

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

SIGN IN/OUT.... please remember that it is required that parents sign their children in & out. This also includes SAP. After you sign your child in please walk them to their classroom.

CLOTHES...Please return any clothing your child uses from our lost and found. Each child needs a change of clothing in his/her cubby. Please label the clothing with their name.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT...We must have 15 children signed up by Thursday afternoon otherwise PNO will be cancelled. PNO rates are: 1 child \$8.00 per hour, 2 children \$10.00 per hour and 3 children \$12.00 per hour.

TUITION PAYMENTS...Statements are given out only as a reminder. **Tuition payments are due at the beginning of the month.**

WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD...Please let a teacher know that you are picking up your child at the end of their day. We like to see that you have them and are taking them with you.

CELL PHONES...Please complete all cell phone calls before entering the building. It is very distracting to have parents on their cell phones during drop off/pick up time, or during parties, etc. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

FAST DIRECT...The website for fast direct is www.fastdir.com/mpb.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY...Volunteers are needed to help with the Liturgy Of The Word program during mass. If you would be willing to commit to a least one mass per month to lead children in a 30 minute lesson please contact Monica Morin at 720-933-9939.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WED. OCT. 12th
FRI. OCT. 14th
WED. OCT. 26th
THURS. OCT 27th
MON. OCT. 31st

BOOK ORDER DUE
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
CENTER FOR HEARING, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE
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HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTIES

CLASSROOM NEWS

Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I am letting you know that I will be leaving Most Precious Blood Early Learning Center. It has been a wonderful 3 years. If I could I would surely stay here as I feel so blessed to have been in such a loving atmosphere for so long. I am going back to the “corporate” world and my last day will be Thursday, October 6th. Ms. Agnes will be taking over and we have been busy interviewing candidates for room 1. Thank you for all your generous support and kindness.

Love,
Ms. Colleen

ROOM 1

This school year has started out with us making new friends and having lots of fun with them. The second week of school brought about the start of studies. We worked on the letters A, B, and C in September. Next month we will continue learning the alphabet, shapes and colors. We will also be talking about Fire Safety, Fall and Pumpkins. We will be celebrating Halloween on Monday the 31st.

Ms. Colleen, and Ms. Agnes

ROOM 2

Welcome to our classroom. During September, we have been working on the letters A, B, and C; the numbers 0, 1 and 2; the color red and the circle as our shape. Our class schedule is Art on Monday, Cooking on Tuesday, Music & Movement on Wednesday, Religion on Thursday (attending Mass once a month) and Library and Reading Buddies on Friday, alternating between Mrs. Haling’s and Ms. Mathahs’ 2nd grade classes. In October, we will be focusing on the letters D, E and F; the numbers 3 and 4; the color orange and the triangle shape. Our pumpkin patch field trip is planned for Thursday, October 13th and the cost is \$8.00. Please have your child here by 8:30am that day. We will be leaving promptly at 9:30am. We will be covering the fall season, Fire Safety and Halloween this month. We have a great class that works well together and we think it will be a wonderful year!

Ms. Regina and Ms. Cristi

ROOM 3

The beginning of the school year is always an adventure. It’s filled with new friends, new teachers, and new things to learn. We have worked hard on learning the rules so that the classroom will run smoothly and everyone will have fun learning. We have also spent September learning about each other and how to care for one another along with all of the other things that come with going to school.

During September, we have studied the letters A, B, and C, and have done some fun letter themed activities. We've talked about fall, and friends. Ms. Rita is coming next week for religion. We always enjoy these visits and the reading and storytelling. Our field trips will start in a few weeks with a visit to the farm/pumpkin patch.

In October our focus will be on the Circus, Fire Safety, Exercise and Healthy Eating, Halloween, and more on Fall and Harvest. We will be going on field trips to Mile High Farms on the 19th. Don't forget about Mass on the 13th. We are off to a great start and all the kids seem to be settling in and eager to learn. Please feel free to talk to either of us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Ms. Tracee, Ms. Meghan, Ms. Barb and Ms. Charley

ROOM 4

Things are going great in Pre-K.

