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November News

Dear Parents,

As announced at Back to School Night, I am pleased that we are teaming with the **DC Early Stages program to administer the Ages and Stages Questionnaire** to every child this November. ASQ-3 is a set of questionnaires about children's development. It has been used for more than 20 years to make sure children are developing well. It is called a screener



because it looks at how children are doing in important areas such as speech, physical ability, social skills, and problem-solving skills. ASQ-3 can help identify your child's strengths as well as any areas where your child may need support. This screening and monitoring program will help us objectively track children's development throughout their time at CCPC. Your classroom teacher will go over the results of the ASQ-3 at your conference. Please be in contact with me if you need more information about this program.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help at our fantastic Fall Family BBQ. A huge thank you to co-chairs Amy Dickens and Giulia Jaeger for their leadership and tireless energy to feed and entertain over 300 folks! What fun and what a wonderful way for families to enjoy the evening together. Photos can be found under Our Community on the website.

Homestead Farm was so fun--I was pleased to join our PreK and Mrs. Lipford's classes on this great outing. Farmer Ben himself gave us a tour and we had beautiful fall weather. What a special opportunity to be outside in the beautiful countryside in Poolsville.

Happy Halloween

May your holiday be magical and filled with spooky fun!



Mark Your Calendars

Dad's Night Out!



Monday Night Football at The Avenue
Monday, November 5

Click [here](#) for details



SCHOOL CLOSED
for Veterans Day



Holiday Shop Night
Click [here](#) for details

Early Childhood Education in the news

The Importance of Sensory Play for Children

By Sharla Kostelyk

Click [here](#) to read this informative article with lots of good ideas.

Spotlight on Special Activities



JUMP BUNCH OUR NEW MONTHLY GROSS MOTOR PROGRAM

Note: Twos/Toddlers will participate beginning in January.

JumpBunch is a fun fitness and sports program for children taught by trained coaches that introduces fitness to your child in a non-competitive, fun environment.

A trained coach comes to us monthly equipped with active, age-appropriate sports and fitness activities to teach an exciting and fun class. All activities are designed to develop eye/hand coordination, large and fine motor skills, muscle development and body balance. Children participate in cardio warm-ups, floor exercises, our activity of the week, stretching and then cool down. Our goal is to keep the kids moving, while having fun!

Each week, children engage in a different activity. Some of the activities planned include: Tennis, Basketball, Bucket Games, Hockey, Obstacle Courses, Fancy Footwork, Relay Races, Step Aerobics, Balance Mats...And so much more!

JumpBunch builds confidence and helps instill a life-long interest in fitness/exercise at an early age. We are pleased to offer this new program for the children.



Our Community

323 YEARS!

Did you know there is combined 323 years of teaching experience among our talented staff? Now that's a lot of expertise put to work for our children. I'm so proud of our talented teachers--their dedication is evident every day.

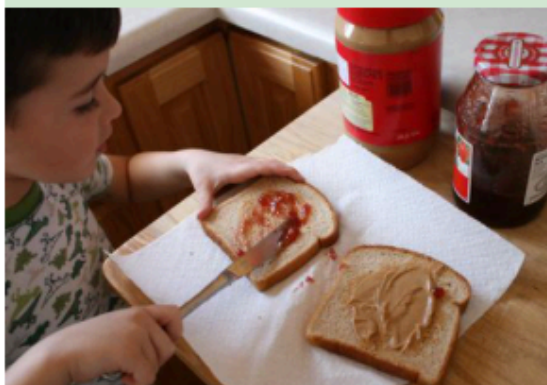


HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

Make sandwiches for the Church's Transition Assistance Program

This is a great way for your family to help our neighbors in need and can be done at home.

Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up for a sandwich-making date!



Reminders



STREET SAFETY

Several parents have raised concerns about traffic and distracted driving on Patterson Street.

Please be mindful to:

- Never unload your child onto the street side when parked. This puts you and your child at great risk.
- Slow down and be aware of others around you.
- Phones should be away when you are getting children in and out of cars and into our building.

Your attention to safety for everyone in our community is appreciated.

CELL PHONE REMINDER

Please refrain from actively using your cell phone when dropping off and picking up your child. Children crave your full attention at these two important transitions in their day. Please ask your caregivers to do the same.



Resilience



Creativity



Exploration



Kindness



Community



