



# CECC News-October 2009

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Parent - Teacher Conferences



*Bridging Home and School*

## Parent Teacher Conferences: Wednesday—October 14th!

Be sure to sign up to meet with your child's teacher(s) for our beginning-of-the-year Parent Teacher Conferences. We have added

conferences to the start of the school year for you to talk with your child's teacher(s), to set goals for your child, learn more about what he/she is doing at school and ask any questions you might have about his/her classroom.

- \* There will be NO SCHOOL on that day.
- \* Look for the sign up sheets at your child's classroom.
- \* Childcare WILL be provided from 9:30-2:00 for conferences.
- \* DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!



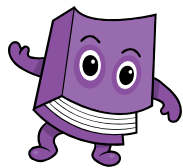
SAVE the DATE  
"Outside In"  
Family Event at  
CECC  
Nov. 12th  
6:30—7:30 p.m.

**SCHOLASTIC**

### Book Fair is Coming:

**Oct. 11th—16th**

in the Central UMC Library



You are invited to attend a special reading event at our school—a Scholastic Book Fair. A child's life can be positively influenced by exposure to quality books and the book fair has many to choose from. The Book Fair will be open during all hours CECC is open (7:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m.) during the week of Oct. 11th, with special shopping day on Wed., Oct. 14th—Parent Teacher Conference Day. Watch for more details to come and get ready to get some early holiday shopping in!!

### Individual Child Picture

**Days:**

**Wed. & Thurs.**

**Oct. 21st & 22nd**

**See inside for  
details!**



#### Look inside for:

- ☺ Picture Day Info
- ☺ Halloween parade & parties
- ☺ Outside In Family Event Info
- ☺ Silent Auction planning meeting

## Halloween Costume Parade!



All CECC children and their families are invited to participate in our **annual Halloween Costume Parade on Wednesday, October 28th at about 12:15 p.m.** We'll parade around the church grounds and on across the street to trick-or-treat through

UMKC Law School, then we'll come back into the classrooms for parties. Kids who are not regularly scheduled to come on Wednesdays should plan to come back so they can join in on the fun!! Bring your cameras, but leave the scary costumes, weapons, and masks at home! Please check with your child's teacher about whether the children should wear or bring their costumes. **All pieces to costumes should be labeled with your child's name.**

## "Outside In" CECC

### Family Event!



CECC classrooms are bringing the Outside In!

Come visit your child's class on **Thursday, November 12th 6:30-7:30 p.m.** to see what Nature related learning has been happening at CECC! Every class has been preparing for this special event, so be sure to mark your calendar and plan to come to this fun and educational event!!

## Individual Child Pictures:

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*Who needs to sign up?*

Any Ark or Kangaroo child – any day

Any Sibling groups

Any child enrolled in Mon., Tues. or Fri. only

*Who does not need to sign up?*

*Wednesday* Panda, Koala, Zebra classes or Butterfly class

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**

*Who needs to sign up?*

Any Ark or Kangaroo child – any day

Any Sibling groups

Any child enrolled in Mon., Tues., or Fri. only

*Who does not need to sign up?*

*Thursday* Panda, Koala, Zebra classes or Rainbow & Dinosaur Classes

- \* Children who attend only on Mon., Tues., or Fri. can sign up for a sitting time on either day.
- \* Children in the Ark or Kangaroo room should be accompanied by an adult and may sign up for a sitting time on either day.
- \* Sibling group pictures can be scheduled on either day.
- \* Children are photographed on a WHITE background and should wear colorful clothing. Their shoes will show in full length poses.
- \* Sign up times are available beginning at 8:30 am each day.
- \* Please see the check in table for a sign up list.



## Calendar Dates:

### October



**7th** 1st Planning session for the 2009-10 Silent Auction & Fundraiser

**8th** Butterfly class to Red Barn Farm

**9th** Staff Inservice—NO SCHOOL

**11th—16th** Scholastic Book Fair

**13th** Rainbow & Dinosaur classes to Johnson Farm

**14th** Parent Teacher Conferences—NO SCHOOL

**21st & 22nd** Individual Child Photos—Classy Kids Photography (see page 2)

**28th** Halloween Parties & Parade to UMKC Law School for all other classes—12:15 p.m.

### November

**2nd** Children and Family Advisory Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

**9th-12th** Operation Christmas Child collection of boxes

**12th** "Outside In" Family Event 6:30—7:30 p.m.

**13th** Staff Inservice—NO SCHOOL

**13th** Back to School Night—watch for details to come!!

**18th—22nd** NAEYC Conference in Washington D.C.

**24th** Thanksgiving parties—KDO classes

**25th—27th** Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL



## October Birthdays



Juanita Bailey	10/3	Support Teacher
Bob Kiefer	10/4	Zebra Teacher
Jevette Link	10/5	Koala Teacher
Camaya Manese	10/7	Panda
Lauryn Yarnevich	10/11	Panda
Sophie Newman	10/12	Zebra
Portia Martin	10/16	Zebra
Bridget Gosnell	10/18	Kangaroo
Charlie McKenzie	10/21	Zebra
Carla Warriner	10/21	Kangaroo Teacher
Jordan Doswell	10/26	Panda
Linda Ann	10/27	Dinosaur Teacher



## News of the Classes

This is a monthly feature that will share upcoming events and activities in all the classrooms.

