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CREATIVE PLAYROOMS

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October

- October 9-13: Fire Prevention Week
October 24: Montessori Parent Meeting - 6:30-7:30pm
October 27: Class Halloween Parties

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From the Regional Director's Desk ~ Jennifer Cook



Fall has arrived and that means many fun activities are going on here at Creative Playrooms. This month will be all about leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween fun. We will also be celebrating Fire Safety Week and learning what to do in case of an emergency. Our classroom Halloween parties will be held on Friday, October 27th. Children may wear their costumes on this day for the celebration. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO WEAPONS, FULL FACE MASKS, OR VIOLENT COSTUMES ARE ALLOWED IN THE CENTER. Make sure to sign up in your child's classroom to bring in a treat for our party. Please remember we are all peanut-free facilities and all treats brought in must be store bought and in the original packaging with the ingredient label attached. There are many children in our programs that have various allergies and diet restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please see the office.

The children will be going outside each day. Please make sure your child has weather-appropriate extra clothes in their cubby at all times. Remember the speed limit in our parking lots is 5 mph. Cars are not to be left running while unattended in the parking lots as well. These rules are put in place for the safety of you and your children.

Congratulations to our centers for obtaining their first star in Step Up to Quality!

What's Happening Around Us...

Submitted by Center Directors

Independence ~ Donna Kupiecki

Happy October! We will start October off by celebrating fall! You will see lots of fall art projects throughout the center. October 9-13 is Fire Prevention and Safety Week; the Independence Fire Department will come to the center to visit. They will talk about fire safety and prevention tips, teach the children the STOP, DROP, and ROLL method and give us a fun little surprise! Our Halloween class parties will be on Friday, October 27th. There will be sign-up sheets prior to the party in your child's classroom. Please be aware that the seasons are changing and your child's extra set of clothes needs to be weather appropriate! Happy Halloween!

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Miss Khema Perera! Miss Khema has been working with the Independence Montessori School since October of 2016. She is our Montessori Directress and does a great job working with the Montessori children. Miss Khema enjoys bringing science projects and Geography/History facts to the classroom weekly. She is very dedicated to her family and loves spending time with her children. In her spare time, Miss Khema likes to read. Thank you Miss Khema for all of your hard work and dedication!

Maple Heights ~ Lisa Woodward

October brings us into fall's beautiful colors, cool mornings, and warm afternoons. Please make sure you are marking your child's jacket with their name. We do go outdoors on a daily basis. Fire Prevention Week is October 9-13; we will have a visit from Firefighter Dan of the Maple Heights Fire Department. Our fall parties will be on Friday, the 27th. Remember no masks or weapons. We would all like to thank Joan Wenk for getting our center two new commercial refrigerators; one for the Toddler room and one for our Infant Room, as well as two new microwaves.

Employee of the Month

We wish to acknowledge all our staff and their history of longevity at Creative Playrooms. Taylor-2 years, Cathedric-3 years, Jasmine-2 years, Robert-5 years, Rashima-5 years, Lakisha-10 years, Jackie-17 years, Ron-8 years, Jill-14 years, Bonnie - 26 years, Marquette-19 years, Carolyn-10 years, Christina-2 years, Gail-45 years, Michelle-17 years, and Lisa-11 years. What a wonderful history of staff that have been with your children and families for so many years. Thank you all for your dedication to Creative Playrooms!

Parma ~ Jennifer Cook

October will be full of fun fall and Halloween activities for every class. This month we get to learn all about our community, fire safety, leaves and pumpkins. Our school picture days are October 10th and 11th. See the office for your child's assigned day. Fire Safety Week is also in October and our local fire department will come to teach us all about fire safety. Kindergarten will end the month with a Pumpkin Investigation week and a classroom pumpkin decorating contest. We will be having our Halloween parties on Friday, October 27th, so please remember to sign up to bring in a healthy store bought treat.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our October employee of the month, Mrs. Emily Tyler! Mrs. Tyler just began her second school year as our Private Kindergarten teacher. She is very dedicated to making our Kindergarten program successful and memorable for each child. Mrs. Tyler is always coming up with new and fun ideas to keep her children learning and growing. Thank you, Mrs. Tyler for your devotion to our school and families.

Solon ~ Kathleen Milliken

Welcome autumn! This month we explore the outdoors - pumpkins, apples, corn, and seeds. We will be having a visit from the Solon Fire Department for Fire Safety Week. Picture days are October 3rd and 4th; there will be packets handed out. Please remember to sign up for our Halloween parties that will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017. The children will be going outside every day so make sure to dress them accordingly. We appreciate your help in completing all paperwork in a timely manner.

