


KKCC NEWSLETTER



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October 2021

Upcoming Events

Breast Cancer Awareness Day  Staff Wear Pink	Oct. 8 th
Indigenous Peoples Day	Oct. 11 th
Early Dismissal – 3:30 pm	Oct. 20 th
Clark's Elioak Farm Field Trip	Oct. 21 st -22 nd
Picture Days	Oct. 25 th -29 th
Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>KKCC closed to students</i>	Nov. 12 th



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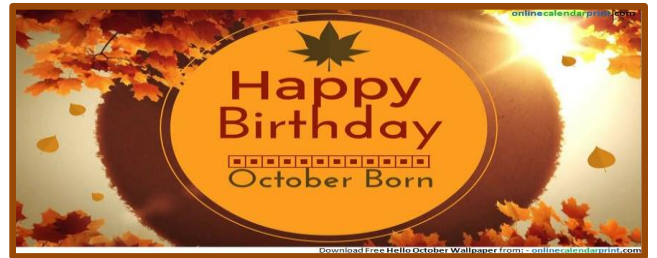
OCTOBER 4TH NOVEMBER 1ST
OCTOBER 18TH NOVEMBER 15TH
NOVEMBER 29TH



The mission of Kiddies Kollege Christian Center is to provide a warm, stimulating, safe, affordable, high quality pre-school program that develops the social, emotional, and academic needs of children of the greater Laurel community.

School Closings

Whenever KKCC is closed because of inclement weather or other emergency circumstances, all parents and staff will be notified by message using the Procure application.



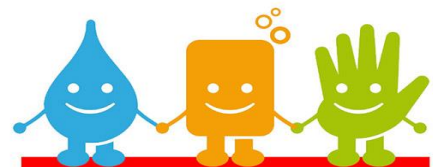
ZIPPORAH	CATERPILLARS	OCT. 1 ST
SALEENA	LITTLE LAMBS	OCT. 4 TH
JORDYN	BEAVERS	OCT. 5 TH
MORGAN	CATERPILLARS	OCT. 16 TH
ETHAN	CHIPMUNKS	OCT. 22 ND
JOSUE	CHIPMUNKS	OCT. 30 TH
LAYLA	CHEETAHS	OCT. 31 ST
MS. GEORGE		OCT. 2 ND
MS. LYDIA		OCT. 3 RD
MS. NDAMO		OCT. 12 TH
MS. KATHERINE		OCT. 29 TH



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are so pleased to be headed back to Clark's Elioak Farm for our fall field trip. Beavers, Cheetahs, and Chipmunks classes will visit the Farm on Thursday, October 21st. Dolphins, Little Lambs, Caterpillars, and Busy Beez will visit on Friday, October 22nd. Students and staff sorely missed the annual excursion last year. Information has been sent to parents and the sign-up sheets are in the front foyer. All children MUST be transported and accompanied by a chaperone during entire trip.

Summer has left us, and fall is upon us. With the change comes of the child-like joy and wonderment of watching the seasons change. We hope that you each will find a few moments to enjoy that wonder with your child. Along with the change in weather comes fall sniffles and seasonal allergies. Please pay attention to your overall health as well as to the health of your child. Be reminded of our policy of sick children be excluded for our program until they have been symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours. We sincerely appreciate your support as we work to protect the health of our students, their families, and our staff.



Global Handwashing Day :: 15th of October
"Our hands, our future!"



THE BEAVERS

Ms. Ndamo & Ms. Katherine

The Beavers began the new school year with a lot of excitement, and we hope to carry on in this spirit. September was an awesome month! The Beavers have settled well in their class and work is moving smoothly. We will continue to work on behavioral and social skills to groom good character.

Last month we studied classroom rules, which established the map for us to follow as we progress through this year. The "I Am Special" theme helped us identify our uniqueness. We then studied the "Family," a theme which encouraged the children to share with friends about their families. Lastly, we studied the "Fall" season. We enjoyed an awesome Spirit Week. We sincerely appreciate our parents for a job well done in supporting the children during Spirit Week. The fall season is here, and it is time to prepare for the colder weather, please remember to dress your children accordingly.

During the month of October, students will continue learning many new things. We will start the month with "Feelings" as a theme. Students will learn to share how different events, interactions, or words make them feel. They will learn that it is okay to share their feelings when and where appropriate. During the second week they will study the "Five Senses," knowing the body parts involved, their importance and uses. During the third week children will learn about the "Body Parts" and the function of each. The fourth week's theme will have us focus on the "Farm." Here, students will discuss things found on the farm and just how important the farm is in our lives. Yes, there is much to cover in such a little time. We look forward to exploring these topics with energy and fun.

