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Director

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***Friday, October 28th Mrs. Parks’ Halloween Party***

***Monday/Tuesday, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1st Halloween Parties***

***(check your teacher’s schedules)***

***Thursday/Friday, November 4 & 5 Registration Information***

***Sent out for 2023-2024 school year***

***Thursday/Friday, November 10 & 11 Parent Conferences***

***Tuesday, November 15th ~ Registration for In-House Families needing daycare for 2023-2024 (more info to follow)***

***Thursday/Friday, Nov.10 & 11***

***Conferences for ALL***

**(Your teachers will reach out to you**

**regarding date and times)**

***\*\*KINDERGARTEN & DAYCARE***

***ARE OPEN ON BOTH DAYS!***

**Upcoming Events**

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## Havenwood’s Fundraiser

## was a huge success!

**A huge thank you to all of the parents who purchased items or gave a direct donation in our annual fundraising drive. Through your purchases, the school now has $2,000.00**

**to use towards enriching our curriculum.**

***Don’t forget:***

***Warm jackets as the weather turns colder! We will be outside as must as possible!***

***Please label jackets, etc.***

***PURPLE FRIDAYS!!***



**Hello Parents!**

**As the leaves begin to change and the temperatures begin to cool, classes are now in a solid routine! Thank you all for continuing to help us keep things safe & happy at Havenwood!**

**Our carlines have been doing great! Thank you for being kind and patient! If you are running later than your time slot, please park and bring your child to our red awning door, after calling the office to let us know you have arrived.**

**Please keep those delicious snacks coming in for your child – they so love to eat & socialize with their friends during snack time. Remember, only one item is needed for snack time since time is limited.**

**Also, thank you to all of our parents who helped make our Fundraiser a success! This year, especially, every dollar counts!**

**Picture days are coming up on October 26th and 27th. Please refer to your teachers’ emails as to the day of your child’s class photo day.**

**The office will be sending home registration forms for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year in early November. A good time to discuss next year’s class schedule is with your teacher on conference day. At conferences, the teachers will also discuss what we have learned about your child in the past eight weeks, what academic and social growth we would like to see in the next ten weeks and what growth you would like to see in your child this school year. Please know that this is a team effort and we value your input!**

**Happy Halloween! Please be safe and share all of that great candy!**

**~ Susan Riegger**

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## News from Mrs. Law

**Greetings from Kindergarten!**

**In the past month we have been very busy studying fire safety, apples and bats! The kiddos are really in the swing of things, and are showing what they know every day.**

**In language arts, we are learning about story structure such as the characters and setting. We have been learning how to predict what a story may**

**be about using the title and pictures. We have been discussing the differences between fiction and non-fiction, illustrations and photographs and authors and illustrators.**

**In math, we have been conducting surveys using tally marks and also using our sorting skills to create bar graphs.**

**In social studies, we learned all about community helpers and explorers!**

**We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween together on Monday, October 31st. Thank you in advance for helping to make it a "Spooktacular" time!**

**Happy Fall!**

**-Amy Law**

**Important Dates:**

**Conferences:           Friday, November 11th**

**This will be a regular day of school for your kiddos!**

**November 23, 24, 25th      Closed for Thanksgiving**





**Four Year Old Classroom News Page 4**

## PreK I – Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wells & Mrs. M

**Hello Everyone –**

**We are just getting ready for our Halloween “Fun Day” Party (October 31) and the weather is starting to feel and look like fall. The children are doing a great job following all the school and classroom rules. Our line is straight, we are using kind words with our teachers and friends, and we are having a great time.**

**In October we learned about the letters X, H, and O, the sight words a, and, orange, two, black, I, three, and where. There are many new sight words so keep practicing them. I like to review them each day to reinforce what you are doing at home. We are going to carve a pumpkin and plant the seeds. Maybe we will get lucky and grow a pumpkin.**

**November will be a busy month and we will be learning lots of new things! As the letter pages come home, please add them to your alphabet ring. We will also be adding sight words every week, so please continue to practice reading them at home and looking for them in the books you read together.**

