



Creative Beginnings
Preschool



happenings

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Dates to Remember

- October 10 - (Monday) - Ledo's Night 4:00 p.m. until close at Severna Park
- October 21 - (Friday) - AA Co. Schools Closed - Professional Development Day - WE ARE CLOSED!
- October 27 - (Thursday) - Halloween Parties and Parades for T/TH classes (2's do not participate)
- October 28 - (Friday) - Vision/Hearing Testing for 4 year-old classes
- October 31 - (Monday) - Halloween Parties and Parades for M/W/F and M-F classes

FALL FAMILY SOCIAL

Thanks to all of you who attended the Fall Family Social. It was a great evening and we hope you had fun meeting new friends and catching up with old ones.

LEDO'S PIZZA NIGHT

We got off to a great start for our first Ledo's Night last month. It was nice to see so many of you and hear about your experiences with your children's first days of school. We brought in a total of \$655.98 in sales which means we got a 20% donation that evening totaling \$131.20!! Our next fundraiser will be Monday, October 10. **Please remember** to ask your server or cashier to put your receipt in the basket for our school so that we receive credit for the sale of your purchase whether you eat in or take out.

HALLOWEEN PARADES

We invite you all to join us for our Halloween parades. On the day of your child's parade, please send them to school dressed in their costumes over their school clothes. (Please do not dress your children in scary costumes as we want the day to be enjoyable for everyone. Toy weapons are also not permitted.) After dropping your child off, you can wait in the parking lot for the Halloween parade to begin. Once the parade is over, you are invited back to the classroom to take a class picture, help the children remove their costumes, and then take the costumes home with you so we can continue on with the rest of the school day.

VISION/HEARING SCREENING

The 4 year-old classes will be screened for both vision and hearing on Friday, October 28. If you do not want your child screened, please send in a note stating this prior to the date of screening.

HEALTH ISSUES

Please notify the school if your child has contracted a contagious disease so we can alert your child's classmates' families to look for symptoms.

In addition, if your child contracts head lice, a note will be required from your child's healthcare provider stating that they have been cleared to be readmitted to school.

CAR CARDS, CAR LINE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please do not display your child's car card when you are dropping your children off for school. It should only be displayed when you are picking them up. This will avoid confusion for the person calling children's names at dismissal.

Please also remember there is no passing in the car line. Drivers need to pull all the way up to the first available staff member when dropping off and picking up children. Your child should be **unbuckled** so we can remove them from the car quickly. When picking your child up, please **do not** buckle your child in his seat while in the car line. Pull up to an empty parking space to buckle your child in their safety seat to help keep the line moving. If there are no available empty spots, the church parking lot is also available for your use.

If you decide to walk your child into or out of the building, please remember to walk **around** the perimeter of the parking lot so that no one is walking between parked cars with their engines running. Also, remember to bring your car card with you if you come to the door to pick up your child. Every staff member is not familiar with what child goes with what parent and we want to keep everyone safe. We greatly appreciate your help with these matters.

GIANT A+BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM

Due to the wonderful support we received last year, Giant mailed us a check for \$973.30 this summer. If you have not already done so, please take the time to designate Creative Beginnings Preschool as one of your schools to earn cash through Giant's Bonus Bucks

program this year. Forms were sent home at orientation and if you need additional forms they can be obtained in the school office. Thanks for your help with this easy fundraiser which can be a great help to our school.

BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

We're off to a great start with our Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education program. Thanks to all of you who have been saving and sending them in to the school. We will continue with this program all year, so keep cutting!

LUNCH PROGRAM

Our lunch program is off and running. If you would like your child to attend lunch, please send them to school with a lunch and either \$5.00 or a lunch ticket which can be purchased through the office. We also ask that your child's name be clearly marked on the outside of their lunch box/bag and any food allergies be noted on the bag as well. Please do not send in yogurt or pizza/taco "lunchables" as they are too messy for the children to handle on their own.

We are in dire need of volunteers to help with the Tuesday and Thursday lunches. If you have not signed up to volunteer and would like to do so, or if you have signed up for other days and would be willing to add a Tuesday or Thursday, please call the office and we will give your name to the lunch coordinators. For those of you who are volunteering, please remember to find a replacement if you are unable to make your scheduled day. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the office or lunch coordinator so we can find someone else to cover your spot. Thanks to all of you who are helping this year—we couldn't do it without you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

You can place your Scholastic Book Club orders online by following these steps:

- Go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs
- On the parent page, click the "Register" button in the "First Time Here?" section. Register for your own user name and password. When prompted, enter the one time Class Activation Code which is: H8LRV
- Place your order using a credit card (your online order is completely safe and secure).
- Your order will be delivered to our school and distributed to you.

Keep in mind that for every order parents place online, we receive a coupon for a free book for the school.

SNACK

We still have an abundance of tissues left over from last year, so for the month of October, please do not

send in any additional boxes. Also, if you haven't already bought the juice for your child's classroom, please purchase the 46 oz. size. We rarely need more juice than that, and we have nowhere to store opened bottles. Please remember that all juice served must be 100% juice. There are several different types out there now (light versions, tot versions) that are not 100%. Thanks!

PLAYGROUND

Please remember to send your children to school wearing shoes that are appropriate to play in on the playground. Children are not supposed to play on any of the playground equipment if they are wearing crocs, flip flops, clogs, or shoes with slick leather soles. Shoes with rubber soles or tennis shoes are the best choice. Also, now that the weather is changing, please make sure all clothing items (coats, sweatshirts, hats, mittens, etc.) are marked with your child's name in them. It is very hard for the teachers to remember what items belong to each child and you would be surprised to find out how many children don't remember what coat they wore on a particular day. Thank you for your help with this matter.

YEARBOOK VOLUNTEERS AND PICTURES NEEDED

We will be putting together a yearbook again this year and want it to be spectacular! With that in mind, we are looking for volunteers to form a committee to help with photography, planning and advertising. If you are interested, please contact Liz Schlude at lizschlude@verizon.net or 410-544-7835.

We would also love YOUR submissions for the yearbook. We especially need photos from Halloween, the Fall Social, field trips, parties, concerts, etc. The best way to submit your pictures is to load them on a CD and send them in to the office. Please remember to include the child's name and teacher/class. Digital photos are preferred; however, you can also email them to lizschlude@verizon.net.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The church has asked for our help again with Operation Christmas Child. Last year we helped to fill over 100 shoe boxes with school supplies, toys and toiletries that were sent to needy children around the world. Monetary donations are also needed to ship the boxes to their destinations. A flyer will be sent home soon with more information on this project. All items and checks will need to be sent in to the preschool by November 9.

THANKS

Once again, we would like to thank you for choosing Creative Beginnings Preschool for your child to attend. We are enjoying getting to know your children better and watching them grow in their new experiences and friendships.