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THE PROVIDENCE PAGES

A Letter from Jennifer...



Mark your Calendar

October 1st thru 5th

Brunch for Parents

9:30am-10:30am (see calendar for your child's specific class date).

This is not mandatory but attendance counts for a 1/2 adult education hour.

Monday October, 8th

Columbus Day Holiday

No School

PNS Board Meeting 7:30pm

Saturday October 13th

Cleaning and Maintenance Day

8:30am-11:30am

Wednesday October 17th

PACT Conference

No School

October 29th, 30th, & 31st

Halloween Parades 9:30am

(see calendar for your child's specific class date)

Thursday November 1st

Picture Day for 2s & 3/4s

Friday Novemeber 2nd

Picture Day for CDO, 3s, & 4s

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We have gotten off to a great 2018-2019 school year at PNS! Thank you to our wonderful teachers, aides, and PNS families. Hopefully by now, your little one is settling in and loving preschool.

October is filled with lots of fun things at PNS. Your children will enjoy plenty of stories, games, songs and crafts to celebrate fall. For the parents, we have our class brunches the week of October 1st-5th. Please see the school calendar for dates and look for messages from your child's teacher and class rep with details. The brunches are a fun, casual way to get to know other parents in your class, learn about your children's class as well as to earn 30 minutes of parent education credit.

PNS is closed on Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day. Our monthly board meeting will still be held on October 8th and all are invited to attend. The agenda will be out soon. PNS is closed on Wednesday, October 17th as well while our teachers are at a conference.

Our second clean-up and maintenance day of the year will be held on Saturday, October 13th. We can certainly use some extra help for this one. There will be lots of leaves to be raked from the playground, and it's a great time to rid the school of any lingering germs as we head into cold & flu season.

To end this busy month, every child will have a chance to put on a costume and wave to their friends and family during our annual Halloween parades. More details will be sent as Halloween approaches. In the meantime, if you are planning your child's costume, please keep our young preschool audience in mind. Nothing too scary for the little ones!

Once again, a huge thank you to all of you who have given your time to make our school run smoothly and successfully. Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Happy Fall!

Jennifer

CDO & 2's

This month the Twos and CDO classes will be getting all dressed up at preschool! Who has long sleeves, or blue shoes, and how many buttons are on your shirt today? **Clothing** is a great topic of conversation for two-year-olds -- and our topic for the week of 10/1. We'll use clothing to describe colors, count objects, dress up, and pretend.

Why is **Pizza** so fascinating? It's round, it's delicious... and it offers so many possibilities! The week of 10/8 is Pizza week in the Twos and CDO, and we have pizza toys, pizza books, pizza chants, and pizza projects to do. It's also a great opportunity for introducing some important early math ideas, such as identifying circles and comparing objects of different sizes.

In the weeks of 10/15 and 10/22 we'll be paying close attention to some signs of the fall season. First, we'll focus on an **Apple** theme; we'll perform some science experiments using apples, make apple art, and read and chant about how apples grow and get harvested. Then, we'll talk about

some other hallmarks of **Fall**: colorful leaves, and leaves that crunch when we step on them; those busy-looking squirrels; and even the extra step of putting on a sweatshirt or jacket. (This is probably a good time for a friendly reminder: Parents, please remember to label all those sweatshirts and jackets with your child's name!)

The final week of October is Halloween week. We'll examine a pumpkin and learn a pumpkin song, read about the tradition of trick-or-treating, and even have our own costume parade. In the Twos and CDO classes, students wear or bring their costumes on Monday the 29th (CDO) or Tuesday the 30th (Twos), and parents can stick around for the first few minutes of class to admire the cuteness and take photos.

I look forward to seeing parents at the class brunches on October 1st (for CDO) and October 2nd (for the 2s), and to all of the fun activities ahead in October!

Ms. Auten



Wow, we have been so busy for the first month of school! Your children have been learning new routines, new rules, new jobs and some of their new friends' names. Playdough, tactile table, Bartholomew the Bear, sandboxes (inside and out) and art projects have all be very popular activities these first few weeks. This class also LOVES books and listening to others read to them. On your co-oping day, you will probably be doing a lot of reading too!

