

# CCCNS Newsletter



## President's Notebook

I hope everyone has enjoyed the first few weeks of school as much as my family has! It has been such a pleasure getting to know so many of you. After speaking with all of the teachers, it is evident that they too are all very excited for the upcoming year and I believe the incredible enthusiasm of both the parents and the students has a lot to do with it.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank everyone for keeping the co-op spirit alive and signing up for a committee. If the board member leading your area has not already contacted you, look for that to happen very soon. It is our hope that all committees will be up and running by the end of September.

Here are a few upcoming events for CCCNS:

### October 6<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkins in the Park

Children's Corner will be sponsoring Children's Musician, Jerry Maulin, at the Bloomington Parks and Recreation's Pumpkins in the Park. The event will be held at Bryan Park from 11am – 3pm. This should be a great opportunity for us to get the word out about our school. The event will have live music, carnival type games, hayrides, and more! We are looking for volunteers to help out at our booth, doing face painting, sack races and answering questions about the school. Please contact Susan Siena at 332-0396 or [siena.s@insightbb.com](mailto:siena.s@insightbb.com) if you are interested in volunteering for a few hours that day.

### October 13th - Fall Open House/Farmers' Market Booth

We will host an Open House on Saturday, September 13 from 10am - Noon at the school. The same day we will also have a booth at the Market promoting the school and the open house. Please encourage any friends, family or acquaintances with preschool or soon to be preschool aged children to come and check out our school. We are looking for volunteers for both the Market booth and at the Open House. If you are interested in volunteering that day please contact Emily Mahaffey at 876-1029 or [emahaffe@yahoo.com](mailto:emahaffe@yahoo.com) or Stacey Edwards at 825-2520 or [sbedwards1077@hotmail.com](mailto:sbedwards1077@hotmail.com).

As always feel free to contact me should you have any questions, concerns or ideas for the school. My home number is 323-8983, or you can reach me at

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Leslie Kaiser, President

## September 2007

### CALENDAR

October 6th: Pumpkins in the Park

October 13th: Fall Open House

October 5th: No School

October 19th: No School

October 30th: HALLOWEEN PARTY  
2-day class

October 31st: HALLOWEEN PARTY  
1, 3 and 5 day classes

November 1st: Sibling Party  
2-day class

November 2nd: Sibling Party  
1, 3 and 5 day classes



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# Membership Notices

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## CCCNS WISH LIST

CCCNS welcomes all useful donations, but here are some ideas....

- **Laminator.** The teachers would love to have a laminator large enough to handle things the size of a placemat!
- **Vacuum Cleaner.** Those preschoolers can make quite a mess and our vacuum gets quite a workout!
- **Computer.** The school was fortunate to be able to purchase a great printer/copier for the school. If you have upgraded your computer and are looking to get rid of the old one we can take care of that for you!!



## THANK YOU....

- To Eva and Matt Allen for recommending Children's Corner for a Sanders-McClure Family Fund grant. The very generous \$5,000 donation will be used to start a Sanders-McClure Building Fund!
- Nicholson Family for the fabulous load of sand that was donated and delivered to fill the playground sandbox to the brim!
- Kelley Pendergast for volunteering her time and expertise to facilitate free parenting seminars once a month for all CCCNS parents.

## PARTIES

### Halloween Parties

Halloween Parties will be on Tuesday, October 30th for the 2-day class and Wednesday, October 31st for the 1, 3 and 5 day classes.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Sparks will parade in costume down to Miss Rachel's room.

On Wednesday, we will have a "not-so-scary" annual costume parade in Fellowship Hall. Parents and siblings are invited to watch the parade at 9:30am. To avoid confusion, parents and siblings should go to Fellowship Hall after escorting your little ghouls and goblins (or superheroes and princesses) to their respective classrooms. After the parade and singing, parents can leave and return at 11:45 for pick-up.

### Sibling/Special Friend Party

The annual sibling, special friend party will take place on November 1st and 2nd. The parties coincide with MCCSC parent-teacher conferences. We look forward to seeing alumni and future students. If you do bring a child younger than 2 1/2, please plan to stay with them. Only-children may invite a friend to be a surrogate sibling!

On Thursday, November 1st, Mrs. Sparks' class will meet from 10:15am—12:45pm. Siblings will attend from 11:45am to 12:45pm. Please bring a sack lunch for each child. All other classes will meet at the usual time that day.