Employee of the Month

This month give a great big thank you to Ms. Jin. She has been at Creative Playrooms for almost 2½ years. Jin began in our Infant Department and transitioned into our Montessori classroom. Parents describe Jin as loyal and patient. Her classroom is very clean and organized and she enjoys doing fun and original bulletin boards. Thank you, Jin, for all your hard work and congratulations on being Employee of the Month!

Strongsville ~ Stephanie Annes

The weather is quickly changing as we are approaching into fall. Please make sure your child has turned in all classroom materials to start off the school year. During the month of October, the children will be looking forward to a classroom Halloween party on Friday, October 27th. Please be reminded we are a PEANUT-FREE facility, and there are to be no home baked goods in the classrooms. We require store bought treats in its original packaging with the listed ingredients. Just a friendly reminder: dress your child appropriately for the weather, as we will go outside every day. Also, switch out your child's extra summer clothes to fall/winter clothes in their classrooms.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Julie Ryan, our head Directress in our Montessori classroom. Ms. Julie has been at Strongsville Montessori since 2013. She goes above and beyond with all of her hard work she puts into her classroom. Ms. Julie is very passionate about her work and the lessons she gives to her class. Thank you, Ms. Julie, for all that you do! You are very much appreciated!

Westlake ~ Maria Pena

October is already here! We have Columbus Day, Boss's Day, Sweetest Day, and Fire Prevention Week October 9th through the 13th. We are getting ready for Halloween and will be having our classroom parties on Friday, October 27th. Please be reminded we are a PEANUT-FREE facility, and there are to be no home baked goods in the classrooms. We require store bought treats in its original packaging with the listed ingredients.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Linda Wade! Linda Wade joined Westlake Montessori School six years ago. She is the head infant 2 teacher. Linda gives a lot of attention to each infant and is very patient. She does an amazing job! Thank you, Linda!

October Curriculum Ideas & Classroom Themes

Infant Info



Sensory:	Feather Fun, Peg Puzzles, Puppet Show, Touch Bubbles
Gross Motor:	Ball Pit, Riding Toys, Rake the Paper Leaves, Jump in Leaves
Fine Motor:	Ping Pong Paint, Paint the Jack-o-Lantern, Building Blocks
Audio/Visual:	Felt Board Story, Taste Sweet, Itsy Bitsy Spider, Ring The Bell

Jr. Toddler Tidbits - Themes: Letter "A", Transportation, Letter "B", Halloween

Practical Life:	Play Dress Up, Set the Table, Go Shopping, Pouring
Gross Motor:	Walk the Line, Ring Toss, Pumpkin Bowl, Balancing
Language:	Acorn, Paper Plate Car, Bones, Q-Tip Skeleton
Science:	Shakers, Pumpkin Slime, Ice Cream in a Bag, Magnet Bottle



Sr. Toddlers - Themes: Letter "A", Transportation, Letter "B", Halloween



Practical Life:	Rake the Leaves, Tea Party, Set the Table, Scooping
Gross Motor:	Tic, Tac, Toss, Shape Hopscotch, Ball Toss, Twister
Science:	Build a Bug, Dancing Worms, Tornado in a Bottle
Art:	Alligator, Bingo Dot Letter "A", Paper Plate Spiders Cotton Ball Ghost

PS/PK - Themes: Fire Prevention, Eric Carle, Creepy Crawlers, Things That Go Bump in the Night

Music & Movement:	5 Little Pumpkins; Itsy Bitsy Spider; Stop, Drop & Roll; Fall and Crawl; A Fly Dance
Gross Motor:	Caterpillar Tag; Rescue Maze; The Ants go Jumping
Science:	Twists and Sticks; A Fly's Eyes; Dancing Around the Moon; Worm Garden
Art:	Fire Trucks; Ladybug; Pumpkins (Jack-o-Lanterns); Star Drawing, Egg Carton Spiders, Small Creature Collages; Slinky Prints



After School - Themes: Fall Celebrations



Language:	Bat Poems, Thank you to Teachers, Name Design
In The Kitchen:	Yam Sample Apple Sampling, Apple Sauce
Cooperation:	Draw & Name a Teddy Bear
Crafty Creations:	Haunted Houses; Ghosts; Apple Prints; Pirate Ship
Group Activity:	Food Drive; Diwali Night Boxes
Science:	What's in a Pumpkin? Pumpkin versus Apple

MONTESSORI MATTERS

Independence Center

Themes: Halloween Party, Student of the Week, Fire Safety, Continents, New Mail Boxes

We will have our annual Trick-or-Treating and Halloween party on Friday, October 27th. Please do not bring plastic bags; canvas bags are best for the little ones to carry. A sign-up sheet will be posted if you would like to bring something in to share. Remember -store bought goodies only in original packaging with ingredients listed. We will talk about fire safety and when to use "911". Two children per week will be chosen for "Student of the Week"; a letter will be in your child's new mail box a week before. Please make sure you check the mailbox for important information.