In the coming month we will add some new components to our school routines- our first Wonderful Wednesday in school Enrichment will be October 3rd and then weather permitting we'll have our first Bike Day on Wednesday, October 10th. More information can be found in each week's Coming Attractions. Additionally, once a week I'll be doing small group activities with the children during Big Room time. The activities will range from interactive stories and pretend play to beginning some table work skills like following simple directions and working on fine motor skills like starting to use scissors.

The week of October 1st we will be discussing our **Body Parts** as well as the importance of **Hand Washing**. We'll be doing lots of yoga and movement activities as well as sharing what our body parts can do. Next comes **Pets**, the animal members of our families. We'll be talking about how we care for animals, the pets we wish we had (if we don't have any) and some classification concepts as we compare how different pets feel texture-wise. The week of October 15th we will be exploring **Fall Weather** with a focus on the leaves and trees of autumn. Nature walks, tree hugging and outside observations will be featured. The week leading up to Halloween, we'll explore a "spookier" side of nature, with **Night Creatures**. We'll talk about the animals who stay awake at night as well as the darkness of nighttime. We'll

even have a Pajama Day at school! The final week of October we'll explore **Apples and Pumpkins**. We'll discuss how these plants and fruits change throughout the seasons of the year. We'll be trying some apple and pumpkin foods as well as creating with them in art projects. ***Our Halloween parade will be on Friday, October 27th at 9:30am in the Big Room.*** The children will make their own Halloween treats to eat for snack that day. More details to come in a class update.

Important upcoming dates to remember: **October 5th** Threes Class Brunch, **October 8th & 17th** No School, **October 31st** Halloween Parade and **November 2nd** Picture Day.

Thanks for continuing to arrive on time, labeling snack and lunch bags with dates, packing healthy snacks and water cups for the children each day and emptying their backpacks every afternoon. All of this supports a great daily routine and has gotten us off to a wonderful start to the year! Thank you!

Ms. Ryan



There are so many things that I love about autumn...the colors of the falling leaves, the bite of the crisp autumn breeze, the sound of the numerous Canadian geese flying south...and more! Here at PNS, we'll do lots of discussing, experimenting and playing with autumn "stuff"...and these seasonal finds will inspire many language, math, science, and music activities in our class room.

The month starts off with a week devoted to Fire Safety. There will be several science experiments dealing with "fire" and a practice session of "stop, drop, and roll." October 9th will begin a week filled with lots of fun learning about our 5 senses...our table activities will certainly be touchy and smelly and filled with good sights. Autumn leaves will be our focus beginning the 15th. And I'm betting you can count on us producing some very colorful artwork during this week!!

Then comes every kid's favorite holiday, Halloween, and we'll work up to the big day by spending some time learning about pumpkins and spiders. **Our parade this year will be on Halloween Day, Wednesday (10/31).** Please send your child to school in his/her costume on that day. We will be parading with the 3s' and 4s' classes, so that everyone at PNS that day can admire all of the costumes (And remember no masks or really scary outfits...thanks!). After the parade (which you are cordially invited to attend), the kids will change from their costumes and we'll return to our "normal" day. (If anyone would like to volunteer to provide a special treat on that day (10/31), please let me know...otherwise I will come up with something special for that day. It's too "BIG" to let it go by unnoticed! ☺)

Per your overwhelming support, we are going to make the 3/4s annual trip to the Cox Farm's Pumpkin Patch on Tuesday, October 23rd. I look forward to this trip every year! We'll take a hayride, play in the straw mazes, swing on the rope swings, and drink apple cider at snack time. It's a wonderful day to be a kid...big or little! We will meet out at the Farm at 10:00. Plan on coming with us – and staying out there for the whole day with your child, if you can! Siblings are welcome! If your child needs a ride, please let Julie

Agar know. There is more than enough to do for the day...I wish I could stay, but I need to get back for Lunch Bunch duty. Hope lots of you can join us!!!

The last week of October brings us a week filled with the sights, sounds, and smells of FOOD. We will be busy learning what makes a healthy meal...and why SHOULD we eat those vegetables?