Our weekly curriculum is based on themes. We have studied "Back to School," Getting to Know Each Other, Families and Grandparents, Safety and Apples. We always try to make the room fun and inviting. Above all we want learning to be an adventure.

Our days have been starting around 8:30-8:45. The children are journaling and learning to write their names. During group we discuss the days of the week, months, seasons, and the year. We are keeping track of the days we've been in school so far. Our goal is "100's day" when we have a big celebration. We also talk about the weather and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Our Father every day. There's always time for a story and a few songs.

We usually do some kind of craft, cooking, science, or math project every day, and do our handwriting program on Wednesdays. Thursdays are typically religion days. We also have a Reading Buddy program with the 3rd graders from the "big school" every Friday.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Grandparent Tea. It's so nice to meet other families and spend time together. The next few months we'll be very busy and will probably fly by. We will be learning about Johnny Appleseed, "Fall," Fire Prevention, the Circus, and Pumpkins. We've planned some really fun/educational field trips that will take us through Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We love getting to know your children. They are wonderful little people.

Ms. Joanne and Ms. Lauren

Kindergarten and SAP

September has been a fun-filled month in after-school! We would like to welcome back all of our old students and send out a heartfelt welcome to all of our new students.

Our after-school schedule has worked out very nicely. We begin each afternoon meeting in the cafeteria and walking over together. We then have snack followed by free time outside or in the gym until 4:30. Please enter

the gym through the second set of double doors located on the Parish Center by the big tree. When we return inside there are a variety of games, books, manipulatives, arts & crafts and time to do homework. Every day we have 20 minutes of quiet time when children do homework, read, or do a quiet activity at the table. We enjoy lots of hands-on activities where we are learning and having fun at the same time! October will be a great month as well. Keep in mind that there will be a half day on Oct. 20th. The school will also be closed on Oct. 21st & 24th. We may be going on field trips on those days, so plan accordingly. Also remember to bring lunches on “half-days” and “no school days”. Thank you for all of your support.

SAP Staff,
Ms. Agnes, Ms. Charley, and Ms. Meghan

DENVER PRESCHOOL PROGRAM/QUALISTAR

Did you know that our Early Learning Center is part of the Denver Preschool Program? The Denver Preschool Program (DPP) is the result of a voter approved initiative to provide tuition credits for parents, and quality improvement grants to preschools. DPP is open and voluntary for all Denver children the year before they are eligible for kindergarten. Tuition credits are awarded to all Denver families regardless of income. If your child is in Pre-K and you have not yet applied please go to www.dpp.org for more information. We look forward to you joining the Denver Preschool Program and the movement of quality early childhood education!

To be a part of the Denver Preschool Program our center will complete a yearlong quality improvement plan, and rating process through Qualistar Early Learning. Our program will be rated in four areas: Learning Environment, Family Partnerships, Training and Education, Adult: Child Ratios/Group Size, and Accreditation. The rating process is very involved, and requires many extra hours of work by the staff. We did very well on our last rating in May 2010. We will continue working on the areas that the Qualistar rater recommended, and will be rated again in May of 2012. Qualistar’s website is www.qualistar.org.

TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET

This year Trick or Treat Street will be held on Monday, October 31st from 8:30a.m. – 11:45a.m. Trick or Treating, games, etc. will begin immediately following the parade. Speaking of the parade... because the parade has gotten so large we are asking all of the parents to hang back at the ELC for some coffee. This will help us navigate through the school in a timely manner. If you would like to volunteer to help with Trick or Treat Street please sign up outside of your child’s classroom. You may also contact any member of our advisory board if you wish to volunteer. Our 2011-2012 board members are Heidi Bath, Melissa Dugan, Patti Dewhurst, and Colleen Quinn.

We also wanted to say a big thank you to all who volunteered to help with our school pictures, and especially Sarah Sydlow and Sheri Knox for their help.

Kellie Peterson
Director MPBELC