Fri 10/25.

LABELS...PLEASE!

With the fall comes the arrival of warmer coats and jackets. (Our playground is shaded, and therefore on the chilly side.) Please, please name-label these articles. I can't stress enough how similar lots of these coats look! We do have labeled coat hooks in each home classroom, but children may attend different classrooms for Lunch Bunch, Fun Frolics, Mindful Mondays, etc. with different staff members. We want to ensure that the correct coat goes home.



HALLOWEEN...BOO!

Halloween will be celebrated with variations of parades of costumes, song presentations, and sing-a-longs. Families are invited. Specific details about costumes, times, and activities will go home separately. **Look for the bright ORANGE info sheets**--they will contain all the info you need. Please save for your reference. Halloween snack will be served to children before our guests arrive. PLEASE make note of the time parents are to join each class, as not all classes will have activities at the same time. This staggering of times is scheduled to allow families with multiple students to view each child's special events, and to make parking spaces accessible. Please leave yourself enough time to safely find a parking space and arrive on time--***parking will be tight***. These are very short, but very fun activities. Notices will come home soon in folders.

Please help your child make a safe choice regarding Halloween costumes. Keep costumes SIMPLE and comfortable. No weapons or play weapons, or face masks. Be sure to name-label all costume parts. Please keep in mind that children may be active in their costumes and may also need the bathroom. It is easiest for us if costumes can be slipped over regular clothes. One piece costumes can be very tricky for us, if a bathroom emergency arises.

FAMILY PUMPKINS...

In following with our school tradition, families are again asked to decorate pumpkins for our colorful displays around the school. Your family pumpkin is to be decorated at home. **PLEASE, NO CUT OUTS**. Enjoy this creative activity with your little ones and bring the decorated pumpkins to school on October 24-25 so we'll have time to enjoy them before Halloween. **Look for ORANGE information sheets to come home soon in folders.**



DRIVEWAY LOOP/PARKING LOT...

Now that we've all had a few weeks of practice with arrival/departure, it's time to "fine tune" some things...

- Do not enter the driveway behind the school until 9:00. The lane must be kept clear for DPC employees to access their parking spaces on the side of the building. If the car in front of you moves in too early, please do not follow. It is much easier for me to ask one car to leave the loop than it is to ask 10 cars to leave.
- Please remember that the arrival door is open until 9:15. We have lots of cars arriving to school very (very) early, and by 9:00, the line is absolutely wonky. Grab a second cup of coffee and take your time at home. The parking lot congestion is gone by 9:10! Perhaps you'd like to arrive a little on the later side...
- Lastly, please be super-careful of pedestrians. There is a lot of movement both in the lot and in the loop; be well aware of your car and your proximity to others.

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NEXT SCHOOL YEAR...

I am already beginning to think of next school year's enrollment numbers... Our in-house students and siblings receive "priority enrollment" during the month of December. Any remaining seats will be made available to new families beginning January 1. I will be sending out "feeler" emails to some classes to assess needs/preferences. I always strive to meet the needs of our families and your input is greatly appreciated and helpful to me.

INTERESTED IN JOINING MOPS/MOMSNEXT?

Passing along a message from the church: DPC will be the meeting place for a new MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers) and MOMSNext (Moms of children up to 6th grade) program. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month, from 9 to 11 am. Registration fee is \$50/year. These are casual gatherings, welcoming moms together to share life, motherhood, and fellowship. If you are interested in joining the group, or just want to learn more about it, please visit dtownpc.org and check under "Upcoming Events".

October is a very busy month! Don't miss anything...Please note the following important dates:

UPCOMING DATES... (check class calendars for field trip dates)

October 1--Firetruck visits BBLC's parking lot

October 1-3-8--Step One dismisses at 11:20

October 9--Scholastic Orders Due (online only)

October 2, 9, 16, 23--Fun Frolics for those pre-registered

October 14--Mindful Monday

October 15/16--Picture Envelopes Due

October 17/18--Picture Days

October 24/25 -- Family Decorated Pumpkins Due

October 25--Groovy Guests Halloween Magic Show; No walk-in LB

October 29--Halloween Festivities for Kindergarten, Step 1 and 5-Day PreK, No LB

October 30--Halloween Festivities for Step 2 and 3-Day PreK; No LB

October 31--Wear your Halloween Colors Day (not costumes)