October also signals the start of my "Star of the Day" program. I will send home a calendar at the beginning of the month which assigns each child "their" special day...it's their time to shine. The Star of the Day will be my special helper...from line leader to calendar person to "Show 'n Teller"...it is "their" day. The night before your child is to be the Star of the Day, I will put the decorated "Show 'n Tell Can" on top of their cubbie. When you arrive in the morning of your child's "Star" day, please place the "chosen" item in the can. I would really like the item to relate to the weekly theme if at all possible. After playing in the Big Room right before dismissal, we always gather on the blue stripe rug for storytime. This is also the time when we will have Show 'n Tell time. As the year progresses, I have hopes of tweaking this process a little more, so that we can work on having good descriptions of the item before the unveiling and then asking appropriate questions about the item.

The Monday Gang (the 4 year olds) will start working with some introductory letter activities this month also. We'll take a look at one letter at a time. The lessons will incorporate a variety of active, hands-on learning experiences developmentally appropriate for your four year old. The letter will be listed on your calendars along with the weekly themes.

So we're off and running and having a great time! We had such a smooth beginning to the year that September flew by. October is bound to be even more fun! Also please remember that our class brunch is Thursday, October 4th at 9:30...come for information, socialization, and adult education credit! Win, win, win!

Here's to a month that's packed with colorful experiences for everyone!!!

Jane

Can you believe that October is here? Leaves, pumpkin spice and everything nice! The children are getting use to the schedule, picking up songs and games quickly and having fun!

Our first week theme will be Jobs/Community Helpers. We will be learning about different jobs, fire safety, and talking about what "we" want to be when we grow up. Our second week theme will be Leaves and Pumpkins. We will be pumpkin pounding, learning a pumpkin poem, and the pumpkin life cycle. Our third week theme will be Yellow and Yak. We will make body Yy's and a yak craft. The fourth week theme will be Halloween and Spiders. We will be making a huge

spider web with yarn, while the children hold the web in place Ms. Jenn will crawl underneath and help Sally the Spider climb onto the web!! We also will be learning a few spider facts, spider patterns and make a large spider craft. Letters Jj, Ll, Yy, and Hh.

Thank you for bringing in extra clothing and being diligent on names and dates on food. We will be going to Cox Farms for a field trip too! Details coming.

Fondly,

Ms. Jenn



TUITION

Tuition is due by the 1st of each month. Please pay on time via check or e-check in Jovial. Credit card payment through Jovial is also accepted, though the CC fee must be donated. A grace period for all payments extends through the 10th of each month. Payment not received by then is subject to a \$25 late fee. Please make your checks payable to "Providence Nursery School, Inc." Your child's name must be printed on the memo line. Put all tuition and lunch bunch checks in the black box in the hallway by the double doors to the Big Room, or the black box outside the music room.

Contact treasurer@providencenurseryschool.com if you have any questions regarding tuition.

ENROLLMENT

We have openings for 4 year olds for the 2018-2019 school year. Child must be 4 by September 30. Please spread the word to your friends, family, Mom groups, and play groups.

HALLOWEEN AT PNS

Probably the most exciting event at PNS this month is our annual Halloween "parade". Students and teachers alike will dress up to show off their costumes to family and friends. The school will be full of our kids' favorite animals, story book characters, princesses, and superheroes. All family members are welcome. Don't forget your camera/phone! You'll want to capture these moments!

As you and your child are deciding on a costume, we ask that you keep our youngest students in mind. Masks or mummy wraps are great for trick or treating but can be quite scary for little ones who don't understand it is one of their friends underneath. We encourage you and your children to be creative and inventive with their costumes, but please also be considerate of our preschool audience

PARENT EDUCATION

October 3rd at 11:00 am, room TBD - CPR and 1st Aid

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

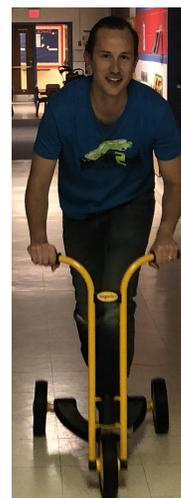
Each family enrolled in a co-oping class must complete eight volunteer hours during the school year. CDO-only families are required to do four. Here are some opportunities to earn your volunteer hours.

