

# CRAFTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2014

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## SEPTEMBER TRANSITIONS, FRIENDS, FOOD AND FUN

Going to school can be full of traumatic experiences. Walking up all the steps, getting to know the teachers, seeing so many new faces, the worries of being at dismissal on time.... And that's only how the parents feel! The children have adjusted a bit better. Learning the daily routine, washing hands, putting

up their picture, finding an activity to do, talking nicely and sharing with a new friends are just a few of the transitions your child is mastering. Already they know "lights dim" hands up- Listen to the teacher. They've enjoyed a variety of art projects and know that snack time comes after circle time. And that we end

our day with a story & or song. A few of our favorite songs are- "*Icky, sticky bubblegum*", "*I had a little turtle*" "*Pete the Cat*" & "*Come together friends*"

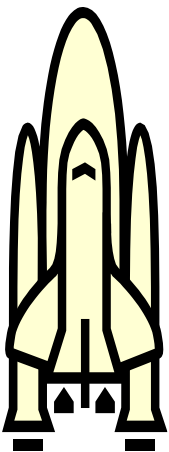


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### Important Dates

- Oct 6– Bring snack items to school.
- Oct 19– 11:00am Preschool Sunday
- Oct 22– Hoagie Orders Due– Cash Only
- Oct 22– Book Orders Due
- T– Oct 28– Pick up Hoagies 5-6pm
- Nov 4– Election Day– No School



## SPACE

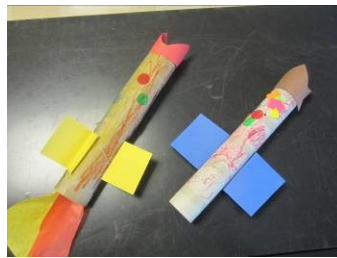
The children have been very interested in our space theme. They've enjoyed the books, learning about the planets, moon and astronauts. They've been intrigued by the colors of the planets and the close up pictures of the planets in our books. The "*Adventures in Space*" song really gets their imagination going as they re-enact getting into the spaceship, counting down for lift-off, putting on their air tanks and helmets to explore a walk in space, then to safely return home to a heroes welcome! Some other favorite activities were making planet and the moon window decorations. They enjoyed mixing colors together to create their own planets and putting craters on their moon's. (continued on pg

## SPACE (CONTINUED PG 1)

Paint stamping the planets was a fun art activity. You can use their project to ask questions such as comparing the big & small circles, what colors did they use and how many can they count. During the last week of our space theme we have an outer space control center for the children to work in. They can examine space rocks, look through microscopes, chart constellations, and pretend to be an astronaut.



*Bible lesson– God made the Sun, moon & stars.  
Moon phases matching*



Pre-K Rocket building

Planet stamp painting



## DOWN ON THE FARM



We will be clapping and singing- *Old MacDonal had a farm– E-I-E-I-O. There was a farmer had a dog and BINGO was his name-o.* Are just a few of the songs we will be singing in October. We will be learning about the different types of farms. What animals live on farms, what the babies look like. Learn about the food farmers grow and get a hands-on experience with pumpkins, corn and apples. Our snack list includes a lot of food items we will be talking about– such as applesauce is made from apples,

cheese is made from milk, milk comes from cows, tortilla chips are made from corn, farmers grow corn, ect... This is just a small example of our Farm Theme for October.

*Farmers grow crops for food, raise animals, and drive a variety of big farm equipment*



*Christian, Trevin & Keira are cooking in the kitchen, while JD is wait-*



*Ms. Jamie reads a story to the children before playing the ukulele to get them moving*



# WQED PARTNERSHIP

Crafton Heights Community Preschool is excited to be partners with WOED Smartmedia . Your child will have the opportunity to participate in the Math IQ program. Math IQ is a math mentoring program that partners third graders with our preschoolers at our partner school Montour Propel. There will be eight math inventions approximately once a month which will be about 45 minutes long. Children will watch a very short math concept video, play an on-line game, do a hands-on activity and take home resources to reinforce the days math concept.

- \*The kick -off event is October 14 at Propel Montour at 3:45pm*
- \*Parents must return consent form by Monday Oct 13.*
- \*Parents must complete surveys, regarding Math IQ*
- \*Please Read attached WOED packet for all the information*

# PEG & CAT



## PARTNERSHIP PERKS

As partners with WOED and the READY TO LEARN Grant we will be recipients of a few iPads and a laptop computer as a way to enhance our circle time and learning centers. We will be including the PEG & CAT math curriculum into our lesson planning along with great parent resources for you to

*Bringing technology into the classroom  
With age-appropriate activities and lessons*

## PBS KIDS

have at home and free apps for your devices. We are excited to be part of this innovative early childhood learning project.

All materials and curriculum is designed with learning in mind for the three-five year olds. With fun songs, counting and lively activities that go along with the PEG & CAT TV show on PBS.



### HOAGIE SALES TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Selling hoagies is the main way we keep our tuition at an affordable rate. We ask families to sell at least 10 hoagies each month or give a \$30 donation if selling isn't your thing. These high quality 12" hoagie are made fresh by North Shore Deli. Your choice of Turkey & Swiss or Italian on fresh buns from Breadworks. The hoagies are \$6 each and are a quick filling dinner or



### Halloween Oct 31

*We will **not** have a costume parade or candy celebration at school.*

*We will have a day of fall farm activities instead. Please **do not** send in candy or your child in a costume on Wednesday Oct 29.*

*Although this may be a disappointment to some parents we fill that celebrating on Halloween is enough.*



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

THANK YOU TO EVERY FAMILY THAT ORDERED BOOKS. WE ARE ABLE TO ORDER A VARIETY OF FREE STUFF WITH THE BONUS POINTS ACCUMULATED WITH EACH ORDER.

NEXT BOOK ORDER IS DUE OCT 22



ORDER ON LINE— OUR CODE IS KRM9M

Join us for worship on Sunday October 19th at 11:00am Here at The First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights

We will highlight the preschool ministry with photos of our busy days for the congregation to see. We would love to have our families worship with us

Please Join Us at 11:00am



HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY-  
C J - OCT 20

## Teacher Training

On October 17-18, 2014, The CHCP staff will be attending the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC), 2014 conference: Inviting Ideas & Inspiring Innovation at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. It will feature sessions that explore educational innovation occurring in our community and in and out of the classrooms, extending beyond the home and school. Together, we are learning to adapt in an effort to provide our collective best for all of our children.

We look forward to connecting with colleagues in the early childhood field, bringing new innovative ideas into the classroom, and hearing the latest research data in early child hood practices.

Preschool Benefit Dinner November 18<sup>th</sup>  
MAD MEX Robinson Twp.

JOIN US for a fun evening with great food & friends.

Limited tickets are available.



Dinner includes 3 courses-  
salad/soup, entrée, dessert,  
as well as chips and salsa and soft drinks.

**100% of proceeds go to preschool!!!**

Cost \$40 per person

Free childcare at CHUP from 6:30-9:30pm

For tickets & more Information

See Cheri Mack

This Biennial event Sold Out two years ago!