On Friday, November 2nd, the 1, 3 and 5 day classes will meet from 10:15am—12:45pm. Siblings attend from 11:45—12:45pm. Please bring a sack lunch for each child.

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH BUNCH ON SIBLING PARTY DAYS.**

# Classroom Updates

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## Mrs. Makemson's Class

I can't believe we've been at preschool for over a month! Our class has been busy getting to know each other and what our schedule is like. We really enjoyed playing with rice, jumping monkeys and painting at the easel. This class also likes to glue, cut and use glitter. We added some silver glitter to our playdough. Please stop in and see our monkeys hanging from the ceiling and our Who Am I? projects.

We are starting our first letter of the week - A. We will be making apple playdough, counting acorns and playing with animals and airplanes at an airport. The children will paint apples out of a paper bag and create their own apple tree. At our science center we will weigh, taste, feel and measure different types of apples. We will also read apple books like Ten Apples Up On Top. I encourage you to visit an apple orchard - my favorite is Apple Works in Trafalgar (there is a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, tractor rides on weekends and cider slushes).

We will continue to have a letter theme each week, so watch out for elephants and ice cream. In October we will have Orange Day where we eat orange snacks and wear orange - more information will be sent home closer to the day! I've really enjoyed my class and before we know it we'll be dressed in our Halloween costumes parading around the gym. CCCNS welcomes Miss Lora's newest student: Louis Daley ; Parents - Dyvan and Stephanie Daley 961-1376

## Mrs. Lobring's Class

What a busy beginning of the year we have had! I've had so much fun watching the kids warm up and come out of their shells, to reveal some very busy, bright, happy and energetic personalities. Thank you to all of the parents who have donated Pringles cans and other recyclables - they will be put to good use!

We have spent the last couple of weeks learning about our new friends and their families, and about starting school. Make sure to stop by our classroom and see our flower garden, our family tree, and our calendar wall. Hopefully, you've had a chance to check out our classroom quilt that is hanging in the hall. You might also like to visit our classroom during a "Literacy Group" and see what we are learning about letters and reading. We've also been very busy getting used to our schedules, and learning about our classroom rules and procedures.

Right now we are spending some time talking and learning about taking care of ourselves. We'll learn about healthy and foods that will keep our bodies healthy and strong. One of my favorite subjects is Superfoods. These are 14 of the healthiest foods we can eat as far as overall health and disease prevention. If you are interested, I highly recommend the book Superfoods for Babies and Toddlers, by Annabel Karmel. The "grown-up" version of the book is called Superfoods RX, by Steven G. Pratt.

Ask your child about our little visitors... thanks to my Dr. Dolittle sister, who found and hatched three baby box turtles. Boy, did we study them! No worries, though, my sister will be taking care of them until they are old enough to be on their own, and will then slowly wean them back to the great outdoors!

It is truly a privilege to be working with each of your children. What a fun, happy, bright group of kids they are!!

## Mrs. Hallett's Class

The Little 2s class has had a wonderful start to the school year. We have many opportunities to play in all areas. We are making many art projects, playing with playdough, dancing and singing and building with the blocks. We also have fun pretending in the kitchen and at the workbench. We have had four birthdays right at the beginning of the year and have had a great time celebrating!

For September we were busy singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and learning about the color yellow and the shape star. We even had a yellow party where Izaak's mom brought in all kinds of yellow snacks for us to try. Every Wednesday we went on a star hunt to hang on our nighttime bulletin board. Along with learning about stars we learned about between night and day. During music time we "slept" to lullabies and were "awake" to marching music.

Now we are talking about farms and singing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". For the next couple of weeks we are learning about farm animals and where they live (in a big red barn, of course!) We will also talk about the color red and the shape rectangle. We are looking forward to October 3<sup>rd</sup> when it will be Orange Day and learning the nursery rhyme "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater." Thank you for all the great help from the parents!

## Mrs. Sparks' Class

The 2-Day Class has been very busy this first month of school. The children are settling into the routine of our school day, most their first school experience. Just saying goodbye to Mom or Dad each day is a big accomplishment! I can see they are all feeling more secure each class time! Learning to share toys and to begin to learn to verbalize their wants and needs and oh yes work out those conflicts have played a big part of our work these first few weeks! Socialization skills at this age are our main focus and I am happy to say we are making progress! Just remember it is an ongoing process!! The children have enjoyed sponge painting, painting with water colors, playing with playdoh and markers. Making our faces on paper plates was so much fun! Matching eye and hair color and talking about what we like to do at school was a hit!

