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***Thursday, October 20th School Closed***

***Kindergarten & Daycare Open***

***Friday, October 21st School/Daycare Closed***

***Thursday,November 10th – Conferences***

***For Twos… Mrs.Yeakel’s Tues/Thurs class***

***Mrs. Huber’s Tues/Thurs class***

***For Threes… Mrs. Zinzi’s Tues/Thurs class***

***School is closed for these classes!***

***Friday, November 11th – Conferences***

***For Twos…Mrs. Yeakel’s 3/5 day class,***

***Mrs. Kauffman’s M/W/F class***

***For Threes … Mrs. Hare’s 5 day,***

***Mrs. Zinzi’s M/W/F class &***

***Mrs. Parks’ M/W/F class***

***For Fours… Mrs. Taylor & Mrs. McElwain’s 5 day***

***Mrs. Huber’s M/W/F class***

***School is closed for these classes!***

***(check your calendar for dates & times)***

***Mrs. Law’s Kindergarten Class***

***\*Class is still open for Kindergarten\****

***Your teacher will send a signupgenius for times***

***KINDERGARTEN AND DAYCARE ARE OPEN***

**on both conference days.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Fall Conferences – Virtual or by phone**

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## Havenwood Preschool Needs

## Sneakers/Tennis Shoes

**We kindly and firmly request that your children be in tennis shoes in school. We want to have the children run and play on the playground. We want their feet warm and dry – no morning dew feet! We want to avoid banged up toes and near miss trips!**

**Safety comes first at Havenwood!**

**Picture Days!**

**October 26th & October 27th** 

**Reminder**:

No lunch boxes this year

Paper bags & all disposable baggies inside

***Mission for the Class***

***Grab hold of a magic pencil***

***Open your eyes and mind***

***For now begins a journey***

***Of the most exciting kind.***

***A journey into learning***

***A step…a start…a glow,***

***And we will be there with you***

***To help and watch you grow!***

***REMINDER:***

***PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES***

***FOR THE PRESCHOOL ~***

***IT IS A SIMPLE FUNDRAISER!***

***THANK YOU!***



**Welcome! This is the first newsletter of the 2022-2023 school year. Our school wide newsletter gives you a peek at what is going on in your child’s classroom, other classroom activities and school wide news.**

**Our arrival & dismissal car lines have been running *extremely* smooth, however, please remember to NOT block the intersection at Ridgely & Charmuth Roads. Thank you for arriving on time, displaying your car tag in the window and signing your child in each day.**

**DON'T FORGET to check your child's tote bag daily! Make sure it ALWAYS has their take home folder in it, which you need to check each day and send any “return items” back promptly. Also, make sure it has a complete change of clothes (please update to meet each season).**

**Please remember to label *all* outerwear with your child’s name – more than 150 coats per day pass through our halls! Also, please make sure your child wears sneakers! This makes it easier for them to safely run and play on the playground.**

**Thank you again for choosing Havenwood Preschool as your child's first experience in a classroom setting. The teachers, assistants and staff would like to thank you for all of the kind words and support you have already provided us!**

**Havenwood Preschool Center was awarded a Level “5” rating for the 7th straight year. This is the highest rating a Preschool can receive through the Maryland State Department of Education Early Childhood Division.**

**Apples, leaves, scarecrows & trick or treating – we are ready for the Fall season! Thank you for supporting your children and Havenwood Preschool. We appreciate your time and generosity!**

**~ Susan Riegger**

***PURPLE FRIDAYS!!***

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## News from Mrs. Law

**Hello Parents!**

**What a wonderful start to the school year! In addition to making new friends, our Kindergarten classes has adapted well to a whole day of school and our classroom routines.**

**In Language Arts, we have been discussing reading strategies like comparing and contrasting, making predictions and using picture clues. Rhyming words and beginning sounds have been a focus these first few weeks of school. The children are also learning how to write in their journals, sight word books and handwriting books.**

**In Math we have been working on writing, recognizing and comparing (great than, less than, equals to) numbers 0-10.**

**In Science we have been learning about our five senses. We have gone on a listening walk and played guess that smell. We culminated our unit by using our 5 senses to describe apples.**

**In Social Studies we have been learning how to be a friend and the many ways we can be kind to one another.**

**Thank you for sending in water bottles, snacks, paper bag lunches and Take Home folders every day. Your support is invaluable!!**

**~ Amy Law**

**Dates to remember:**

**Thursday, October 20th School closed – Staff development -**

**Kindergarten & daycare open**

**Friday, October 21st School closed- Maryland State Teachers**

**Convention**

**Thursday, October 27th Picture Days – more information to follow**

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# Four Year Old Classroom News Page 4

