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The Center will be closed October 19 for a Professional Development Day and October 20-21 for Fall Break.

### Parent Night

Please use the sign-up sheet located on Mrs. Erbin's counter to indicate your anticipated attendance of our

## CURRICULUM

Date	Unit	Emphasis
Sept 12-16	Emphasis on Safety, Fire Safety and Community Helpers	Blue
Sept 19-23		Brown
Sept 26-30		Orange
Oct 3-7	Fire Prevention Week	<u>Red</u>
Oct 10-14	Emphasis on Fall	Green
Oct 17-18		
Oct. 19	<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Oct 20-21	<b>Fall Break</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Oct 24-28		Black
Oct 31-Nov 4	Emphasis on Colors All Around Us	

### Dates to Remember

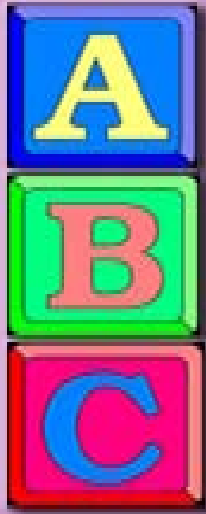
Oct 3-14	Two-Week Window for Accreditation Validation
Oct 19	Professional Development Day-- <b>School Closed</b>
Oct 20-21	Fall Break-- <b>School Closed</b>
TBA	<b>Visit from Fire Fighter Academy</b>
Oct 26-27	Individual Photos--Francine Wilson's Photography
Oct 28	a.m. Parade of Programs (In pajamas)
Oct 28	p.m. Fall Party

### Fall Festival:

**Week of October 24-28, participants from Adult Day Services visit and read to the children**  
**Friday, October 28 9:30-10:45 a.m. Parade of Programs and Pajama day**  
**Friday, October 28, 2:00-2:30 p.m Fall Party, no costumes**

first parent meeting to be held October 11 at 6:30. The meeting will consist of a Center Open House and a short meeting outlining new items in our Parent Handbook plus enrollment in the Development Screening.





### Class Schedules and Lesson Plans

When parents again filled out last year's parent survey, some said they did not know where their child's teacher posted her schedule and weekly lesson plans. Teachers will be purposefully showing you these two items this month. We want our families to have a thorough knowledge of what we plan for their children.



### Advisory Committee Meeting

Each spring we send out parent questionnaires for parents to use in evaluating our program. One concern which is usually marked a little more often than we are comfortable with is the desire to assist in program planning. We will be having our industry-specific advisory meeting in the spring this year. Because we have moved the industry-specific advisory meeting to the spring, we are going to schedule our parent-specific advisory meeting in the month of November. At the parent-specific meeting we will be asking the committee's input toward playground and facility updates, and general Center issues.

If any additional parents would be interested in volunteering for the parent-specific committee planned for spring, please let Mrs. Erbin or Mrs. Manwell know. We would love to have you! We plan to meet in the late afternoon (3:00 to 4:00) in the latter part of November. Announcements and invitations will be going out the first of November.

The industry specific Advisory Committee Meeting is to be held in February/March. This committee is composed of professionals in the education and child care area. This committee gives input regarding both the secondary/adult program and the Child Development Center. Suggestions made at this committee meeting are recorded and taken into consideration by both Center administration and EOC Tech administration in program planning. Due to the fact that we are expected to be on the "cutting edge" in the area of equipment and physical environment, suggestions are made by these experts in our field.

### Fall Parties

In an effort to follow Standards for Best Practices in Early Childhood, we are handling our fall parties differently than we have in the past. Our intent is to reduce the amount of stress for children and to make the holiday a festive time that celebrates the innocence of childhood.

During the week of October 24-28, participants from Adult Day Center will be visiting the children. They will read holiday books and deliver a gift of pumpkins to the children.

