

October 2014

October is the month for pumpkins and fall festivals! We had so much fun with your children in September that we can hardly wait to see what new adventures they will experience this month. We look forward to October's "Donuts with Dad" mornings and the "Pumpkin Patch" Festival.

PUMPKIN PATCH—October 22 & 23

Astrid Bonilla, Laurie Howey, and Susanne Huapaya will chair the Pumpkin Patch. Its past success comes from parents who offer their time and donations to the Preschool. The festival is held in the gym with parent volunteers helping with games, story time and a special snack. Each class has an assigned time to participate. Check with your class to confirm your special time. For more information contact:

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DONUTS WITH DAD

Dads, join us Wednesday, October 15, and Friday, October 17, from 8:30-9:00AM for donuts, orange juice and coffee. Check with your class to confirm your special day and time.



Pumpkin Patch Volunteer Meeting

9:05—9:30 AM: Wednesday, Oct 8th OR

Friday, Oct. 10th

(foyer by the gym)

SERVICE PROJECT



The October service project is Shear Blessings ("Blessings in a Backpack"). This organization provides backpacks full of food for needy children in the 3rd Ward of Houston. We are collecting oatmeal (individual microwaveable packets) for the backpacks. Place your donations in the box by the office. Other items needed are—Kraft Macaroni & Cheese, and individual fruit cups. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of children at Blackshear Elementary by providing weekend food! Let's fill that box!

DATES TO REMEMBER



- Oct. 3: Art begins
- Oct. 6,20,27: Praying Parents
- Oct. 6: Tumbling begins
- Oct. 7: 3 yr. old extended day begins
- Oct. 13: SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Oct. 15 & 17: Donuts with Dad
- Oct. 15 & 16: Hearing screening
- Oct. 14,15,16: Chapel
- Oct. 22 & 23: PUMPKIN PATCH

BIBLE VERSE

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

Psalm 42:1

ASP Moth Season

Each year at this time, puss moth caterpillars better known as "asps" fall from the trees to the Pines Playground. We do check for them each morning, but realize we cannot get them all. If you are stung by one of these asps, the antidote may be cellophane tape on the bite site, applying ice, vinegar and an antihistamine. To learn more about these creatures google "puss moth caterpillars: first aid."

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION

Collect those box tops for Pines. We receive 10 cents for every box top—the first deadline is October 27th. Forms are in the hallway office bulletin board.

PRAYING PARENTS

Praying parents will meet on Mondays in room W-14 from 9:05-9:15. Join anytime! Contact Christine Mediamolle (281-974-1956) for more information.

REMINDERS:

- ***There will be a school holiday Monday, October 13th.***
- ***Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and is late after the 5th.*** Checks may be mailed or left in the preschool office. *A \$25.00 late fee per child will be charged if your check is received after the 5th.*
- ***Please remind your children that it is not safe to run on the sidewalks by the Welcome House. Also, thank you for not letting them climb on the fence.***
- If you arrive before 8:55 am, please spend those minutes reading a book from the library with your child (W-12).
- *Please drive slowly as you come in and out of the parking lot. We have many parents getting little ones in and out of the car. The parking lot has many blind spots where children cannot be seen. Thanks you for not using your cell phones while driving in and out of the parking lot.*
- **Proper attire for Pines—tennis shoes and play clothes!**
- Fall parent conferences will be the end of October and first week of November. The teachers will give their assessment of your child's first two months of school and address any concerns you or they may have. We are available to talk with parents whenever there is a need. Arrange for a time when discussion can be relaxed and private.
REMEMBER, at the classroom door is NOT a good time to conference about your child.
- *If you are in need of a church home, Pines Presbyterian holds many opportunities for you and your family. Each Sunday the worship services are held from 9:30-10:30 and 11:00-noon, led by Wayne Eberly, the senior pastor. Children's Sunday School is offered at 9:30. For more information on children's opportunities contact the Director of Children's Ministry, Mary Sterner, at 713-467-2234 or mary@pinespc.org. Mary does the preschool chapel each month!*

Have a great October!

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