Dear parents, please take time to review your child's work sheets and Daily Communicators as they bring them home. Doing so will help them better understand the topics we cover. Doing so will also help them see that we are working together to provide the best possible educational experience for them. I wish you all God's blessings as we work together.



THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Martha & Ms. Lydia

Hello Parents and Cheetahs!

Welcome to the month of October! We are in our second month of the new school year. The classroom schedule, routines, and daily activities are moving smoothly and comfortably into place. All students who were expected to join the Cheetah Family have either transitioned into the classroom from the summer program or have returned to school from a long stay at home. All have adjusted nicely and show that they are ready for a great school year. The expression "I Can't do It" is turning into "I Think I Can" and will eventually turn into "I Did It!" It is extremely rewarding for us to witness these transitions. "Thank You" to all parents for supporting your children in their new endeavors. We hope that the new school year is just as exciting and filled with great promise for you as we know it will be for your little ones!

The Cheetahs have started learning how to properly write their names and letters on lined paper. Mrs. Lydia has also started teaching the Cheetahs how to say their colors and letters in Spanish. As the weeks go on Mrs. Lydia will also teach them how to say numbers, days of the week, and much more. They are learning which letters are vowels and their sounds. They are recognizing numbers. They are beginning to understand the concept of numbers through games. We use other avenues to focus on establishing and developing thinking skills. We want them to be able to write letters and numbers by hearing them dictated. They will also continue learning the days of the week, months of the year and different shapes such a square, circle, oval, rectangle, and triangle. They will also learn about different themes throughout the month such as feelings, the five senses, body parts and the farm. They are enjoying Art Projects along with other activities.

I extend a **Huge Thank You** to all parents who attended orientation. We trust that all your questions or concerns were answered. We hope that your mind was put at ease, and that you left feeling confident that your child is in good and loving hands. If not, please do not hesitate to reach out to either me or Administration.

A "Shout Out" to all Cheetahs for their awesome participation in "Spirit Week." Everyone looked Amazing! We truly had a ball expressing ourselves! Cheetahs, you are doing a GREAT job adhering to the Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks. I know that they can be quite uncomfortable at times. They do not always fit the way that they should, but you never complain. You are trying your best to comply. So again, "Thank You!" I am proud of you for taking on this type of responsibility!!! God willing, this will not last forever!!!!

It is important for your child to arrive at KKCC no later than 9:00am each morning. Our school day begins promptly at 9:00am. Children arriving after 9:00am will be marked as tardy. More importantly, they will miss a critical part of the learning experience. Please include fruits and vegetables in child's lunch. This will help them learn to maintain healthy eating habits. We also ask you to teach your children how to proper personal hygiene. Remind your child each day just how important it is to keep their entire bodies clean.



THE CHIPMUNKS

Ms. Roberts & Ms. Caroline

Happy Fall Season, Parents! With fall comes a lot of changes just like the leaves outside! Weather will be changing and so will the clothes we wear. Hats, scarves, and boots will soon appear!

Our themes this month will be Feelings, Five Senses, Body Parts, and the Farm. The children will learn about the different feelings they have and how to express them in a positive way. Five Senses is a fun theme where the children will practice the five senses with lots of class experiments. In addition to the senses, the children will then learn about their Body Parts and the functions of those parts. Finally, the theme "Farm" will be where the children will learn about different farm animals and life on the farm. The children will enjoy a field trip to Clark Elioak Farm that will help them to see what they have learned.

Please make note of these key reminders. Your child's clothes must be appropriate for the weather. We are still closing early on the third Wednesday of each month. *October 26th is the Chipmunks' Picture Day!*

Stay "warm" and "toasty" in this season "Chipmunk Parents!"



THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Flavia

Welcome Fall!

*.. Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
.. fluttering from the autumn tree.*

October! With blissful spirit, our Caterpillars will enter this new month. Having adjusted to their daily routine, they eagerly look forward to learning new things, sharing ideas, socializing, and having lots of fun through play. Our themes and activities will contribute to meeting a wide range of their needs in different developmental domains. These themes are Feelings, Five Senses, Body Parts, and the Farm. Our activities will involve reading and discussions, dancing and singing, mimicking emotions, pretend play, fixing puzzles, playing games, and crafting art. We are fortunate this year to once again be able to visit Clark's Elioak Farm. In prior years that trip has been the highlight of the season. Our students toured the farm, fed baby animals, went on a hayride, and even picked their own pumpkin! We sincerely hope that all parents will be able to participate and enjoy the fun with their children.



