



# PCHC Spotlight

October 2009

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### Paper Retriever

**Program** – This will be an ongoing paper recycling project. Please help us go green and teach our children how to be good stewards of this beautiful earth that we have to enjoy.

PCHC accepts credit card payments for tuition. You may pay by Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Credit card payments are processed on Mondays each week.

## October Is Fire Prevention Month

This month is [Fire Prevention Month](#) and we are in the process of scheduling a demonstration with the Fire Department for the students and staff. This is also a time when we should all be aware of ways to help learn fire safety and prevention. There are many things people can do to improve their safety at home, school, or work from fire! Install smoke detectors, change batteries at least once a year – October is a great month to do so, have a fire escape plan with at least two ways to get out. Most of all, remember that if there is a fire, you must get out of the building!

[Career Day](#) will be an ongoing event all year. If you are willing to talk about your career with the children in your child’s class, please speak to your child’s teacher. It is important for children to understand what parents and grandparents are doing each day while the children are in our care.

Thank you for updating your [e-mail](#) addresses. This ensures that you get updated information about our program each month. If you get a new e-mail address, please remember to give us the corrected one.

Our [Art to Remember](#) Fundraiser is underway and your orders are due. There are many good choices of items to use for family gifts. If you do not wish to purchase anything, please return the envelope with the magnet.

[School Pictures](#) will be taken on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Life Touch will be here around 7:30 am to start. The pictures will be back in plenty of time for Christmas.

As always, we look forward to serving you and your children!

Ms. Pat – Director  
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## October Birthdays!

Congratulations to:

Mathew Miller – Oct 4

Dakota Patton - 9

Michal Snead - 9

Courtney Freeman - 22

Brayden Plocinik - 25

Mark Sasse - 27




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*Don't forget that we still have a referral program. You will receive a tuition credit of \$50.00 for each child that is referred by a parent. The new child must be enrolled for one month before the credit will be applied.*

*See Pat for more info.*

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## Classroom Updates

### News from our Incredible Infants

I am enjoying our three infants, Adam, Gregory and Amaiya. We sing, play, read stories and cuddle. We go for walks outside when the weather permits. Each day the infants are developing and trying something new.

**This month, the infants will be working on the following concepts:** Vocalizing new sounds and hand-eye coordination.

Keep an eye out in our room for your infant's Halloween artwork. Please remember to label all your baby's belongings. We would appreciate receiving a recent picture of each infant for our new room.

*Ms. Pam, Infant Teacher*

### News from our Tiny Toddlers

As we move into fall and cooler weather, we plan to do a lot of fun activities. We will go on nature walks and observe the changes that the season brings. We have a lot of projects planned, such as touching a pumpkin and its' seeds, doing apple prints and leaf collages.

Please make sure that your child has a jacket as the weather gets cool. Make sure your child's extra clothing is marked and appropriate for the season.

*Ms. Shannon, Toddler Teacher*

### News from our Terrific Twos

Our theme this month is Harvest time. We will talk about: [Where we find food, how food gets to us, how food grows and how it is prepared.](#) We will do many cooking and sensory projects with food.

Potty training continues to be a focus for our classroom. Please keep us updated on your child's progress at home so that we can reinforce it here.

Watch for details about our Halloween Parade and party on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Ms. Sarah, Teacher and Ms. Tia, Twos Teacher's Assistant.*

### **News from our Cosmic Threes**

The Cosmic Kids would like to welcome Ethan and Kyle to our universe. Our weekly themes for the month are: [Our five senses](#), [Healthy teeth](#), [Friendship](#) and [Halloween](#).

Parents, the transition time for our new threes has taken a little longer than we expected. Everything is going as planned and falling into place and we are having fun. Just a reminder that we will start doing cooking projects on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will do a different project each week. There will be sign up lists posted as you enter the classroom.

The weather is changing so it is time to check cubbies and bring appropriate clothing. Please send jackets, too.

Thank-you, in advance, for your support for the upcoming months.  
*Ms. Kim, Threes Teacher and Ms. Jackie, Threes Teacher's Assistant*

### **News from our Fabulous Fours**

Dear Parents,

We have wonderful fall activities planned this month. Fall offers us lots of exciting science activities and arts and crafts. We will be working on fine motor skills, such as scissors skills and handwriting skills. We will be focusing on learning to print our names and the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet.

We are continuing to work on independence and learning about our bodies. We will learn how to take care of ourselves to stay healthy and safe. October is fire prevention month. We will be having drills and talking about what to do if a fire occurs.

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*Ms. Alicia, Teacher, and Ms. Mandi, Teacher's Assistant.*

### **News from our Sensational School Agers**

During the month of October, the Homework Center will focus on better study habits and proper use of the numerous learning tools available in our room. The children are really starting to get into the swing of things. Please feel free to communicate to us if there are any areas in which your child needs extra help.

Anne Arundel County Schools are closed October 16. If your child will be here all day, please remember to let us know. The additional charge for those in before and after care is \$12 and \$24 for those in before only or after only care.

Check out our fall craft schedule on the Parent Information Board. We work on homework on Monday thru Thursday and plan a special craft or activity for Fridays.

Don't forget to have your child bring in a sweatshirt or a jacket as the weather gets cooler.

Thank you!  
*Ms. Mac, School age Teacher and Ms. Amber, School age Teacher*

## PARENT EDUCATION TIDBITS

### FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Every year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sounds the alarm about keeping our homes and our kids safe from fire. Fire Prevention Week 2009 — October 4–10 — broadens the scope of safety, teaching kids to **“Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.”**

This year’s campaign focuses on preventing devastating burns while keeping homes safe from the leading causes of fire. As you know, burns are painful. In extreme cases, they can result in serious scarring and even death. By taking caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children’s reach or that pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove, such injuries are entirely preventable. In the classroom, we will focus on ways to prevent and treat burn injuries, as well as the leading causes of home fires and home fire deaths. We try to ensure that your children get a well-rounded education, and that they are on the cutting edge of safety. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor by putting Fire Prevention Week messages into action to help your family “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.”

### FIRE SAFETY CHECK LIST

Hot food is always placed in the center of the table.

Bath and shower water is no hotter than 100 degrees.

Food cooked in a microwave is allowed to cool before eating.

Grown-ups blow out lit candles when they leave the room.

Portable space heaters are turned off whenever a grown-up leaves the room or goes to sleep.

Things that can burn are at least three feet from anything that can be hot.

An adult always stays in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on the stovetop.

All smoke alarms work when tested by an adult every month.

There is a smoke alarm on every level of the home and inside every bedroom.

Our family has practiced our home fire escape plan.

**For more information visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org) or [sparky.org](http://sparky.org)**

Reference: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

## Upcoming Events

Here are some important deadlines and dates to remember:

<b>Annual Registration Fees due</b>	Oct 5
<b>Art to Remember Orders</b>	Oct 5
<b>Tuition due weekly</b>	Mondays
<b>Late fee applied weekly</b>	Wednesday Morning
<b>Public Schools Closed</b>	Oct 17
<b>School Pictures</b>	October 28
<b>Public School 2 hour early dismissal</b>	Oct 30
<b>Halloween Party and Parade</b>	Oct 30

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