



# Metzger Community Preschool Newsletter



October 2011

From the Desk of Teacher LaJeana...

Dear Preschool Parents,

I'm having a hard time realizing that it is October already. Didn't we just have our first day of preschool?

I would like to welcome everyone back to a wonderful year at preschool. I am being blessed with 2 wonderful and exciting classes this year. I am enjoying the new set up for the Rocket's class. Everyone has settled right into a new year and they have picked up on the new routine right away. I am enjoying sitting back and watching them interact with each other. The Star's class has gotten off to a great start. It will be rewarding in the springtime to be able to see their growth in following the routine and using their words.

I want to take this time to extend a special welcome to all of our new families at the school. I know it can be kind of intimidating to be new at the preschool; there is so much to learn and to do.

I hope all of you are dealing with "Preschool Life" okay. To help your child transition into preschool our September units focused on families and friends. To help you as a parent transition into preschool life I suggest a double tall Mocha at your favorite coffee shop while your child is here at preschool. It is sometimes harder on the parents then on the child to begin their schooling. Be assured that all of you are feeling the same wave of emotion and time does help!

October promises to be a fun month. The units we will focus on will be apples, spiders, pumpkins, and the holiday of Halloween.

On October 11<sup>th</sup> (**Star's**) and October 12<sup>th</sup> (**Rocket's**) we will have picture day at school. The children get to have their picture taken on the bus and then we do a group picture in the classroom. Pamphlets will be passed out with more info about a week prior.

Our first field trip of the year is fast approaching. **On Thursday, October 20th (Star's)** and Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (**Rocket's**) we will be going to the pumpkin patch! We go to Lakeview farms in North Plains. We will be able to ride a boat, a train and see some animals along with getting our pumpkin. The cost of the trip is \$5.00 per child and per adult. Your child will need to bring an old pillowcase to carry their pumpkin in. It will get muddy – so make sure it is an old pillowcase. There will be an envelope posted in the classroom to pay. For the Rocket's class our day will be done when we are finished with the pumpkin patch, so no need to bring lunches.

On Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (**Star's**) and Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (**Rocket's**) we will celebrate Halloween. Each class will have a costume parade, the Star's parade will be at 11:15, the Rocket's parade will be at 12:30 in the Youth Room. **Please don't be late; the parade only lasts a few minutes!!** The Star's class children need to bring their costumes in a bag and we will put theirs on just prior to the parade. The Rocket's class can choose to wear their costume to school all day if they want or they can just put it on prior to our parade.

Just a reminder of a few bits of information...

- Please be on time if it is your parent-helping day.
- When picking up your child, please be prompt!
- Please dress your child appropriately for play and for the weather.
- If your child is sick, please don't bring them to school.
- Please feel free to come to me if you are having difficulty working with a child in the classroom. I will help walk you through it.

Teacher LaJeana

**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**STARS ONLY:** October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am you will be signing up for your November, December, and January parent helper days.

**It's a Girl!**

Congratulations to Big Brother Cameron (Rockets) and his parents Brian and Rebecca Goodell! Now Cameron has two sweet little sisters! How wonderful! Hopefully we get all the details about the little one to share soon!

**TUITION**

Tuition is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month  
\$20 late fee

\$95 – Stars - Tuition  
\$145 – Rockets – Tuition

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Metzger Community Preschool

Questions? Contact Nicole Moes, Treasurer at  
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**October Birthdays**

7<sup>th</sup> – Lindsay – Rockets  
15<sup>th</sup> – Logan – Star  
30<sup>th</sup> – Dagony – Star

**Happy Birthday!**

**Our Parent Helping Calendar is Now Online!**

Go to our website: [www.metzgerpreschool.com](http://www.metzgerpreschool.com)  
Choose: More  
Choose: Calendar

You will still receive a paper copy but in case you lose yours, you can now check online!



## A letter from your Co-Presidents...

Hello Preschool Families,

What a wonderful start to what I know will be a fantastic school year! It's been so nice to get to know so many great new families and re-connecting with all those who have returned. We are off to a running start this year, a full Rockets class, an improved pre-k program, a fantastic bunch of Stars! There is nothing better than a group of families working together for the benefit of their children's education!

Lindsay (my daughter) and I have talked about preschool this year and I asked her what her favorite thing about school was and she said "playing with my friends." She loves taking her lunch with her and having more time to play and circle time, but what of course is most important to her is friendship. Encourage these friendships the children create and this year will become even more enjoyable for you and for your child.

