



OCTOBER 2017



Message from the Director

Dear KFG families,

With the start of cold and flu season, we want to make sure we are being proactive in preventing the spread of illnesses. Upon entering the center, take a moment to stop by the restroom to have your child wash his or her hands. We also suggest that you have your child wash their hands on the way out of the center each evening. As an alternative, we also have a bottle of hand sanitizer that can be used located inside the front entrance. It is also important for children who are sick to stay home and rest and recover before returning to school. If your child is sent home, they will need to remain at home for at least 24 hours, or submit a written statement from the health care provider approving the earlier return to the program. Please notify the office within 24 hours if your child has developed a known communicable disease. Please take some time to review our Illness Policy found in the resource link below. Let's work together to have a safe and healthy fall season!

Kathryn

What's New

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are beneficial to children of all ages. They offer unique learning opportunities, engage children in higher level thinking and make learning fun. Here, at MCCA, we use field trips as a way to enhance and extend children's learning as we complement them to the studies in our curriculum. This allows children to have the opportunity to see what they have been learning and talking about in their classrooms through hands-on experiences that help them learn more about the world around them. As children study trees this month, we'll expand their knowledge of the growth of plants and the natural environment we live in. We will be enhancing our tree study unit with field trips to some local farms throughout October. Please be sure to sign the permission form in each classroom.

Parents are welcome to chaperone as well!

Dates and Times for this year's farm trips:

Guppies: October 5th at 10:00am to Spiknall's Farm

Cool Cats: October 6th at 10:00am to Spiknall's Farm

Angelfish: October 12th at 10:00am to Spiknall's Farm

Dinosaurs: October 16th at 10:00am Sharp's Farm

Frogs: October 24th at 9:40am to Sharp's Farm

Elephants: October 25th at 9:40am to Sharp's Farm

Butterflies: October 27th at 10:00am to Spiknall's Farm



Important Reminders

PARKING LOT REMINDER

As a friendly reminder, the lower parking lot located at our entrance is for staff only. For dropping off and picking up your child, please use street parking. The right side of the street (coming from Forest Glen) is free parking where no permit is needed. Walking through this parking lot is also prohibited for safety reasons. Please use the sidewalk when walking to the entrance.

BUILDING SECURITY

For the safety and security of the building, please do not allow children to enter in the key codes or say them out loud. Key codes should only be entered in by adults. This will also help maintain the keypad locks.

CLOTHING UPDATE

As the weather cools down, please check in your children's cubbies to make sure that their extra change of clothes are weather appropriate.

LATE NIGHT ROOM

As a reminder, we offer a late night room option from 6:00-6:30pm for an additional fee. This is a monthly fee and can be useful for families who need care after 6pm. Contact Jeannette at Jeannette.Wilson@mccaedu.org to register.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 9th: MCCA Closed for Staff Professional Day

Tuesday, October 31st: Center Wide Pajama Day! In lieu of Halloween celebrations, which can be over stimulating and scary for some young preschoolers as well as contrary to some families' beliefs, the center will host an all day pajama party. Children and staff will wear their pajamas to school and each classroom will have a party in the afternoon to celebrate the day. Families should look for a sign-up sheet outside each classroom for ways they can contribute. Families should also feel free to join us for the afternoon celebration.

Suggested Resources and Reading

[MCCA's Health Guidelines](#)

[Benefits of Field Trips](#)