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

**Dear Parents,**

**This school year has started out with a bang! The children are learning the school rules, our crazy schedule and the classroom routines. It is so nice to see the children play together with new friends and existing friends.**

**Our circle time is filled with eager children, so we have been working on raising our hands and waiting our turn to talk. During circle time, we talk about the calendar, weather, read stories, and talk about what we are going to learn today. The children are very kind and patient with each other!**

**In September we are learning about the letter F and S, we have 4 new sight words to practice (red, one, a, and), and we created our first classroom book about school shoes. I put the book on Facebook for everyone to enjoy.**

**October is going to be a very busy month and we will be learning lots of new things! As the letter pages come home, please add them to the ring that came home with the letter F. We will also be adding new sight words frequently, so please continue to practice reading them at home and looking for them in the books you read together.**

**Happy Fall!!**

**~ Margaret Taylor, Amy Wells & Janice Meszaros**

**Dates to Remember:**

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**Friday, October 21st School closed- Maryland State Teachers Convention**

**Wednesday, October 26th Picture Days – more information to follow**

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**Time flies when you are having fun and that is definitely true about this September. The first few weeks have proven to be a huge success. We want to thank you so much for your patience, kind words and friendly greetings. Students are working hard to learn new routines, forming new friendships and building on old ones. They are really doing an amazing job.**

**This month we are learning about the letters F and S, the sight words “*red”* and “*one”* and “*a”* and “*and”*. Please keep the sight word ring that was sent home in safe place, and add the new words to it each week. This month we have also been investigating rocks, shells, and apples, reading lots of books and working on fine motor skills by cutting and gluing. The students love center time and getting a chance to explore the different areas of our classroom.**

**Thank you for sending in pictures for our letter of the week. We love the way the letter collages are turning out. Some students worry if they don’t have their picture on Tuesday, but it really is better if some people bring them each day throughout the week. We appreciate your help at home with this project and hope that you enjoy working with your child on this! Beginning in October, we will be sending home a weekly homework calendar in addition to the letter envelopes and sight words.**

**School is off to a great start and we appreciate all of your help!**

**~Katie McElwain and Carin Esslinger**

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**Wednesday, October 26th Picture Days**

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

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

**Hello Parents -**

**And we’re off!! What a great start to a new school year! We’re quickly settling into the routine, learning our first letters (F & S) and our first sight words (red and one). Also, we are sharpening our fine motor skills by cutting paper and holding our pencils properly as we begin to write our names. Together we are learning and practicing our classroom rules. We’ve done letter pages, lots of art and read several books. We even created our own lift the flap classroom book after reading Pete the Cat and his School Shoes.**

**In the classroom, several children have started doing their weekly jobs, which they seem to really enjoy. Some of those tasks are line leader, flag holder, calendar and weather helper, and time keeper. These jobs will rotate through the class, giving each child the chance to have each job several times.**

**As October creeps around the corner, we will *add more letters and sight words to our collection, continue our counting, explore patterns, and enjoy these last w*arm days on the playground.**

**It’s been a wonderful start; I’m looking forward to our next adventures!**

**-Chrissy Huber and Kristen Cocchi**

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**Wednesday, October 26th Picture Days**

**Lunch Bunch**

**Lunch Bunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:45 – 3:00. This year we have many regulars so space is limited but you can always email or call to see if space is available. Lunch bunch is great way for you to run that last minute errand or have lunch with a friend! We enjoy playground time, having lunch with friends. Give it a try!!**

**It is $25 per session. ($20.00 for Mrs. McElwain's class)**

**Happy New School Year!**

**~ Mrs. Dwan, Mrs. Pifer & Mrs. Dooley**

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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

**Can you believe that we have been in school for over a month? Time flies when you’re having fun while learning!**

**Mrs. Pifer and I are very proud of our students. They’re listening and following school rules such as waiting in the halls quietly, holding on to the rail when climbing the stairs, and they’re being very careful to stay in line when leaving the room. Singing the songs, “Here We Go A-walking” and “Put Your Hand on the Rail”, help them to remember these rules. They also know to walk right over to the rug and sit right down when we sing “Open Shut Them”. They know that it means that I have something special to tell them. The children have learned to use the glue stick, and I know that you just love their projects! Sometimes we decorate our room or the hall with our pictures, so we don’t always bring our projects home right away.**

**The children are learning new songs and finger plays. I know that you love to hear them sing, and so do we! We’ve done a scientific experiment in our classroom. Ask your children what happened to the celery when placed in colored water. This is called capillary action.**

**While learning our ABC’s, we’re learning to sign them as well. What fun! We are also enjoying our aquarium with two little frogs. The children have named them "Blueberry" & “Strawberry”. Also, thank you to all who contributed the requested supplies - wipes, sanitizers, tissues, etc.**