- We need 1 volunteer on Wednesday, October 3rd, to cover lunch bunch (from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.).
- Attend the Board Meeting on Monday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m. for one volunteer hour.
- RSVP via the sign-up on Sign-up Genius if you are attending the October Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 13th from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. All families are required to attend one Clean-Up Day per child enrolled. You will receive volunteer hours if you help out at an additional Clean-Up Day (or an additional parent helps on the same day!).
- Help out on Picture Day on November 1, 2018. Sign up on Sign-up Genius!

Contact Stephanie Jensen via vpadmin@providencenurseryschool.org if you have any questions about your volunteer hours or would like to volunteer for one of these opportunities.

MAINTAINANCE

New scooters are assembled, tested and ready for the next Bike Day! Don't forget your helmet!



ENRICHMENT

For Enrichment at PNS, we book a presenter one or two Wednesdays a month, ranging from story tellers and singers to wildlife and safety experts and everything in between. The presentations almost always take place in the big room at 11:30 am. All students in the 3s, 3/4s, and 4s will attend with their classes. CDOs, 2s and siblings are always welcome to attend with a supervising adult unless expressly mentioned in that month's description.

This year we kick off Enrichment with a visit from the local Fire Department on Wednesday, October 3rd at 11:30 am in front of the church's main doors. Kids will get to talk to real firefighters, see their firefighting gear and climb on a truck. CDOs, twos and siblings are welcome to join the fun with a supervising parent.

FUNDRAISING

*Wednesday October 17th we will be hosting a Playdate at Chuck E. Cheese on Main St. in Fairfax beginning at 11:00 AM. There is no school due to staff members being at the PACT Conference. Meet some friends for fun, games and food. PNS will receive a portion of all sales credited to us.

*Thanks to those who placed pre-orders for t-shirts. We will get them to you as soon as they come in. We also ordered some extras, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

*The Mabel's Labels fundraising will continue until the end of November. Thanks to all who are participating!

*Stay tuned for a couple of additional fall/winter fundraisers, including a possible restaurant night, Barnes and Noble Day (November 17), and our fun Holiday Shop (December 8). We will need lots of volunteers to make these events possible.

Feel free to contact us for anything!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading the PNS newsletter. If there is anything you would like to have published in the November Newsletter please submit it by October 20th. If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see in the newsletter don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,
Melissa Ahern
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jenny Otto for doing a fantastic job leading our co-op training sessions and for helping everyone get a head-start on parent ed hours. Thank you to our social committee for coordinating treats for Back to School Night and Co-op Training. Thank you to all of the families who donated food and helped with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to Melissa Ahern for a great September newsletter. Thank you to David Wiskochil for taking good care of the fish over the summer and for helping with the transition to the Khan Family. Thank you to everyone who helped at the first clean-up and maintenance day. A special thanks to Charles Havasy for coordinating the maintenance committee and thank you to the Gunlicks family for coordinating the clean-up and providing refreshments. Thank you to our class reps for helping all our new families feel welcome: Melissa Ahern, Hien Phan, Maliha Ahmad, Jessica Bonds, and Amanda Longstreet. A thank you to the Clare, Stein, Maiwurm, Kamath, Aji, Bajrachayra, and McCormick families for helping with the library inventory. Finally, a huge thank you to our executive board members and teachers who put in many hours this summer in preparation for the new school year.

Thank you to Meg Krug for arranging our enrichment activities for the year!

Thank you to Sara Levy and Emily Gillotte for organizing our fundraisers for the first half of the year: apparel sales, Barnes and Noble, and Holiday Shop. We are off to a great start!

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1 Tuition Due Brunch CDO 9:30am-10:30am	2 <i>Brunch 2s</i> 9:30am-10:30am	3 <i>Brunch 4s</i> 9:30am-10:30am	4 <i>Brunch 3/4s</i> 9:30am-10:30am	5 <i>Brunch 3s</i> 9:30am-10:30am	6
	7	8 NO SCHOOL Board Meeting 7:30pm	9	10	11	12
	13 Cleaning and Maintenance Day 8:30am-11:30am	14	15	16	17 NO SCHOOL PACT Conference Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser 11am	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31 Halloween Parade CDO 9:30am	32 Halloween Parade 2s 9:30am	33 Halloween Parade 3s, 3/4s, & 4s 9:30am			