KKCC School Reminders

- **Keep sick children home from school.** If a child complains of not feeling well or shows *any* signs or symptoms of illness, the parents will be called to pick up the child from school.
- Pack at least one extra mask in your child's bag.
- Breakfast is served from 8-8:30 am daily. Children wanting breakfast must be at school no later than 8:00 am.
- Classes begin at 9:00am each day. Children arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as tardy.
- Because of potential allergic reactions, do not pack shellfish, nuts, peanuts, or other nut products for lunch. Check prepackaged lunches to be sure that they do not contain nut products.
- We strongly encourage you to pack vegetables and fresh fruit for your child's lunch.
- Be mindful of choking hazards such as grapes and popcorn when packing lunches for young children.
- Each child must have a lunch box with an ice pack to keep food fresh.
- Lunches that are canned, frozen, or that need to be cooked are not allowed. Do not send glass or Pyrex dishes. Use microwavable containers. Meals must take no longer than two minutes to microwave.
- Be sure that your child keeps two complete changes of weather-appropriate clothing (including underwear and socks) in his or her classroom.
- Crocs and open-toed sandals are prohibited.
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or excessive hair beads to school.
- Do not send personal toys, especially stuffed animals, to school with your child.





THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B & Ms. Williams

Dear Parents, Welcome to a new month!

It is hard to believe how the month of September just flew by! The Busy Beez have settled down nicely into classroom routines, activities, and schedules. I must say they look so cute in their uniforms! Last month, the Busy Beez learned classroom rules. Of course, these rules will be in effect throughout the school year. We also talked about how special and unique everyone is. We got to know who makes up the various Busy Beez family units. Last, but not the least, we discussed Fall. Speaking of Fall, we are excited that we can go outside for some fresh air! Yea! The Busy Beez had so much fun during "Spirit Week." Actually, we all did! Thank you, parents, for indulging us! It was very much appreciated.

Again, we thank all the parents who attended our Open House (Class Orientation). It was nice meeting some of you for the first time. We look forward to a great school year. We are confident that our partnership is the key to the children's success at school.

Our theme for the first week of October is **Feelings**. The purpose of this theme is to help the children develop an understanding of feelings. During this week, we will teach the children that we all experience many feelings during the day. For example, we could be sad during drop offs because we are going to miss our parents. Or we could be happy because we get to play with our favorite toy. We will explore ways of expressing the different feelings we are experiencing. We will touch on the fact that we could express our feelings verbally or nonverbally. At home, talking with your child about your feelings will encourage them to talk with you about theirs.

The theme for the second week is the **Five Senses**. The children will be taught which parts of the body are involved when we talk about our five senses (Sight, Sound, Smell, Touch, and Taste). They will gain an understanding of how we use them every day to get to know and understand the world around us. This week would be a good time to place emphasis on our morning prayer: *"I am blessed today... I can see, and I can hear."* This is also a good time to teach the children to be grateful to God that we can do all these especially since others can't. At home, please remind your child of what the five senses are and their functions in our everyday lives.

The theme for week three is **Body Parts**. This theme reminds me of the scripture that states that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. The students will learn the names and functions of at least ten body parts. One of the fun projects we will do that week is to choose a volunteer to have his/her body traced. At home, let your child mention parts of the body they are not yet accustomed to like thigh, ankles etc.

For week four, the theme is **The Farm**. During this week, we will discuss the fact that a farm is land used to grow plants and/or raise animals for food. People who grow these plants or raise these animals are called farmers. This type of work is called farming. We will sing songs like "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" where Busy Beez will learn the sound some farm animals make. We will sing "The Farmer in the Dell."

We will review letters Aa and Bb and work on letters Cc and Dd. Numbers 2 and 3 are the numbers of the month. Bible stories include the story of *Joseph, Baby Moses, Hannah Prays for a Son, Samuel Listens to God, David the Shepherd, and David and Goliath*. Our Bible verses for October are Psalm 18:30 and Psalm 23:1. We look forward to an awesome month in Jesus' name, amen.

Tips For Parents

How can I help my preschooler become more independent?