When you pick up your child from preschool make sure you take the time to read the classroom door for important information and sign-ups for things that are happening. It's also very important to read through the paperwork that gets placed in your child's cubby. I know how easy it is to stuff things in a backpack and forget about them but as the school year goes on you will find things you don't want to miss;

**Fundraiser Information:** Our first mandatory fundraiser information and sales packets will be handed out shortly. For those of you who are new, we sell beautiful Holiday wreaths and poinsettias to earn money for our preschool. Each family is responsible for \$100 in profit for this fundraiser. I know October may seem early to start selling these items but the nursery we use needs the additional time in order to prepare all of the many orders so they can be delivered to us on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Field Trip Forms:** October starts the first of our field trips! Off to the Pumpkin Patch we go! This is a kid favorite! If you are coming dress weather appropriate and here's a little hint from a seasoned parent, bring boots for the pumpkin field and additional shoes for in the car for both you and your child!. Depending on the weather it can be muddy! Don't forget your camera!

**SCRIP:** The first of our SCRIP orders went out last month, we will be placing an order every month, keep your eye out for the order form or go online to [www.metzgerpreschool.com](http://www.metzgerpreschool.com) and print out another copy.

**Scholastic Book Order Forms:** This is a great an inexpensive way to add to your child's library at home. Plus the holidays are coming up and books make for a great gift.

If you have any questions or concerns about school please don't hesitate to contact me or Arielle Carrillo (Dagony's mom).

Have a wonderful October!

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## Did you know???

\*PCPO is having their annual book drive!! Please donate gently used books in the box outside the classroom. Becca will be picking these up and delivering them on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> for children in need! Thanks Becca!

\*Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub is a great place to take your kids? Arielle says it is terrific with a Wii, Play station 3, Xbox, and for your smaller kiddos they have a play area. The food is great and easy on your wallet. Try them out, won't you?

\*Arielle found a great new park! It is in King City at the end of Fischer Road!

\*Your local library may have Cultural passes for free admission? The passes, sponsored by W.C.C.L.S. and the Friends of the Tigard Library, may be reserved up to 2 months in advance. All passes are good for at least a family of 3 and may be available for: A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village, Children's Museum, Chinese Garden, Japanese Garden, Pittock Mansion, Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals, and Washington County Museum. Check out your local libraries' availability today! Thanks for the info Alison!!

Need something fun to do with the kids at home? Try this craft!

### **Leaf Mobile**

by Lisa M. Gillespie, Photograph by Ed Judice

from [www.FamilyFun.com](http://www.FamilyFun.com)

Preserve the colors of autumn to brighten your home all winter long.

#### Materials

- colorful fall leaves
- heavy book for pressing
- clear contact paper
- tree branch
- thread
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#### Instructions

1. First, collect colorful fallen leaves. Press them between the pages of a heavy book for a day or two to flatten them.
2. For each leaf, cut two squares of clear contact paper an inch or two wider than your leaf. Peel the backing off of one piece and lay it sticky-side up. Place the leaf in the center, then peel the backing off the second piece and carefully place it on top. Punch a hole for hanging.
3. Trim the edges of the contact paper, leaving a 1/4-inch border. Hang the leaves from a tree branch with thread. Place the branch in a heavy vase or suspend it from a curtain rod.

## Recipe



### Wicked Witch Cupcakes

Via Martha Stewart

#### Ingredients:

- 24 brown mini M&Ms plus, more for filling (optional)
- [Hershey's Chocolate Cupcakes](#)
- [Dirty Green Simple Butter cream](#)
- 12 chocolate sugar cones
- 1 pound black licorice laces, cut into 1/4-inch, 1/2-inch and 2-inch lengths
- 12 candy corns

#### Directions:

Using a melon baller, scoop out the center of each cupcake, and fill with mini M&Ms, if desired.

Cover the tops of each cupcake with a generous mound (about 1/3 cup) of butter cream. Insert one candy corn into each cupcake to form a nose. Using brown mini M&Ms, insert two into each cupcake to form eyes. Place two short lengths of licorice above the eyes to form eyebrows for the witch. Place the shorter licorice lengths above the eyebrows to form bangs. Place an inverted cone on top of bangs, pressing gently into butter cream to adhere. Place the longer licorice lengths under the cone hat to form the hair.



**Halloween Costume Parade at 11:15**

Star's: Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween Costume Parade at 12:30**

Rocket's: Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

**School Pictures:**

Star's: Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

Rocket's: Wed., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Pumpkin Patch field trips:**

Star's: Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Rocket's: Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> (NO LUNCH)

**Final Day of Used Book Drive:**

November 15<sup>th</sup>

## Community Advertisements:

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