Be sure to read about all the happenings in all the classes! It is a good way to learn about what is going on in the whole center.

### **Ark Class (4- 12 months; KDO)**

#### **Sally Dux**

It is a beautiful time of the year; the Ark class will continue going outside for rides in the buggy, and social interaction on the playground, as much as weather and their physical abilities permit. The children have settled into a comfortable routine and are enjoying the sights and sounds of new toys, including the soothing sounds of the "rainmaker". The focus will be on musical instruments including the small piano, xylophone, bells, and rhythm instruments. We will continue to enjoy a variety of songs, emphasizing beat and rhythm.

Ella Jenkins is a favorite for active play, and classical music is a favorite for quiet times. Textures will also be a focus, introduced on the pages of cloth books and several chunky board books. The children enjoy looking at pictures of themselves on the sides of a new set of soft blocks; they also enjoy making faces in the mirror. The music, social interaction, exploration of toys and the world around them, all contribute to the ever-growing skills of the children. It will be a wonderful time of growth and change.

### **Kangaroo Class (7 -12 months, KDO)**

#### **Carla Warriner**

We have been enjoying the outdoors, especially rides in the Bye-bye Buggy. The balls, steps, and playhouses on the playground are also big favorites. Outdoor elements will be brought inside so we can investigate them further. We will continue to explore the properties of paper and what we

can do with paper - crumpling, tearing, waving, and throwing. We will be perfecting our walking and crawling. Stop by and watch us crawl through the rainbow tunnel!

### **Panda (12 - 24 months, KDO)**

#### **Pam Cutelli & Marti Miller**

In October, we will be celebrating the Fall season by exploring apples and pumpkins, leaves and seeds, squirrels and birds. We have a new bird feeder outside our window and we have already observed a chipmunk, a few squirrels and three cardinal birds that come in the late afternoon! We look forward to watching for more birds as winter approaches.

We have many Pandas who will be turning the BIG 2 during this month and we look forward to seeing how we continue to change and grow!

### **Koala (24-36 months, KDO)**

#### **Jevette Link, Katie Lane & Angela Bergner**

September was a busy month for the Koala class. We learned about our room, ourselves, our friends and water. We have also been exploring nature and making the most of the nice weather outside.

In October we look forward to the change of seasons, pumpkins and more. We will also work on our self-help skills and cleaning up and taking care of our classroom.

### **Zebra (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 year olds, KDO)**

#### **Bob Kiefer and Adriane Van Cleave**

We can't believe how quickly September has gone by! We have enjoyed learning about pirates (and digging for treasures). In October we will be studying the change in seasons as fall is upon us. We will also be using our light table to study the differences between things that are opaque and transparent. We also are excited to be trying out our new loom—great for fine motor skills, making patterns and more! Finally, we look forward to our annual Halloween activities coming up at the end of the month.

**Butterfly** (3 year olds, Preschool)

**Linda Ann and Kate Willaredt**

October will be a busy and exciting month for the children in the Butterfly Class. On October 8, we will be visiting the Red Barn Farm near Weston, Missouri. The children will get to visit farm animals in a realistic setting and will each get to select a pumpkin to bring home. October will include lots of fun Halloween activities, including the Halloween costume parade and trick-or-treating at UMKC Law School. We will also have a classroom Halloween party.

The children in the Butterfly Class have become very interested in using sticks to make sounds by banging on drums and lots of other objects. In October, we will be exploring what

we can do with sticks, creating rhythm and music using traditional musical instruments, such as drums, rhythm sticks, and triangles, and maybe creating our own musical instruments. We will

try jumping over sticks and dancing under sticks. We will use sticks for painting and writing. We will go outside to gather sticks, and then count them, sort them, and compare them. While we do all this, the children will be practicing their fine motor skills, problem solving, and thinking logically.

**Rainbow** (4 year olds, Preschool)

**Christian Pearson**

Bugs, bugs and more bugs. The Rainbows have seen some incredible things happen; three Monarch butterflies hatch and then get released, a Praying Mantis create an Ootheca (an egg mass) and a huge frog gobble up some

crickets (thank you Cosmo and family)! Wow, what could possibly happen next? Well, the Rainbows are creating a bug book that will include their keen observations, great stories and imaginative play. For the month of October the Rainbow class will continue their Nature Walks around the school campus, collect crickets for our praying mantis and enjoy the changing of the seasons! In addition, we cannot wait to visit Johnson Farms for some Fall fun and pumpkin picking.