The preschool age is a time for rapidly growing independence; your child learns to separate from you in preparation for attending school. During the preschool years, she will learn essential life skills, like dressing and feeding herself. Because children learn best when there are clear rules and expectations, establish regular routines. The morning routine can involve going to the potty, getting dressed, and eating breakfast -- all skills that your child will eventually be able to do on his/her own. Give some specific tasks that will make him/her feel important and empowered, like feeding the dog or putting dirty pajamas in the hamper. Simple chores can help him/her feel as though she has a daily contribution to make.

.... By Rebecca Phillip



Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week. Hispanic Heritage Week was established by legislation sponsored by Rep. Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles and was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

In 1988, the commemorative week was expanded to a month (September 15 to October 15) by legislation sponsored by Rep. Esteban Edward Torres (D-Pico Rivera), amended by Senator Paul Simon and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the commemoration because it is the anniversary of the Cry of Dolores, which marked the start of the Mexican War of Independence and thus resulted (in 1821) in independence for the New Spain Colony (now Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua).

[National Hispanic Heritage Month - Wikipedia](#)



THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Patel & Ms. Norris

Greetings Little Lambs family,

We are in our second month of the school year. September flew by! We would like to start by saying “thank you” to all the parents who attended the KKCC Open House. The saying goes “It takes a village to raise a child,” well thank you for allowing KKCC to be a part of your child’s village! With that in mind, we look forward to working with you to help your child have a successful academic year!

During the four weeks in October, we will focus on the different themes of “Feelings,” “Five Senses,” “Body Parts,” and “The Farm.” Week one will focus on Feelings. Students will learn when it is appropriate to share their emotions by learning to identify and express each feeling of Anger, Sadness, and Happiness. The Little Lambs will read books such as “The Way I Feel” and “The boy with big, BIG feelings.” They will also create crafts such as a “Feeling Wheel” and “My Buddy Named Feelings Puppets.”

Week two will focus on the Five Senses. The Little Lambs will discuss the five senses and how they are used each day. Throughout the week the children will make a craft or participate in an activity to help them better understand each of the five senses. The crafts and activities are: “What’s on my hand?” (craft), “I spy” (activity), “Did you hear that?” (activity), and “Rub and Sniff” (craft). During Friday afternoon’s snack, the Little Lambs will have a taste testing of salty, sweet, & sour snacks (A list of the snacks will be sent in the Little Lambs WhatsApp platform).

Week three will focus on Body Parts. The Little Lambs will strengthen their hand eye coordination and physical development while learning the name of their body parts by playing the game “Time to Get Ready.” They will do things like put sunglasses on to cover their eyes, put gloves on to warm their hands, put a hat on to cover their heads, etc. They will also get familiar with songs such as “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes”, “Hokey Pokey,” and “If you’re happy and you know it.”

Week four will focus on the Farm. By the end of the week children will be able to identify farm animals by look and sound. Reading books like “F is for Farm” and “Down on the Farm” as well as hearing songs like “Old MacDonald” and “Farmer’s Brown Cow” will add to their joy of learning.

Little Lambs will take pictures on Wednesday, October 27th. All Little Lambs must arrive before 9:00 am to ensure time for freshening up. Each day we send home a Daily Communicator which includes your child’s potty chart. While your child is potty training, keep an ample supply of pullups and wipes at school. Working together will help your child along the way to potty training in record time. KKCC will close at 3:30 on Wednesday, October 20th. For other class information and updates, please refer to the Little Lambs WhatsApp platform.

Again, we thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to having a fun and educational academic year. God Bless!



THE DOLPHINS

Ms. Victoria

Dear Parents,

I trust that you and your little one are enjoying things so far. The Dolphins class is learning so much! Our preschool activities include indoor and outdoor play. While playing indoors, the Dolphins are learning to share, treating their peers with respect, and learning to recognize colors around the classroom. If the weather permits, outdoor play consists of getting fresh air, practicing hand-eye coordination, and using playground equipment to help with their developing bodies.

This month, they will review their colors, learn about shapes, and begin to learn their numbers. Everyone is adjusting to preschool and making new friends! Hopefully you are enjoying all the beautiful artwork they bring home. They all enjoy arts and crafts! Let’s continue to encourage one another as we grow together.

Fun Facts About October.

- October 5th is “National Do Something Nice Day!” Plan something nice for your family and friends.
- October 7th is “National Homemade Cookies Day!” If you happen to bake some, please let us know how they turn out!
- **October 25th is Dolphins Picture Day!!!!**

Sincerely, Ms. Victoria



** This Newsletter is composed of contributions from KKCC classroom teachers and administration. For questions, comments, or corrections, please contact Ms. Hale.