Dear Families,

Fall is in the air! That means that it is time for lots of fun Fall activities like apple-picking and visiting pumpkin farms. Remember the monthly newsletter and menu are available on our website at: http://www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school. Extra menus are posted in the hallway.

With the beginning of each new year, we often highlight areas of significant importance mentioned throughout the Family Handbook.

Pg 17 – Arrival & Departure – children must always be escorted to/from your vehicle or to the appropriate room and helped with seasonal clothing, and hand washing.

Also upon arrival, as information is exchanged on your child’s day thus far, you must also record your name and time you dropped off using appropriate full names on the sign in and out sheet.

Pg 36 – Photographing Children – CPS will not use photos taken of children on any internet site, without written permission of Parent/Legal Guardians. Families should not place photos of children other than their own on any internet sites without written permission from the child’s Parent/Legal Guardian. This also pertains to staff member’s pictures.

Pg 36 – Social Media – Please do not invite any member of the staff to participate in any social media. CPS prides itself in professionalism and discourages staff, interns and volunteers from participation in forms of personal social media. We are asking staff to relay information regarding your child or CPS during our hours of operation 7:30am – 5:30pm. Any CPS&ECC related correspondence should be copied to the office.

Please take time to review and follow through on these areas, we particularly want to ensure the health and safety of all the children, families, and staff at Campus Pre-School this school year.

Have a fantastic and fun filled October!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
SPARROWS

Welcome Fall! As the weather changes, we notice the leaves changing, the squirrels and chipmunks are very busy, the days are cooler. We will be exploring gourds, pumpkins, leaves and enjoying autumn. Please be sure to provide light jackets or sweaters for playing outside in cooler weather.

This month we welcome Caroline to our class. Everyone is happy, and we have some very impressive artists. We are learning each others names and are beginning to have simple interactions. The Sparrows are all very fun and it is a very nice group of children.

It will be a fun wonderful year!

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Rebecca

CHICKADEES

In October we will continue our fall theme. We will be learning the color yellow and then mixing the color yellow and red to make orange for the end of the month. We will be talking about apples, leaves, pumpkins and be doing many project related activities. Also at the end of October we will be having a Halloween parade and costume day. We will send home a separate newsletter to explain this. Be sure to check your family mailboxes.

We also said good-bye to Ms. Kaitlyn in September. She has accepted another position in a program that her children are enrolled in. We wish her the best of luck.

We would like to welcome Ms. Teá!
We love to take fall walks and observe the beautiful fall colors, so please make sure your child has proper footwear and appropriate jackets for this.
Thank you to all our families for your cooperation and patience during this transition from home to school. Working together is key to a successful school year!

Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily & Ms. Teá

SWANS

Hello Fall! We are now full swing into the school year and our class is getting used to the routine. Thank you to everyone for bringing in a family picture. The children really enjoy looking at the pictures throughout the day. Thank you as well to those who came and read stories to the class. We really enjoyed hearing and experiencing the stories from home.

As the cooler temperatures set in, please be aware that we still go to the playground. We look forward to playing in the leaves as they fall all over the playground. Be sure to send jackets when needed.

This coming month we will be talking and learning about fall leaves, community helpers, pumpkins and Halloween. We will be carving pumpkins, having special visitors from the community and having a costume parade. Be on the lookout for information about our parade days.

Have a great October!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Michelle & Ms. Keeshia

DOVES

Hello Dove Families!
Happy Fall to everyone. We are enjoying the cool weather and playing outside.

Thank you very much for continuing to bring in plastic bags. They are very much appreciated by everyone here. Please remember to fill out the Ages and Stages as soon as you are able. Those will help us greatly in preparing for our family conferences.

We really enjoyed learning about farm animals and dinosaurs these last few weeks. In October we will be learning about the Fall season and working with apples. Projects with apples and leaves will be fun!

Next we will have a great time learning songs and dances about pirates. We have some wonderful books about pirates. Community helpers will be the theme for the following week. We will be learning about police officers, fire fighters, doctors, and more. We hope this will help to familiarize the children with some of these great helpers.

Next, one of our favorites, is Halloween! There will be many opportunities for creativity this week! There will be Halloween parades the following week.

The last week of October we will be working on all sorts of unique scarecrows.

Happy Birthday to: Remy (5th), Macklin (11th), Zakariya (20th), Hakseem (23rd) and Angeline (31st). They all will be turning 3 this month!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Tammy & Ms. Christina
HUMMINGBIRDS

The Hummingbirds have had a great start to the school year. We are getting to know each other and settling into our routine.

We will be finishing up our apple unit. We talked about different types of apples. We had an apple tasting to see which one we liked the best! We even made apple pies!

We started cutting with scissors which they love! We will continue to cut and work on that skill.

In October we will be talking about the changing of seasons and colors of the leaves. We will be doing Halloween projects and activities in our classroom. Keep checking your family mailboxes for information regarding the Halloween parade.

We would like to thank Ipek and her family for the yummy apples that they picked and shared with us!