**On Monday, October 31 we will be celebrating Halloween a little differently. This year but we would love everyone to wear a fun Halloween shirt/outfit, no costumes, please. I will take pictures and post them to our class Facebook page.**

**Thanks for everything that you do.**

**~Margaret Taylor, Amy Wells & Mrs. M**

**Important Dates:**

**Monday, October 31 Halloween “Fun Day”**

**Friday, November 11 Parent Conferences – signupgenius coming soon**

**November 23, 24, 25 Closed for Thanksgiving**

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**Hello, Parents!**

**October has been a busy month and we will be learning lots of new things! This month we have learned about the letters X, O, H and P and added many new sight words to our sight word rings. The students get so excited when they find a word they know in the morning message or in the books we read! I hope that your child is sharing the little books with you as they come home in folders. We practice reading them together in class before they are sent home. We are working on matching the picture and the text as we read.**

**This month we have been talking about apples, pumpkins and all that is fall! Students are watching closely to see if a pumpkin plant will sprout out of the pumpkin seeds we planted. We love our time outside, looking for acorns and falling leaves. Inside our classroom we are working hard to make patterns, practice counting, writing our names and creating works of art!**

**Our Halloween celebration will be held on Monday, October 31. Thank you to everyone who signed up to contribute to the party. You will not need to send a snack with your child on that day. We will be celebrating with games, art projects and snack. Please leave Halloween costumes at home, but we encourage your child to dress festively in orange and black or Halloween shirts and accessories. Please email me a picture of your child in their costume if you can by Friday, October 28. We will have a special show and tell slide show during our party.**

**Our conference day is Friday, November 11. I will be emailing more information to you regarding this day. Our class will not meet, but daycare is open. Please sign up for a time on the sign up genius or contact me to make alternate arrangements.**

**It has been a great start to the school year and we are thankful for all of your support and kind words!**

**~Katie McElwain and Carin Esslinger**

**Dates to remember:**

**Monday, October 31 Halloween Celebration**

**Friday, November 11 Parent Conferences**

**November 23, 24, 25 Closed for Thanksgiving**

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## PreK II – Mrs. McElwain & Mrs. Esslinger

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## PreK III – Mrs. Huber & Mrs. Cocchi

**Dear Parents,**

**What a wonderful start to our school year. Mrs. Cocchi and I have enjoyed getting to know your kiddos. They are all quickly making friends. It is so amazing to watch them play, learn and explore together in the classroom and on the playground.**

**With your second month almost over, we have been so busy learning and having fun along the way. In addition to reviewing shapes and measurement, we have practiced counting, patterns and even estimation. We have investigated the letters O, P, H and X this month. The children are sure to become experts with each letter.**

**Now that Fall is finally here, we have the opportunity to explore the season with all our senses. We have sung a variety of songs about scarecrows, leaves and pumpkins. In addition, we are preparing for our big Fall party, Halloween!! On October 31, we will do a variety of activities to celebrate the season! Please dress your little pumpkins in Halloween shirts, leggings, hair accessories etc. Sorry no costumes at school this year.**

**Thanks so much for sharing your awesome kiddos with us!!**

**~ Chrissy Huber & Kristen Cocchi**

**Dates to Remember:**

**Monday, October 31                                 Halloween Party**

**Friday, November 11                                    Parent Conferences**

**November, 23, 24 & 25 Thanksgiving break**

***Lunch Bunch***

**November is upon us! We have been enjoying our time in Lunch Bunch. The children enjoy bringing their lunches, meeting new friends. We will continue to go outside, so please dress your children accordingly.**

**Please remember that November and December are busy months in Lunch Bunch, so sign up early!**

**Happy Fall! We hope to see your children in Lunch Bunch.**

**Monday- Friday 11:30 to 3:00**

**Mrs. Dwan Monday/Wednesday/Friday**

**Mrs. Dooley – Tuesdays**

**Mrs. Pifer – Thursdays**

**$25.00 per day/$20.00 for Mrs. McElwain’s 1:30 dismissal**

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***My Afternoon Out - (a.k.a M.A.O. or Lunch Bunch)***