A few odds and ends:

1) Thanks for not bring your child to school before 9:10 and picking up right on time! 2) Please remember "Show and Tell" is on Tuesdays. I try to be creative with whatever is in the school bag but pull-ups can get pretty boring after awhile! This is one of the kids favorite activities! 3) Library books are due back on Tuesday. 4) We are so happy to welcome Sydney Linn to our class! 5) A big thank you to our parents who have helped make the children's transition into school a good one! You are all great participators and very caring wonderful parents! It's a pleasure to work with you! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns .

## Mrs. England's Class

What a fun group of children I have in my room this year! The children are all happy, busy, curious and full of energy! We have begun our trip through the alphabet letters with activities and books reinforcing each letter. Watch for ants, apples and Apple Jacks to come home this week. We will also be doing labeling, writing stories and letters, and other language experiments.

The children are enjoying their Spanish lesson with Senora Thrasher; we have already learned many Spanish words and songs about feelings, colors, body parts and movements.

We will be spending the next few weeks looking at all kinds of insects and spiders. Be watching for some interesting specimens to come home, made from egg cartons, papers and other recycled things.

I want to send a huge thank you to everyone at the school for the beautiful flowers and delicious birthday cookies you gave me for my birthday—what a wonderful treat!!

A few odds and ends: 1) There are still a few forms and \$4.00 I need to get from some of you to make my records complete. There is a list on the bulletin board by the children's hooks; if you need new forms please let me know. 2) Remember that "Show and Tell" is on Mondays. 3) Thanks for being so conscientious with the new start and end times this year—you have done a much better job that I have of working with these new times!

## Teacher's Corner

Here are several reminders and requests from the teachers:

1. When you are participating please help watch the upper gate on the playground, especially during the middle outside play times. Please use the bungee cord to secure the gate, we don't want any children running into the parking lot!
2. Remember that the Little 2's room is one of our classrooms; please refrain from letting your children play on the days that Tamara does not have class.
3. It is helpful if you take your child to the restroom before school starts, especially the younger children.
4. Please remember to pack a drink in your child's lunch if they are staying for lunch bunch.
5. The school policy is to serve water at snack time.
6. Thank you to everyone for being careful with the snacks and lunches that you are bringing. I know the parents of the children with allergies really appreciate your help with this.
7. We still have missing forms, please see the sheets hanging in your child's room to see if you still have a form that needs to be turned in.
8. Please remember to check the wipe-off board and calendar in the hallway as well as the individual classroom bulletin boards for any announcements or upcoming events.
9. Just a little hint...Lunch Bunch could use a few more "customers" on Wednesdays and Fridays; consider giving your child an extra hour with his/her friends—and an extra hour for yourself at Target!!



### **Have a little Fun ...**

#### **Comedy Caravan**

CCCNS parents are invited to Bear's Place (1316 E 3rd St) for Comedy Caravan any Monday or Saturday for the 7:30pm show. For complimentary tickets, please call 339-3460 and ask for Jim Reef.

### **Learn a little something ...**

#### **Parenting Seminars**

Kelley Pendergast, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and CCCNS parent, has offered to facilitate parenting seminars on a variety of topics on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30 - 10:30 in the large meeting room on the first floor of the church. The first seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd and the topic will be Promoting Confidence/Building Self-Esteem.



## Playground Planting

The facilities committee has decided to beautify the playground by landscaping the very bare and ugly area between our chain link fence and the wooden fence of our neighbors.

If you are planning to split any of your perennials (hostas, decorative grasses...) this year, they would love to have them for this project. A planting date has yet to be determined but should happen in the month of October. An email with more detailed information will hit your inbox soon!

## Spring Little 2's Class

Tamara Hallett, our current Little 2's teacher, will be teaching a Spring Little 2's class on Mondays starting in January. Students must turn 2 by January 1st, 2008. Interested parents should contact Tammy Berger at 323-1143 or [TammyBerger@yahoo.com](mailto:TammyBerger@yahoo.com).

Please get the word out to any parents you know that may be interested in a one-day class for their two year old!!