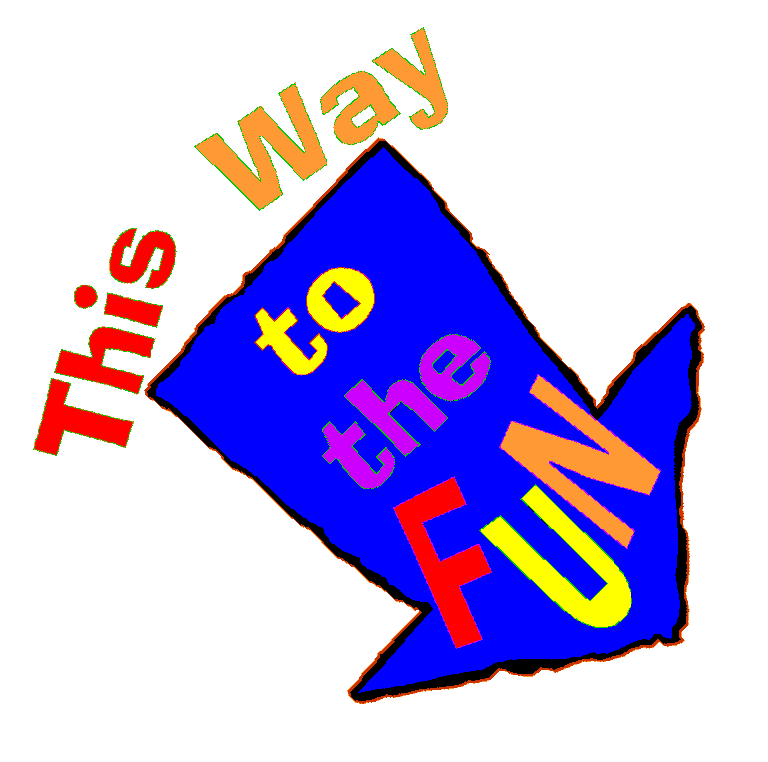
**Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are happy, inquisitive, and eager to learn.**

**Havenwood will be closed October 20th however, kindergarten & daycare will be open for those that normally attend daycare on Thursdays. The entire school will be closed on October 21st.**

**Enjoy the wonder of autumn!**

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

**Thursday, October 27th Picture Days**



***EARLY BIRD***

**Bright eyes & happy smiles bring warmth to a teacher’s heart & a lovely start to the day! 7:30 begins our mornings here at Havenwood, when our Early Birds arrive.**

**What fun to see them, & hear their happy greetings. We have such a wonderful group. Everyone enjoys puzzles, play dough, & the available art supplies. Book bags & lunch bags in hand, all are sorted out & distributed to their classrooms for another day of learning & growing.**

**Hoping that your mornings are equally as pleasant,**

**~ *Sandy Hare & Monica Yeakel***

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## PNII – Mrs. Zinzi & Mrs. Sarratea

We are off to a fantastic start in PNII! The children have settled into our routine and are working hard! We have been blessed with some outstanding weather these past few weeks, so the children are highly enjoying the playground!! They LOVE to dig, climb, and explore while they’re out there…always a new adventure to be had.

Throughout September and October, we will accomplish much in our curriculum. We’ll be studying letters A-E, focusing on numbers 1 and 2, exploring the colors red, orange, and black, and will focus on the circle and the triangle for our shape studies. We will also be completing units on Apples, Rocks, Farms, and Pumpkins -oh my! It is pretty incredible the amount of learning and fun we cram into such a short amount of hours each day...but your children make it so worth it!

The end of October will bring us our first class party - Halloween! If you are in my **2 Day class**, mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 27th**, and my **3 Day class** will celebrate on **Friday the 28th**. Room parents will be in touch with specifics very shortly, but plan for your child to come to school in costume. **We ask that the costumes be bathroom friendly, and that any masks or weapons that belong to the costume remain at home.** The party itself is for just the children, and will take place during their regular snacktime. However, we will take lots of pictures, and hopefully send videos!

We are all so impressed with your littles and are having so much fun with them; can’t wait to see where the year takes us!

