

Chestnut Grove Child Development Center

Newsletter One

Dear Friends,

9/30/11

Wow, what a wonderful beginning to the 2011-2012 school year! Thank you for arriving at school on time. The children need to understand the morning school routine and often become frustrated when they miss our opening activity. Please be sure to sign in, give him a quick kiss and exit the building. If you want to stay and volunteer please contact your child's teacher so we can make arrangements for you to help out. We have several areas where we could use your assistance.

I have witnessed amazing progress with the children adjusting to school and look forward to observing many milestones to come. We have several new families who are experiencing preschool for the first time. I remember being in your shoes not so long ago so please feel free to email [HYPERLINK "mailto:hdoyle@chestnutgrovechild.org"](mailto:hdoyle@chestnutgrovechild.org)

hdoyle@chestnutgrovechild.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Together, let's make this a prosperous year!

Helen Welde Doyle

Director

Just a reminder!

Be sure your child has an extra change of clothes in their cubbies. Children need to wear sneakers or closed-toe shoes each day. (Please no sandals or crocs).

You can leave an old set of pull-on boots at school for the playground. It does get muddy when it rains but we still go outside.

Dress for school; please wear play clothes. We paint, cook, use sensory tables and dig on the playground; our "work" can be very messy and we love it!

Please have hooded jackets for school as the temperature will fluctuate on our playground.

Children with Allergies

We are vigilant in providing a healthy environment for all of the students at Chestnut Grove. We have some friends with various food allergies so please remember we do not allow children to share their lunch. If you are

providing a birthday snack, please check with your child's teacher for options that are acceptable for your class.

Extending the day with us!

We love your children and appreciate that you entrust their care to us. If you plan to use Extended Day 12:30-3:00, please come in the office to complete the paperwork. Forms are also available online. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Michelene Sottile -Jackson (msj@chestnutgrovechild.org). We have strict ratios that need to be maintained so we are no longer doing "drop in" appointments unless it is an emergency.

School Board News

Our parent board is made up of volunteers who work tirelessly to promote Chestnut Grove. They coordinate all fundraisers, assist in communicating pertinent information and plan extra-curricular activities for our students. They meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Junior High room. The next meeting is October 12. Please come out if you are interested in joining this dynamic force. For more information, contact our Board President Lisa Carton ([HYPERLINK "mailto:lisableu@comcast.net" lisableu@comcast.net](#)).

School Board Activities

Many thanks to all of the mothers who enjoyed the Ladies' Night Out at Faith Hubbard's beautiful home.

Remember to sign up for escrip, our school rewards program.

Mark your calendars for the Movie Spooktacular; Friday, October 14th 6:00-8:00 PM in the Smith Center. Please RSVP on the bulletin board.

Friends and Family Playdates

Each month, days are scheduled for families to meet one another and forge new friendships. These days are an opportunity to get out of the house and have fun. Wear your Chestnut Grove shirts and come ready to mingle! The dates are as follows:

October 6- Oregon Ridge Playground - 10:00 AM

October 19 - Ultimate Playzone - 10:00 - Noon (410-628-PLAY)

Open House/School Spirit Day

We will be hosting an Open House for prospective families each month for the 2011-2012 school year. Our first session is Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The format includes a tour then a brief Question and Answer session. Please spread the word to all!

Flu Clinic

Passport Health will offer flu shots for children and caregivers on Thursday, October 20, 2011 for a \$27 fee. Flu mist is also available for a \$40 fee. Please reserve a vaccination by October 17 so we are sure to have an adequate supply. You may register with Mrs. Sottile-Jackson by email [HYPERLINK "mailto:msj@chestnutgrovechild.org"](mailto:msj@chestnutgrovechild.org) msj@chestnutgrovechild.org or sign up in the office. If you have any questions, please contact your primary care provider.

Field Trips

Calling ALL 3s! You are invited!

Long Green Fire House - Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

In honor of Fire Prevention Week we will tour the fire house, learn about fire safety, climb on a fire engine and more! Each child will need an adult to attend and to transport them to Long Green. Permission slips went home so please return them so we can plan accordingly. Any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Calling ALL 4s! You are invited!

Huber's Pumpkin Farm - Monday, October 17, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

To celebrate our fall harvest we will pick assorted vegetables and go on a hayride. Children will eat their lunch after the tour so please remember to pack it. Each child will need an adult chaperone so please return the forms to your child's teacher with a check for \$6 per person. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Halloween is coming!

On Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28, we will have costume parades at 9:30 a.m. Parents please join us for a quick romp around the Big Room and remember your cameras! The parades will be brief so we can continue with our school day. Later, the children will enjoy crafts and a special lunch provided by the homeroom parents. Please come by if your schedule permits ☺

