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 10 – 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 23 – Families have the option to provide consent for their child to participate or not participate in activities where they may be photographed or videotaped when they complete enrollment paperwork. Consent can be withdrawn at any time.

Pg 23 – 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

The Sparrows are really enjoying school, although some separations are still difficult. Every day we see individuals making progress. We are loving the outdoors, watching and feeling the changes that autumn brings. Please dress your child (or provide) layers and we will change as needed.

We will be adding autumn items to our room, building vocabularies, enhancing their motor development by practicing new skills, and being messy with discovering art.

Happy Birthday to Elowen 5th, Lincoln 11th, Anna 30th and Ava 30th.

Happy Fall!

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Jamie

CHICKADEES

The Chickadees have been enjoying the beautiful fall weather. The warm days and cool nights are helping to make the leaves burst with colors. We have been taking walks and enjoying playing outdoors observing the changes of the season.

In October we will be working on the color yellow and mixing red and yellow together to make orange. We will also be making a variety of fall leaves and painting and carving pumpkins for our classroom. We are asking parents if they would like to donate pumpkins for carving. We would need 1 for our Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 1 for our Tuesday/Thursday children. Please let Ms. Chris know if you are interested. We also have a Halloween parade for the whole school. The parade will be on Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st at 10:00 am. We will be sending out a separate letter with information in October.

I will also be doing family/teacher conferences from mid to end of October. Watch for the sign up sheet. Thank you to all our families for bringing in supplies for your children and snacks. The children enjoy sharing snacks with their friends. Sharing is a concept we work on all year and this is a great way to model this skill!

Ms. Chris, Ms. Keeshia & Ms. Emily

SWANS

Happy Fall! We are so pleased to be in a routine and watching these children learn and grow! Thank you so much to the families who came in and read stories to the class. If you ever have an interest in coming in to the classroom and read a story or share a family holiday or tradition, we would love to include you! Thank you as well for contribution apples for our scrumptious applesauce. The applesauce was loved by many children and even Ms. Chrissi who makes our breakfast and lunches! She says we are good cooks!

During the month of October we will be learning about community helpers, numbers, exploring fall leaves, pumpkins, and finishing with Halloween fun. Please be on the lookout for parade day information.

We will continue to work on various skills and encourage you to help them become more independent. Maybe consider having them try to put their socks and shoes on or helping with zipping jackets.

We look forward to the month of October and watching the change in seasons. We wish Ms. Sarah and Ms. Lacy a Happy Birthday this month!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lacy & Ms. Kate

DOVES

Welcome to a lovely Fall! We have had a great September. The transitions into the classroom have been coming right along. We really appreciate all of the help and working together with our families. Thank you!

So, we are leaving nursery rhymes behind us. We will be finishing up dinosaurs as we move into October. We got a little behind. After dinosaurs we will go right into talking about community helpers. We are very excited to learn about different people that help us to stay healthy and safe. Next, we will move into learning about the season of Autumn. We will be learning about the change of seasons and doing some exploring outside.

To finish out the month of October, we will spend some time having fun and celebrating Halloween time. It is a time for decorating using items that are around for fall. So, we will be using pumpkins, leaves and lots of Autumn colors.

Happy Birthday to Yeqin 17th and Nicky 18th! They both will be turning 3 in October!

Happy Fall!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Amatullah & Ms. Tammy
HUMMINGBIRDS

Happy Fall! In October we will be talking about fire safety and the changes of the seasons. We will also be getting ready for Halloween. Look for more information.

The Halloween parade will be on Wednesday and Thursday October 30th and 31st at 10am.

Thank you Vivian and her family for donating the parachute for our class. We love playing with it!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to any of us.

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele, & Ms. Barb

PUFFINS

Welcome Fall! The Puffins have had a great start to the new school year! It has been fun getting to know each other. During our “All About Me” theme we discovered how we are alike and yet different too.

The children are working on name recognition, counting and cutting skills. We compared and taste-tested apples to see which color apple we liked best. Ms. Toni helped the children make apple crisp! YUMMY!!!

In October we will be focusing on the changing season, “signs of fall”, and fire safety. We will end the month with Halloween projects and the school Halloween Parade. More information about Halloween and the parade will be in your family mailboxes soon.

We try to go outside everyday! Please be sure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing. With the weather changing be sure to check your child’s extra clothes: socks, underwear, long/short sleeve shirts, and pants.

Have a happy October!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Kendra

FLAMINGOS

Happy Fall Flamingo families! October will be a fun month! Our Fall field trip to Russell’s Farm will be Friday, October 11th. We will be talking about farms and pumpkins to go along with our field trip. We will also be talking about community helpers. The children will get to see a fire truck and have a visit from a police officer (who happens to be an uncle to a Flamingo!) If anyone else is able has a family member who would like to come in, please let us know! Of course Halloween is in October and we will be having a Halloween parade on Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st around the school at 10:00 am.

Happy Birthday to Macklin 11th, Matteo 14th, Zaki 20th, and Angeline 31st!

Ms. Robyn & Ms. Rebecca

PEACOCKS

Hello October, Fall is finally here! This is a wonderful time of year and luckily the weather has been beautiful. The children are enjoying time outside on the playground and developing new friendships. Our students have settled into class and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

This month we begin by observing all the changes of the season. Our themes will include fall, family, pumpkins, creatures of the night and Halloween. We are starting our letters of the week and journal writing.

In math, we are counting objects and working on building our numeracy skills. As the weather gets chillier, please make sure your child has extra jacket/sweatshirt at school since we go outside at 10 am daily. For safety reasons, we ask that your child wear sneakers for the playground/gym.

We are excited for our class trip to Russell Farms on Friday, October 11th. This will be a fun time for all!

Happy Fall!

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
- Barb Winans 10/7
- Rebecca Doane 10/8
- Lisa Rosa 10/9
- Lacy Ricci 10/27
- Chris Matthews 10/30
- Jamie Franco 10/31

**Reminder:**
CPS will be CLOSED from 1:00-5:30pm on Monday, October 14th, 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.

**School Spirit Sale!**
We will be holding our very own School Spirit sale in the month of October! Items that will be available include onesies, toddler/youth t-shirts, adult t-shirts and hoodies for all! More information about our School Spirit Sale will be sent out in the next few days!

**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.

**Picture Day**

Picture day will be held on two days: **Thursday, October 3rd & Wednesday, October 9th**
Order forms have been placed in your family mailboxes. Orders can also be placed online!

**PARADE DAYS!**

Our **Halloween Parades** will take place on: **Wednesday, October 30th & Thursday, October 31st at 10am**

**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, kneed 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!*