Just a reminder: make sure your child has extra clothes:

- Socks
- Underwear
- Long/Short sleeve shirts
- Pants

If you have any questions, comments, concerns please feel free to ask!

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele, & Ms. Jamie

FLAMINGOS

We had a wonderful first month of school! We have been having a great time getting to know our new friends and everyone seems to be adjusting nicely. This month the children have been working on recognition of letters and letter sounds. We have been working with the color red and are very proud of all of our friends for learning “The Red Song.”

Also this month we’ve learned a lot about apples. We made apple prints which we used for our “Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom” bulletin board. We had a great time predicting the taste of different types of apples then trying them and graphing which ones we liked best. We would like to thank those who were able to accompany us on our field trip, everyone had an amazing time. During September we learned about the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly.

October is here and our new unit will be “My Family, My Community”. We will be learning about each others families as well as community helpers. We will also be doing a week of exploring colors. This will include dressing up each day in a specific color as well as graphing, mixing, and experimenting with the colors. The color song this month is “Black/Orange” and our letters this month are “K,L, and N”.

At the end of October, we will be doing many fun crafts and activities for Halloween. Parents, please keep an eye out for information on our Halloween parade and Family/Teacher conferences.

Happy Birthday to William! 10/15
Thank you!
Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

PUFFINS

Welcome Fall! The Puffins have enjoyed their first month of school together. The children have been making new friends, participating in name recognition activities and working on their cutting skills. We compared and tasted apples to see which color we liked the best. Ms. Toni helped the children to make apple crisp!

In October we will be focusing on the changing seasons, “Signs of Fall”, fire safety and will end the month with our Halloween festivities and parade. More information explaining our classroom and school Halloween traditions will be in your family mailboxes soon.

We try to go outside everyday! Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing. Extra clothes in cubbies need to be changed from shorts to pants etc. The weather this time of year can be crazy.

Happy 4th Birthday to:
Velvet Arnold 10/14
Happy Fall!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Vicky

PEACOCKS

Welcome Fall! We had such a wonderful time at Russell Farms. A big thank you to all of our families for joining us! Our themes this month are centered around Halloween and all things creepy crawly.

In math we are working on matching and counting numbers. We will also begin our alphabet program, introducing a new letter each week.

Please continue to work with your child on their self-help skills at home. We are working together to help build their confidence and independence.

At the end of the month we will be having our annual Halloween party and parade. More info to follow.

Have a spooktacular month!
Happy Birthday to Morly! 10/5

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn
FAMILY MAILBOXES
Please remember to check Family Mailboxes DAILY for important information from the Office, the Community, and your teachers!

Staff Birthdays
Sarah Wheaton 10/1
Rebecca Doane 10/8
Lisa Rosa 10/9
Chris Matthews 10/30
Jamie Franco 10/31

Reminder:
CPS will be CLOSED from 1:00-5:30pm on Friday, October 26th, for staff training and development. Please make plans for alternate care for that afternoon.

Tuition Deposits:
Our Check Deposit box is in the hallway hanging on the wall by the check-in station. You can drop your payment by at any time during regular hours. Tuition is due no later than the 10th of every month.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Fall Fest is November 4th from 2pm-4pm. More info to follow!

HEALTH BEAT
Staying healthy during the “Sniffle Season”
Worried about colds this season? Remember these essentials tips in maintaining your health:
1. Eat a healthy breakfast every morning.
2. Include physical activity into your routine.
3. Drink plenty of water in place of sugary drinks.
4. Select a daily multivitamin to boost immunity.
5. Disinfect hands and surfaces often.
6. Make sleep a priority for a well-rested body.

The students are back!
Please be aware that you must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks. The pedestrians expect you to stop and will step out in front of you.

Fun with your Kids: Gluten Free Pumpkin Play Dough

Ingredients:
1/2 Cup Rice Flour  
1/2 Cup Corn Starch  
1/2 Cup Salt  
2 Teaspoons Cream of Tarter  
1 Cup Water  
1 teaspoon Oil  
6 Drops Yellow Food Coloring  
1 Drop of Red Food Coloring (play with the ratios to get the color you want)  
1-2 Teaspoons Cinnamon  
1/4 Teaspoon Ground Cloves  
1/4 Teaspoon Ground Ginger

Directions:
Mix all ingredients together in a sauce pan until well combined. Turn heat on low and with a sturdy wooden spoon stir constantly keeping the mixture from settling on the bottom of the pan. Stir and “cook” for about 3-4 minutes or until the mixture forms a loose ball (it will be a bit sticky still – that’s ok). Lightly dust the table with rice flour and dump play dough out to cool. Once cool, knead it to combine the rice flour (if it’s a little sticky feel free to add a tad more flour at this point).
Try to resist the urge to eat it!

Picture Day
Picture day will be held on two days: Monday, October 22nd & Tuesday, October 23rd. More details to follow, so please be sure to check your family mailboxes!

PARADE DAYS!
Our Halloween Parades will take place on: Tuesday, October 30th & Wednesday, October 31st at 10am