**We hope that you will consider signing your child up for My Afternoon Out which is o** **ffered Monday through Friday from 11:30 to 3:00. M.A.O. is a great way for you to run that last minute errand or have lunch with a friend! We enjoy playground time and having lunch with new friends. We visit Mrs. Stone in the library on Tuesday and Wednesdays and also Mrs. Hunter for music on Thursday and Fridays. Give it a try!**

**Remember they can attend M.A.O. on their off days as well. Call the office to sign up - it is $20.00 per day. $12.00 after Mrs. Dooley's 9:00 - 1:00 class.**

**We hope to see your little ones soon!**

***~ Mrs. Pifer***

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## PNI – Mrs. Hare & Mrs. Pifer

**Hello Parents!**

**October is the most beautiful month of the year! A host of awesome transitions are in progress, the weather, leaves, and holidays. Best of all, our children have transitioned into school routine smoothly and are excited to see our new project for each day.**

**Mrs. Pifer and I are so excited to tell you that they are doing well, learning quickly and having fun too! We learned the letters, C, D, and E and worked on the number 2. We studied the triangle and were very excited that we learned orange and black were the colors of the month.**

**Please don’t forget we have conferences on Friday, November 11th. Like so many other things, they will be a little different this year. You will be able to sign up via signupgenius. The conferences will be held by phone or Zoom and a number will be given to you prior to November 11th.**

**In November’s science unit we will be discussing harvest, farming and nutrition. Social studies we will talk about wheels, careers and transportation. This alone will fill our days but we have many more exciting things to do in math, art, technology and our letter pages!**

**Thank you for sending in the Halloween donations. The children will surely enjoy the treats and craft!**

**I look forward to chatting about your children at conferences. Be on the lookout for my signupgenius.**

***Enjoy the wonder of autumn,***

***~Sandy Hare and Connie Pifer***

***Important Dates:***

**Friday, November 11 Parent Conferences (D/C & Kindergarten open) November 23, 24, & 25 Closed for Thanksgiving**

## DAYCARE NEWS

**Our daycare children are having fun and getting along nicely as a group! They really do look out for each other and have become a team. Although we do many activities inside, such as art projects, choosing fun books to share, our favorite thing to do is play on the playground.**

**Now that the weather has begun to change and we are wearing jackets, please remember to label them with your child’s name. We don’t want wrong jackets going home with your child!**

**Thanks in advance for all of the nice things you do for our day care kiddies.**

**\*\* Daycare is open on conference days - Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th.**

**~ Your Day Care Teachers**

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Three Year Old Classroom News

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**Hello Parents and Happy Fall!**

**Your children have really gotten into the swing of things this month, and we are so pleased with their quick acclimation to school rules and routines. School rules and expectations can be very different from those at home, and your children are doing wonderfully. The children are getting along well and learning each other’s names quickly too; we are lucky teachers!**

**October was BUSY and we were able to accomplish a ton! We continued with our alphabet letters and were able to work on C, D, and E. We worked on the number 2 and learned how to make pairs. I introduced the triangle, and we studied TWO colors this month: orange and black. We talked all about farms, rocks, pumpkins, and will end the month with the grand finale - HALLOWEEN! We cannot wait to see your children in their festive clothing and costumes! Room parents are busy planning to make our Halloween celebrations a success; be on the lookout for communication from them, and please help out in any way you can!**

**November is on the horizon, which means we will be meeting soon for Parent/Teacher Conferences to discuss your child’s progress. If your child is in our 2 Day class, please mark Thursday, November 10th on your calendar, and if your child is in our 3 Day class, we will meet Friday, November 11th. Sign ups for a time slot will be sent out in the near future. November also brings Thanksgiving, and we will end the month with our own version of a preschool Thanksgiving “feast.” It’s one of my favorite celebrations all year!**

**A HUGE thank you to all of you who are working so hard at home to make sure your child’s school day is a success. It takes a village, and we are so appreciative of the teamwork!**