**Dinosaur** (4- 5 year olds, Preschool)

**Louisa Weinrich**

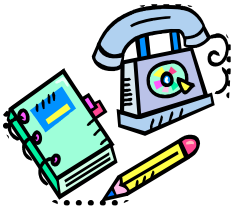
Things are really busy in the Dinosaur room! We have settled into our daily routine, and come to school ready to learn and experi-

ence new things every day. We look forward to learning about bats and other nocturnal animals in the month of October. We will visit Johnson farms and their pumpkin patch. We will also do just

about everything we can do with a pumpkin- even pick them off of the vine! We are working on turning in our drama area into a restaurant, and are hoping to visit a real one sometime this month. As the weather gets colder and the leaves are changing, we will go outdoors to look for and experience the signs of Fall. We will continue to practice our yoga and relaxation techniques- we find it helps us think better! Be sure to check out our bulletin boards- they can show just how busy we are, and if you are up in our area of CECC stop by for a visit!



## Did you get yours?



The 2009-10 CECC Family Rosters are now available. Hopefully you have already received your copy, but if you missed one, just stop by the office to pick yours up! Also, if you have discovered an error in any of your information, please let Trina or Donna know, so that we are sure to have your correct address, phone, and spellings. We also would like to know of any changes, so please keep us updated.

## We're having a SAND drive!

It's easy to participate—just purchase a bag of "PLAY SAND" at a local hardware/home improvement store. Then bring your bag to CECC and you and your child can dump it right into the sandbox on the playground!! That is all there is to it—thanks for your help!!



## Preschool Music and Movement Notes



*Kate Willaredt*

We've been moving and grooving in the movement class this month! We're still working on stretching before we get started each week and the children have had fun with the silly songs we use when we stretch; they like to shake all of their sillies out! This month, the preschool classes each explored things like apples and insects, so we used our bodies to pretend we were spiders, slugs, praying mantis' and even grasshoppers - we're good jumpers! We also did some

balancing on the balance beam after the classes read Ten Apples Up On Top by Dr. Seuss. We tried balancing on the beam, balancing beanbags on our heads and also balancing just by standing on one foot - it was hard! On one particularly sunny morning, we took the parachute outside. Using the parachute is not only good for our gross motor skills, we also have to use our social skills like conversation and taking turns, something we can all practice!

In October, we'll work on our eye/hand coordination when we use beanbags for throwing and catching and tossing into buckets. We'll play some cooperation games and, just like working with the parachute, this is another great way to practice our social skills. I bet your child will find out that it's not always easy to work in pairs! Prepare to be entertained as will also be learning some fun finger plays and rhymes about the changing fall weather and Halloween.



## Operation Christmas Child (a mission opportunity)

Operation Christmas Child is a worldwide outreach of the Samaritan's Purse Organization. This group hand-delivers decorated shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, candy and other gifts to

needy children all over the world.

**YOU CAN HELP !!** Shop with your child, fill and decoratively wrap a shoebox for either a boy or girl, aged 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years old. Check out the list of suggested gifts in the brochure. Bring it back to CECC the week of November 10-14 and we will deliver it to the Operation Christmas Child headquarters for you. Be sure that wrapped box can still be opened, as the contents will be checked before shipping. Remember to include \$7.00 cash (or more, if you like) for shipping and a note or family photo.

**YOU** can make a big difference in the life of a child, and help your own child experience the joy of giving at the same time.

*Boxes are due November 9-12*

### Electronic Payments



Sign up now to make electronic payments for your child's monthly tuition. It is quick and easy and provided by a secure service! We already have several

families signed up, but we always have room for more! If you have any questions or would care to sign up for this service, see Trina Taft in the office.

### FORMS!! FORMS!! FORMS!!

- Have you turned in all of your child's forms to the office?
- Please submit any missing forms ASAP!

Questions? See Donna

### New Babies!

Does your family have a new addition? Be sure to let us know all the vital details (name, birth day and time, height and weight.) Also, we would love to receive a picture to display on our New Baby bulletin board. We are always happy to share this special news with all the CECC families!!



## Substitute FYI:



Just for your information - The Ark, Kangaroo and Panda classes average to \$31.00 per day, while the Koala and Zebra classes average to \$28.00 per day. Please refer to these amounts when reimbursing or charging your Substitute in any of the KDO classes. Kids' Day Out keeps Substitution Lists so families can arrange for a substitute student to fill their child's spot if they know of an upcoming absence. KDO families (Kangaroo, Panda, Koala, and Zebra) are urged to put their child's name on the Sub List if they would like an extra day now and then. All arrangements are made between the two families. Substitutes should let a director know at check in. Please sign up to have your child substitute on the list provided in the KDO classrooms.

### Your Help is NEEDED!!

Join us on **Wed., October 7th at 10:00 a.m.** (just after drop off) for the first planning session for the **2009-10 Silent Auction and Fundraiser Dinner!**

We will need people to help procure auction items, coordinate the food, coordinate the children's activities, help with decorations, posters and more! So, if you like to plan parties or are organized and like to help get things done—or if you just want to support CECC—be sure to join us on the 7th!!



### We want to hear from you!

Remember to please call the office if your child will not be at school. We miss your child when they are not with us and so we want to hear from you. You may call anytime 24/7 to leave a voicemail message. 816-753-1844

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