

Chapelwood Chalkboard

Chapelwood School for Young Children
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October 2011

"Happy and Healthy Children"

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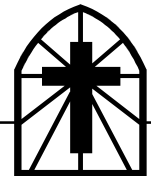
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. tuition due (late @ 2:30pm 10/7)	10/3
Book Fair	10/4-6
Open House 6-7pm	10/4
Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	10/10
PTO Meeting & Parent Ed Class 9:15 CB208	10/12
Parent/Teacher Conference Day	10/18
Scarecrow Festival	10/26

Chapel is
Wednesdays
in the Sanctuary



Parent Education Class
(right after the October PTO meeting)

October 12th

**HOW TO HAVE A
SUCCESSFUL PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCE**



Our school parent conference day will soon be here. On Wednesday, October 12th, the school will be providing our first class in our parent education series. This first class will be on how to conference with your child's teacher. Our Preschool and Infant Toddler directors will be conducting the class to facilitate the understanding of what kind of questions will be answered in the first conference with your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will provide great insight on what is happening at school. It is very important that the school and parents communicate information so that the child's learning experience will be an excellent one. Our teachers are very eager to share and work with all of you in making the year a successful one for your child.

Our staff will also be attending the next module of "Love and Logic" training on the afternoon of October 18th. This is an ongoing program that will help our staff to earn part of the twenty four hours of staff development that the state requires our teachers to have each year. They are excited to learn how to continue to implement this program in their teaching and working with young children.

Our school will have our Scarecrow Festival at the end of the month. Because of the drought conditions, hay and pumpkins are not so easy to find. If you know of someone who could help out with this, please let Shannon McKinney know. She is one of our coordinators for this event.

Carolyn Park-Administrator

Dear Parents,

I just want to remind everyone that has taken the Parent Volunteer Training from me in the past to please stop by my office and fill a form to update your information for our records. We must have this update in place for each school year before you can "officially" volunteer for events or activities here at school (ie. Book Fair or Scarecrow Festival)! So, please come see me and check that off your list of things to do.

I am looking forward to a busy October here at Chapelwood. Something is going on every week this month.

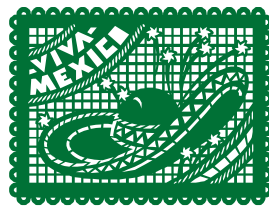
Amy J. Hinnant- Preschool Director

★ Hello Parents!
★ I am so excited to see all the HAPPY FACES now. As predicted, it took just about
★ three weeks for our little ones to adjust to coming to school and gain a sense of
★ security with their new teachers. It is always an exciting time for me as well as
★ the teachers to watch them developing bonds and enjoying the new experiences
★ that school offers them each day.
★ October is a very fun month. We will begin learning about fall and the weather
★ changes. We also talk about the harvest time and enjoy learning all about pump-
★ kins.
★ As the weather starts to change, it is a good idea to send a light jacket or sweater
★ in your child's bag each day. You never know when they might need it.
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★ *Elizabeth Tomczeszyn*- Nursery Director
★

Spanish Class with Senora Menn



Calabazas! I will use pumpkins to display the dates on the calendar and we'll talk about otono (Fall). This month students will learn about clothes and review colors. I will read the book title: " El primer otono de Clifford" by Ulises Wensell
Enjoy the weather!



Motor News by Mrs. Buchwald

Gross Motor Skills Aren't Gross!!

Children grow and develop physically according to their experiences, characteristics, and abilities. Because physical development is so important, we must make sure our environment allows each child to find his space. We can do this by:

Creating the right indoor and outdoor environment.

Allowing children the time to use that environment.

By encouraging movement awareness.

Teaching physical movement skills.

By supporting children as they begin to develop and use those skills in increasingly complex and controlled ways.

Helping children develop a positive attitude about wellness and physical health.



*Save the Date for the 3rd Annual
Chapelwood School
Silent Auction & Dinner
Fiesta at The Forest Club*

*Thursday, November 3, 2011
6:30 - 9:30*

*We need your help to make our auction a success!
Vacation homes, sporting event tickets, gift certificate, one of a kind experiences, and more will ensure this successful event and provide a great service to the improvement of our children's school.*

Underwriters & volunteers are also welcome and greatly appreciated!

Please contact Natasha Balette (nbalette@earthlink.net) with your donations or questions. Thank you!



Music News by Mrs. Keller, LC 112

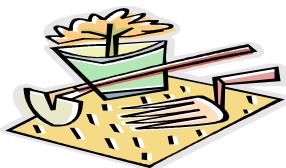
We started the new school year with some old favorites. Some of those were "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and clapping along to the "ABC song". Also, their favorite, "Slippery Fish" (aka the Bubble Song). This song is on a CD and it starts out with bubbles. I have different size fish, an octopus, a shark and a whale that I use as visuals to make the song even more fun! We've played the tambourine to Mozart, shook chicken eggs and rocked and rolled!

In October, we'll be starting our fall songs. "Brown Squirrel", "Autumn Leaves Falling Down", "Apple Tree" and "Three Little Owls" to name a few. The children will shake their bushy tails, shake apples, and rake up autumn leaves that have fallen on their heads. It'll be fun!!



Gardening News by Mrs. Seele

All classes three and older will have the opportunity to work in the school garden this year. There is a rotating schedule for classes and designated places for each age level. So far children have helped weed and planted radish and snow pea seeds! In October we will watch everything grow and add broccoli. Everyone is anxiously waiting for the Monarch butterflies to migrate through Houston. Children (and adults) marvel at their life cycle! You are welcome to visit our garden but please don't pick!!



Nurse's Notes from Nurse Peggy

Well, it's already October and that means that the children have been back in school for a month now. Time is certainly moving swiftly along. This is the beginning of my third year here at Chapelwood and I can't tell you all what a joy this past two years have been for me. I enjoy so much working with you and your children and I want you to know that you have an open invitation to stop by the clinic at anytime. I will be happy to answer your questions and if I don't know the answers, I will certainly try to find them for you. Please do not hesitate to call me at anytime either. My direct number is: 713-354-4469. My business cards with all of my info are available to you both in my nurse clinic and in the main office. Here's wishing you and yours a very safe and happy October. May your Halloween be very happy and not too scary, and remember to check that trick or treat candy!



TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!



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BOOK FAIR 2011

October 4th-6th
East Room

Tuesday, October 4th	Wednesday, October 5th	Thursday, October 6th
Book Fair open in East Room 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and during Open House 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.	Book Fair open in East Room 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Family Day Characters & Readers	Book Fair open in East Room 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Last Day!

Reading Is Out of This World!



SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2011



Join us for a fabulous morning of fall fun!

Activities, crafts, prizes & snacks for all!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26TH

We are looking for volunteers for all activities
You will soon be able to sign up via Sign-up genius

We need our families to help provide this great morning for our children.
Please make a donation today by filling out the attached form and returning it with your check to the basket in the school office.

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Name _____
 Child's name _____ Teacher _____
 Email _____
 Please accept my donation in the amount of \$ _____