Friday, October 28--Rather than children bringing costumes to school on party day, we are going to have pajama day. Children will be parading the programs of EOC Tech the morning of October 28 in their favorite pajamas. Children will be coming to school dressed in their pajamas that day and stay in their pajamas the entire day. These pajamas can portray, for example, a favorite Disney or storybook character, a seasonal topic, etc. The only requirement is for pajamas to be comfortable as the children will be wearing them all day long. They should not include any additional attachments, such as hats, weapons, etc. Teachers will be providing a variety of fun activities around the topic of "slumber party."

Friday, October 28--On the afternoon of October 28, the Fall Party Committee will be providing the children with a fall party.

Francine Wilson of Francine Wilson's Photography, will be here October 26-27 from 9 to 11 a.m. All children will have their pictures taken, but only those that have been prepaid will be printed and delivered. You must **prepay** for the pictures before October 26. Because Francine will be with us two mornings this year rather than one, we will be assigning children which day they will have their picture made. Be looking for the assigned list as picture time approaches. Francine will also be sending out information as to the price of her packages. Ms. Wilson accepts cash, checks, Master Card, Visa, and Discover. You will find her flyer in your child's cubby. If you wish to pay by credit card, fill out the form and return it to Mrs. Erbin.

To answer some parent questions in advance--If your child will not allow a picture to be taken, your money will be refunded. Photo magnets, additional pictures and other photo products may be ordered directly through Ms. Wilson. The background and props will be "school" related.

## CENTER NEWS

### Community Helpers

Because our two-week window for accreditation validation includes the time frame in which we ordinarily have a representative from the fire academy visit us for Fire Prevention Week, we must postpone that visit until after the violator visits us. Be looking for announcement to be made in the next few weeks.

We anticipate several very informative visitors over the past weeks and in the next few weeks celebrating various careers. Mr. Robert Tye, Tanner and Taylor's Dad, will be visiting us as soon as validation is complete. Mr. Tye is from the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Kalsu, Zoe's Dad, visited us September 30 to discuss his career choice of school principal.

This would be an excellent month for other parents to volunteer to come and discuss their various careers with the children. Please let a teacher know if you would be willing to volunteer your time.



**Fall Parent Meeting**

Again, remember to reserve the evening of October 11 for our first Parent Meeting of the year. Karen Manwell, our Program Coordinator will be explaining the **Developmental Screening Program** and also other services offered by the Oklahoma City/County Health Department. Teachers will be in charge of children at this time. She will also discuss updates we have made to our Parent Handbook.

We want to also encourage you to tour the Center immediately following the Parent Meeting. We hope to give many of you a better idea of what goes on in the day of your child. We will have some art work posted, some typical centers open for display and teachers available to answer questions.

Please make every effort to be with us the evening of October 11. Those attending the parent meeting portion of the event will be eligible for a drawing in which one free Supply Fee (worth \$35) will be given away.

**MRS. MANWELL'S EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION CLASS**

Second year students are preparing and presenting Big Book and puppet activities to their groups over the next few weeks. First year students will be presenting art activities and continuing to work on written assignments dealing with qualities and characteristics of a professional child care worker. This is a hard working, eager bunch. Be sure to ask your children about their student helpers.



**Lock-Down Drill**

We know you are all aware of the various violent intruder situations across the nation. We want to assure you that we do have a plan in place in case we need to "lock down". We routinely participate in "**lock down drill**". The children do a fine job! In the event that you may arrive during one of our drills--either real or proactive--please be aware that we will not be able to release your child to you at that time.

If you should arrive during one of drills, please be aware that there will be a note on the front door alerting you to return to your vehicle until the drill has been completed. We are making every effort to be prepared, but at the same time, not alarm the children unnecessarily. We suggest that you use this same philosophy when speaking with your child about these precautions.

**Latch on Front Gate**

It has come to our attention that the **latch on the front gate** does not always latch closed when families and staff pass through it. It is very important that this gate remain latched--especially while children are on the playground. Please check that the latch closes completely each time you or a member of your family passes through the gate. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. The safety of our children is always our primary concern.

**Cell Phone Usage**

Cell phones should be turned off when entering the Center. Please cooperate with us by not speaking on your phone as you enter or exit the Center. We want to reserve this time for you to connect with your child and his/her teacher.

Photo Page



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