Sensorial:	Feel and Smells of Fall
Geography:	Continents
Language:	Letter of the Week, Spanish
Math:	Addition, Counting Pumpkin Seeds
Practical Life:	Carving a Pumpkin
Science:	What Happens in the Fall?, Why Do Leaves Change?
Art:	Pumpkins, Ghosts, Bats, and Witches



Parma Center

Themes: Fire Prevention, Pumpkins, Halloween, Leaves

We will begin this month learning how to STOP, DROP & ROLL and what number we call in an emergency. The local fire department will bring their trucks here to visit us. In addition we will be learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin. Make sure to sign up for our Halloween party on Friday, October 27th.

Sensorial:	Smelling Jars
Geography:	Continent Match
Language:	Beginning Letter Sounds
Math:	Colored Bead Stair
Practical Life:	Pumpkin Sorting
Science:	Pumpkin Cycle Sequencing
Art:	Leaf Rubbing, Pumpkins, Shape Fire Trucks, Acorn Art



MONTESSORI MATTERS

Solon Center

Themes: Fall, Halloween, Community and Outings



Fall is upon us and we couldn't be more excited! So many fun events and activities are in store. We will have a visit from the fire department and our classrooms will be having our fall harvest celebrations. Our Halloween class party will be on the 27th. While we love seeing all the costumes, masks and accessories should not be worn.




Sensorial:	Red Rods, Color Tablets
Geography:	The Continent Song, Topography of the Earth
Language:	A-Z-Upper & Lower Case, Spanish (Numbers & Animals)
Math:	Golden Beads, 100 Board, Short Chains,
Practical Life:	Greetings, Threading, Transferring, Pouring, Folding, Sorting
Science:	Parts of Seeds, Anatomy: Body Parts, Mouth
Art:	Pointillism, Deer & Tree, Oil Pastels, Self Portrait

Strongsville Center

Themes: Fall, Leaf Studies, Halloween, Columbus Day, North America

We have welcomed several new students and the classroom is humming along. This month we turn our studies to fall and all things cool and colorful. The acorns and leaves that we find on the playground offer many opportunities for study. We now begin studying North America and its animals, people, and land formations, to accompany our autumn and Columbus Day explorations. Please be sure to send in warmer clothes as the weather cools. Look for more information on our annual pumpkin field trip and our Halloween parade and party!

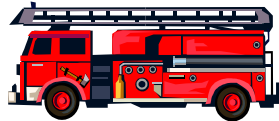
Sensorial:	Color Box 2, Brown Stairs	
Geography:	North America and its People, Land and Water	
Language:	Spanish Numbers, Basic Sign Directions	
Math:	0-5, Sequin 10's Box, Symbol to Quantity	
Practical Life:	Color Sorting, Apple Polishing and Tasting, Baking a Pumpkin Pie	
Science:	Pumpkin Science and Baking, Parts of a Leaf, The Skeleton	
Art:	Secondary Colors, Fall Leaves, Pumpkins, Halloween	

Westlake Center

Themes: Community Helpers, Fire Safety, Pumpkins, Fall

October is a busy month in Montessori. The class will focus on the letter 'H' and numbers up to 8. Handwriting is very important. We will study North America and the forest habitat. We will also learn and explore pumpkins and leaves. In Math, we will introduce some of our bead materials. Don't forget to check the parent board for updates on our class Halloween party.



Sensorial:	Shades of Orange, Color Mix Red and Yellow	
Geography:	North America Math Puzzle	
Language:	Letters E, F, G, H	
Math:	Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, Short Bead Stair	
Practical Life:	Color Mixing	
Science:	Parts of a Leaf, Pumpkin Life Cycle	
Art:	Fall Tree, Firetruck Painting, Spooky Cats	

KINDERGARTEN KORNER

Parma Center ~ Emily Tyler

Themes: Fall Harvest, Fire Safety, Clifford & Pets, Monster Mash

Our class will be discussing types of work and produce that comes a farm. We will be practicing fire drills and safety tips. We will also find out how to take care of our pets while we learn about Clifford and his adventures. In Science we will learn about the pumpkin and cut one open to see the inside. Our Halloween party will be on Friday, the 27th.