**~ Aimie Zinzi & Allison Sarratea**

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**Friday, October 21st  School closed- Maryland State Teachers Convention**

**Wed & Thursday, October 26th & 27th Picture Days**



## PNIII – M/W/F – Mrs. Parks & Mrs. Gillespie

**What an incredible start we have had in PNIII! Mrs. Gillespie and I are having so much fun getting to know each one of our friends and are feeling so incredibly blessed to be their teachers. We have all loved getting to meet new friends, exploring all the fun activities and routines in our classroom and of course playing on the playground!**

**Coming up during the end of September and throughout October, we will be busy completing our first units in our curriculum. We will be exploring letters A-E, numbers 1 and 2, the colors red, orange and black, and 2 different shapes, circle and triangle. This month we are completing units on Apples, Rocks, Farms and Pumpkins. We are always busy and there will be many projects sent home and pictures on Facebook so be sure to keep an eye out for them. It is amazing the amount of learning and fun we can fit into each day- we are looking forward to all our adventures ahead!**

**Thank you all for your continued support. Your children are amazing, and we are so impressed and proud of them EVERY DAY!**

**~ Erin Parks & Annika Gillespie**

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**Dear Parents,**

**The children have done a fantastic job these first few weeks of school! We are working on our morning routines, our class reminders (rules😉) and what is expected in Circle Time.**

**Our color of the month is RED.**

**Our shape of the month is CIRCLE**

**Our number of the month is ONE/1.**

**We’ve been talking about Apples and learning lots of new songs. We are also reinforcing what great manners they all have. Please and Thank you are everywhere!!**

**Thank you all for sending your children to school each day with a healthy snack!**

**It’s pretty amazing the amount of learning and fun we can fit into each day- we are looking forward to all our adventures ahead!**

**~ Monica Yeakel and Pam Dwan**

**~ Katie Kauffman and Chrissy Huber**

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**Friday, October 21th School closed- Maryland State Teachers Convention**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 20 & 21 Picture Days**

**TODDLER TWOS**

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

**Mrs. Kauffman – M/W/F “B”**

**Mrs. Huber & Mrs. Kauffman - T/Th “B”**



**I look forward to creating art with the children this year. We will be looking at artists’ work, both historical and contemporary. We will be experimenting a variety of materials and techniques. And foremost, we will give the children an opportunity to create! We love to watch them “wonder” as the paint blends or the colored paper looks different when glued next to a different color.**

**Your child’s artwork is unique and is a special part of him/her. Please take a moment to share the art with your child. Please know it is an important part of your child’s development. Ask questions like “How did you do this?” You might ask if there is a story to go with the work. Describe what you see in the lines, color shapes, etc. Hang the artwork somewhere at home where all can see it. When replacing the old with the new, take a photo of the work to keep forever. Please do not throw the work away in front of your child. Make your child feel that his/her work matters. Most of all, enjoy their growing experience with art!**

**Thanks so much for sharing your children with me. Each and every one is a joy!**

**Sincerely, Amy Wells**

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**Welcome to Day Care! The children are adapting extremely well! We are so please with their enthusiasm & interest in our activities. Every day we have something special planned such as music, a story, or an art activity. The children’s favorite activity is the playground. So with cooler weather approaching, please dress them accordingly.**

**Here are just a few reminder notes:**

1. **For rest time, each child will need a crib sheet, a small blanket & a small pillow (optional). No large pillows, etc. as we need to fit them into a recycled grocery bag. As the weather gets cooler, a small blanket would be advisable.**

**2. When packing lunches, please remember everything must be disposable & to include a spoon if needed. Since Havenwood makes no provision for keeping hot food at 140F, we are prohibited from accepting hot food items for lunch. MSDE regulations prohibit us from serving juice, therefore we do serve milk or water.**

**3. Please remember that NO medication should ever be put in a lunch box (Tylenol, cough drops, etc.) A medical form must be on file if we are to give medication to a child. We are never permitted to administer the first dose.**

**We are looking forward to seeing all of you as the year progresses. If you ever have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us. No concern is ever too small. Please remember that Day Care closes at 5:30 p.m. We appreciate your promptness.**

**~*Onward,***

***Your Day Care Teachers***

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## CHURCH NEWS FROM PASTOR JENN

**Welcome Back! It is so wonderful to have all the kids' noises filling our hallways and rooms again. I cannot believe how much I missed their voices, smiles, and good morning waves. I love the start of the school year. As a kid, I loved buying school supplies, a new bookbag (or at least giving the old one a good wash), new clothes, new sneakers, new everything. And I always promised that I would put my crayons neatly back in the box, put lids on my markers, and try to do my best handwriting in my composition notebooks. I always fall short of keeping my promises. My crayons would end up in the bottom of my bag, my black marker would be dried up by October, and my handwriting is still horrible. But yet, I still remember my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Ellis, fondly.**

**Mrs. Ellis tried to instill executive functioning skills, inviting me to her desk every couple of days to get me "reorganized." It was her nurturing spirit that spurred my love of reading. I blame her for my book addiction. Most people have a teacher that they remember fondly. Who is that teacher for you? It doesn't surprise me that many hold fond memories of their days at Havenwood Preschool. Havenwood is a pretty spectacular place. I pray that your children and family will create many fond memories this year.**



**Blessings,**

**~Pastor Jenn**