**Warmest regards,**

**Aimie Zinzi & Allison Sarratea**

**Important Dates:**

**Monday & Tuesday, October 3 & November 1 Halloween Party**

**November 10th & 11th Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**November 23, 24, 25 Closed for Thanksgiving**



## PNII – Mrs. Zinzi & Mrs. Sarratea

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## PNIII – Mrs. Parks & Mrs. Gillespie

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***INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:***

***\*\*\*EACH CLASS WILL RECEIVE AN INDIVIDUAL POLICY –***

***PLEASE POST IT ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!!\*\*\****

Havenwood will notify parents of delayed openings or closures by 6:30 a.m. on inclement weather days. Please check your texts from “*Rained Out”* or Facebook, our website or tune into WBAL and WMAR TV.

On some occasions, we may change from a delayed opening to closed – that decision will be made by 8:30 a.m. The decision making processing will include and not limited to the following: the safety of the students and teachers getting into school, the ability to have our parking lot and sidewalks cleared and salted and the weather predicted through the day.

a. Kindergarten sessions will meet from 10:45-2:45

b. PKI (Mrs. Taylor) will meet from 11:00 - 1:00

c. PreK II (Mrs. McElwain) will meet from 11:00 – 1:30 d. PKIII (Mrs. Huber) will meet from 11:00-1:00

e. 3 year olds will meet from 11:15-12:45

f. Toddler a.m. sessions will meet from 11:15-12:30

g. Lunch Bunch will meet from 12:45-3:00. No refunds will be made for shorter sessions due to inclement weather conditions.

Havenwood's daycare will open at **9:00 A.M.**

Havenwood Preschool and Day Care may also close early at the discretion of the director. On rare occasions, we may feel it necessary to make decisions different from the county regarding openings and closings. In these instances, you will be notified by “Rained Out”, TV, or by phone.

**Please watch for a “Rained Out” message on your phone, check Facebook, our website or listen to WBAL TV & WMAR TV for Havenwood’s closings**

**Dear Parents,**

**During the past month, we have loved exploring farms, pumpkins and all things fall. We have been learning our letters C, D & E, the number 2 and our shape of the month, the triangle. As you can tell from all our pictures, projects and weekly updates, we have been very busy and having lots of fun! It is so hard to believe that it is the end of October, but we are so proud of all the progress and growth your amazing children have had in such a short time and love watching them grow every day.**

**We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween together Friday, October 28th. Our class Is invited to dress in costume that day for our Halloween celebration. Thank you so much for your support in this and for your generosity to donate items for our class celebration.**

**Within the next few weeks, we will be jumping into our transportation and Thanksgiving units. We will be exploring letters F, G & H, and our shape of the month, the square. November also brings upon our Parent Teacher Conferences and our Thanksgiving Feast. I will send more information on these, so be on the lookout.**

**It has been such a fantastic start to this school year, and we are truly thankful for all of your support and kind words.**

**Happy Fall!**

**Erin Parks & Annika Gillespie**

**Important Dates:**

**Friday, October 28th Halloween Party**

**Friday, November 11th NO SCHOOL**

**November 23, 24, 25th Closed for Thanksgiving**

**TODDLER TWOS**

**Mrs. Yeakel & Mrs. Dwan - M/W/F & T/Th “A”**

**Mrs. Kauffman & Mrs. Huber– M/W/F & T/Th “B”**

**Dear Parents,**

**October has been so fun and the children have done a wonderful job learning the colors orange and black!  All the classes have really enjoyed the Orange & Black books.  Hopefully they have been singing the songs at home.  Our crafts have included some adorable pumpkin patches, festive black witches’ hats and silly jack-o-lanterns.**

**We celebrated Orange and Black day by wearing as much orange and black as possible. We all are excited to share the class color books we are making for October. Each book will include all our friends wearing the special color.**

**Halloween is right around the corner and all the classes will have some spooky fun.  Our silly Halloween songs are sounding great! We are so grateful for all the treats that the parents will be sending in. Don’t worry, we will take lots of pictures and be sure to post as soon as possible.  Sorry, no costumes – but please send them in Halloween shirts/outfits!**