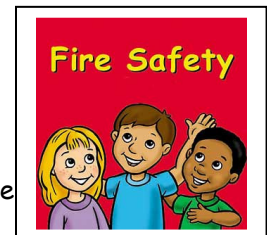
Math:	Manipulative Counting with Candy Corn
Language:	Read Clifford Books
Social Studies:	Who are Firefighters and What do they Do?
Science:	Compare and Contrast Farm Animals
Art:	Leaf Rubbing, Pumpkins, Halloween Art & Shape Mosaics

Solon Center - Susan Yang

Themes: Fire Safety, Leaves, Clifford, Halloween

Kindergarten is underway. This month we celebrate the Fall Harvest. We explore with the apple, pumpkin, and gourds. We will also be celebrating our grandparents/special visitors on October 13. Please remember to bring your books back each week. Homework is always due on Thursday. Please remember to have your child wear his/her slippers while in class, but shoes for school.

Math:	Sorting, Patterning, 1-10 Review
Language/Reading:	Sight Words, Guided Reading, Name Recognition
Social Studies:	Where I Live, Maps
Science:	Animal Kingdoms, Part of a Seed, Bird Kingdom
Art:	My Family Tree, Turtle Tree Puppet, All About Me
Spanish/Chinese:	Hello, Good-Bye, Numbers, and Colors



Strongsville Center ~ Mrs. Sue Kemp

Themes: Clifford, Fire Safety, Weather, Pumpkins, Halloween

Welcome to autumn from the Kindergarten room! We have had a wonderful first month and the children seem to be settling into a nice routine. Some important dates to remember: Field trip to Maple Side Farms on the 17th, Fire Prevention Week - 9th-13th, and the 27th - our Halloween party



Math:	Finish Up Number to 5
Language:	Letters E through I, Sight Words
Social Studies:	Community Helpers, Firemen and Fire Safety
Science:	Explore Matter, Weather, Pumpkins
Art:	Halloween Art

KINDERGARTEN KORNER

Westlake Center ~ Mrs. Diane Runner

Themes: Fire Safety, Weather, Pumpkins, Halloween

This fall we are well into our sight word curriculum, and will be beginning our guided reading groups soon. Information will be coming up. At home, everyone should be using flash cards to practice sight words. Everyone should be reading together at night. Kindergarten will also be starting rehearsal for our winter program. More information to come!

Math: Pumpkin Seed Counting, Block Patterning
Language: Songs/Skits for Winter Program, Fall Word Sort
Social Studies: What do Firefighters Do
Science: Weather Journal, Exploring a Pumpkin and Parts
Art: Pumpkin Life Cycle, Candy Corn Mosaic



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Pool News

Parma: We will continue to review the pool rules for safety. We will also be practicing holding our breath under water.

Solon: We begin our guided breathing and kicking. We'll be learning water safety. A/S and Kindergarten will begin water fitness.

Westlake: Preschool children will work on rings in the pool and dressing independently for swim class. Pre-K will practice swimming with their faces in the water. Montessori will be floating and gliding. Kindergarten will practice the front crawl.



Employee Spotlight Cathedric Grant Maple Heights

This month we would like to recognize Miss Cathedric Grant from Maple Heights Creative Playrooms. She is a Lead Teacher in our Pre-Kindergarten classroom and has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Miss Cathedric started with us in 2009, as a seasonal employee while attending college, and has been with us permanently for 3 years. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to Creative Playrooms.

IT IS IMPERATIVE ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ETC. HAVE A KEY FOB TO GAIN ENTRANCE INTO OUR CENTERS! KEY FOBs ARE \$10 EACH. EVERY FAMILY NEEDS TO HAVE ONE IF THEY ARE PICKING UP THEIR CHILD. PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED A KEY FOB.



OCTOBER



~~HAPPY BIRTHDAY~~

MAY TODAY BE AS EXTRAORDINARY AS YOU!

~~HAPPY ANNIVERSARY~~



SHARING THE JOYS THAT BLOSSOM EACH YEAR IN YOUR DEVOTION TO CREATIVE PLAYROOMS MONTESSORI & CHILD CARE CENTERS!

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

CORPORATE

NONE

NONE

INDEPENDENCE

NONE

NONE

MAPLE HEIGHTS

Gail Schroeder 10/11

Ron Malaga 8 Yrs.

PARMA

Elizabeth Figueroa 10/05

Elizabeth Figueroa 10 Yrs.
Devon Gasser 2 Yrs.

SOLON

Nicole Bricker 10/28
Tiana Harris 10/03
Ling Ji 10/06
Jin Sun 10/01
Susan Yang 10/22

Nicole Bricker 19 Yrs.
Maria Hutton 9 Yrs.
Angela McConnell 7 Yrs.

STRONGSVILLE

Joseph Belsole 10/23

Beth Brigadier 4 Yrs.
Miranda Kuczynski 4 Yrs.
Katherine Menoes 2 Yrs.

WESTLAKE

NONE

NONE