**Next, we will work on the color Brown, the #3 and continue to talk about shapes.  So far, we have been learning circle and square.**

**As always, we appreciate all the support you give us and your children!**

**~ Monica Yeakel & Pam Dwan**

**~ Katie Kauffman & Chrissy Huber**

**A few dates to remember:**

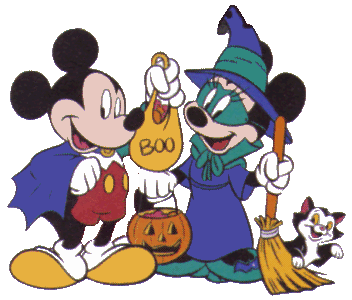
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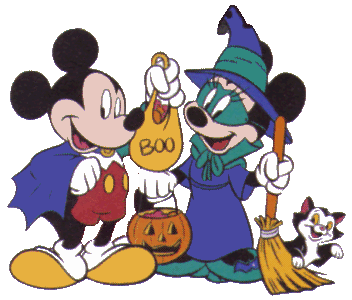
**November 10 & 11 Conference Days - NO SCHOOL**

**November 3 & 4 Mrs. Yeakel’s Brown Days**

**November 7 & 8 Mrs. Kauffman’s & Mrs. Huber’s Brown days**

**November 23, 24, 25 Closed for Thanksgiving**

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**ART NEWS FROM MRS. WELLS Page 11**

**Animals, animals, animals! October is a great month in art. The PN classes created animals using circles and triangles. The children designed their animal, composed it on their paper and glued it together using paintbrushes. They did a great job coordinating visual and fine motor skills. We looked at contemporary artist Laurel Burch and discussed the popularity of animals in art.**

**The PK classes are working on beautiful clay animal creation, adding paint and gluing on feathers and sequins! Next they will create fierce**

**and fun alligators after looking at both Australian aboriginal artwork and children’s book illustrator Jenn Ski’s fanciful drawing.**

**The Kindergarten class looked at the glasswork of Louis Tiffany and created beautiful “glass” windows. They made “handy” animals using their own handprints. Then they created spiders after looking at the fanciful spider print by Odilon Redon. Next we will discuss the use of masks in many cultures, past and present, and they will create their own!**

**Thank you for your wonderful children!**

**Sincerely, Amy Wells**

**CHURCH NEWS FROM PASTOR JENN**

**Dear Preschool Families,**

**The Holiday season is almost upon us with less than two weeks till November.  Havenwood Presbyterian Church collects 100s of pounds of food each week for ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches).  This ministry began over 30 years ago by 7 congregations, including Havenwood Church.  What started as a small food pantry has grown to include other supportive services to those in need in our community.  One tradition is to provide Thanksgiving “baskets” to those in need in the community.  Last year, our congregation and preschool provided 80 of the 3000 baskets distributed.  It is our hope and prayer that we can provide 90 baskets, as food prices and food needs continue to rise.**

**Baskets will be collected from November 1st through November 20th. Bags can be placed in the ACTC collection bin by the church office glass doors.**

**Thank you for helping us minister and meet the needs of those in our community.**

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Jenn**

**ACTC Thanksgiving Basket List**



• 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz)

• 2 cans meat/main dish (e.g., beef stew or chili; 15-24 oz each)

• 1 large can of fruit (20-30 oz)

• 4 cans of vegetables (e.g., green beans, peas, or corn; 15 oz each)

• 1 can cranberry sauce

• 2 packages of macaroni & cheese

• 1 box instant mashed potatoes (13.3 or 13.75 oz)

• 1 cake or brownie mix

• 1 bag or box stuffing mix

• 1 bag or box rice (28-32 oz)

**Tips for Packing**  
• Use a reusable grocery bag with a flat bottom OR a double brown-paper grocery bag inserted into a double plastic bag.   
• Pack large cans on the bottom and lighter items on top.

• Attach a note that says complete or incomplete on your bag.  Any of the items you can provide are much appreciated, and we will “fill in” missing items.