

THE BEECHWOOD SCHOOL OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Check for monthly menus, class newsletters, office news, school calendars, weather related closings, school photos and more.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

The children will celebrate Halloween in their costumes on Thursday, Oct. 31. Each class will have a "Halloween Party" on that day. If Wednesday is not your child's usual day to attend school, he or she is invited to attend the party in his/her classroom from 9am until 11:15 am.

*Weather permitting, the children will **parade** in costume around the building and through the parking lot at approx. **9:20 am.***

Parents are welcome to stay to watch the parade. You may line up on Beechwood Ave in front of the school and along the perimeter of the parking lot. (no cars will be permitted in lot after 9:05am)

Please follow the guidelines below. Your cooperation will help your child's class party run smoothly, so that everyone will enjoy themselves!

1. Please send a **labeled** brown bag to school so that we can bag your child's costume.
2. Please **label** every part of your child's costume.
3. Children arriving at school before 8:15AM may bring their costume in their labeled brown bag.
4. Children arriving after 8:15AM are asked to arrive dressed in costume.
5. All face makeup must be applied at home.
6. Parents who attend the parade with children in classes 1, 2, or 3, please take costumes home after parade. Thank You.

Staff do their best to keep belongings together, however, Beechwood cannot be responsible for costumes or clothing.



OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Remember to check batteries.

OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 17

Beechwood is accepting new registrations for our upcoming 2020 -2021 school year. Please contact friends or family that may be interested in touring Beechwood to visit for next year's program.

Our Open House will be from 9:30am until 11:00am on Thursday, October 17, 2018!



RECYCLE OLD MARKERS

A bin is next to the sign in podium

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Thurs. Oct. 10	Haddonfield Fire Company Open House - 6:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 17	Prospective Family Open House 9:30 am -11 am
Thurs. Oct. 31	9:20 am (Weather Permitting) Halloween Parade
Nov. 1 - 3	Return UNICEF boxes to kindergarten
Nov. 19 & 20	Individual Student Pictures



FALL FESTIVAL

Thank you to all of our families and staff for supporting our Fall Festival. We enjoyed a beautiful day! Be sure to notice the pictures on the upper hall wall. We will keep you posted on the amount raised for Project Linus.

4:45 AFTERNOON PICK-UP LINE

Thank you to parents for your cooperation with our afternoon pickup procedures at 4:45pm Monday – Thursday & 4:30pm on Friday.

This is when students with morning classes in the lower level are organized and brought downstairs to pick up their belongings from their cubbies and hooks. Over the years we have found this to be helpful at the end of the day because many parents are trying to get to another school for pickup or get to another activity.

If you arrive once the pickup line is organized and heading downstairs, please wait in Room B. All children will return to that room. It is very difficult for staff to account for the children when they are pulled out of line downstairs or in the hall.

We appreciate your help and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

HEALTHY SNACKS

Please review & keep handy the attached sheet with ideas for appropriate class snacks to send to school when the occasion arises. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND PICKUP PROCEDURES

As a courtesy to students scheduled to be in "rest time" and to teachers scheduled to leave by 1PM, we would appreciate parents picking up their children at 1PM dismissal to do so promptly. We ask the same of our 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM parents.

1pm pickups please only play in the second yard.

Also for those families that choose to play in the yards after 1pm or late afternoon dismissal, we ask that your **children follow "school rules"** while playing, example... slide on bottom...no climbing up the slide, or on the fence or trees, no climbing on the roofs of the fire engine or play houses.

Finally, when classes are on the playground at pick-up times older and younger siblings are not permitted in the yard. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers will post sign-up sheets at least 2 weeks before their conference weeks.

Week of Nov. 4 Mrs. Bier & Mrs. Rutkowski
Week of Nov. 11 Mrs. Dee & Mrs. Angevine
Week of Nov.18 Mrs. Reali & Ms. Tanya
Week of Dec. 2 Ms. Sloma

RE-REGISTRATIONS FOR 2020

Kindergarten – Applications for current Beechwood students will be available beginning October 15 and will be accepted *until* November 12. Notification of acceptance will be given by December 18 after kindergarten screening conducted by Marge McElroy. Interested families are encouraged to visit our kindergarten or make an appointment to speak with Marge or Sue.

Preschool & Prekindergarten – Forms will be mailed to your homes in late October and will be due back by November 12. Register for the most you may want. In February, schedule confirmations will be mailed providing families an opportunity to lessen or tweak their schedule.

Siblings – Registrations are ready for new students. Our families with a sibling who will be 2 years/ 6mos. or older by September 2020 may register now. Forms are in the office.



PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY & SAFELY

EXTRA HOURS

Below are the openings available if extra time is needed. These are offered for "occasional use." Payment is due the day your child stays. A service fee will be added if a bill is required. If you have a regular need, a change in your child's registration will be discussed.

At this time, **lunches and afternoons are available on Friday only.**

The fee is \$18 (11:30 - 1 w/ lunch) and \$8 per hour 1pm – 5:30pm. Payment is due the day the hours are incurred. Thank you.



The kindergarten class is collecting money for the poor children around the world. If you would like to participate please take a UNICEF box from the front hall. After Halloween bring your boxes to the kindergarten room and the students will count it and send it to the UNICEF office.

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD REGULARLY

This is the time of year that lice are present and head checks have been done in our classes. Infestation of head lice are highly contagious and can cause intense itching. In order to keep this problem under control, heads are checked by our school staff. Seek medical attention if you suspect that your child may have lice. Please notify the school immediately, so that appropriate control measures can be taken.

NOTIFICATION/MINOR HEAD INJURIES

It is required by NJ State Licensing to notify parents in a timely manner if a child sustains a head or facial injury, including when a child bumps his or her head.

It is Beechwood's policy to write ouch notes for all injuries and to personally contact a parent by phone for any injury that we are concerned about or feel may need further medical attention anywhere on the body. Also all injuries are logged in the office.

Children run and fall, bump into each other and stationery objects, etc. *A staff member will email you to report any minor bumps and bruises above the shoulders.* We feel phoning you to mention "normal childhood bumps and bruises" would be unnecessarily alarming and disruptive for you. Your child will also have an ouch note in his/her cubby.

Again, please be assured, you will be personally contacted for any concerning injuries. Thank You.

SNACKS

Beechwood School encourages parents to bring healthy snacks for their child's special treat days or birthday celebrations. It is best to keep the snacks simple and able to be easily served in individual portions. Always remember to send in nut free treats only. Students with severe or multiple food allergies are requested to have their own special snacks kept in their classroom.

Instead of a sweet, some families may wish to send in non-edible treats, such as pencils, etc. for their child's birthday. Check foodallergy.org for more ideas.

Finally, it is always best to check with your child's teacher beforehand to find out about any particular food requirements for that class.

Most classes accept spontaneous special snacks, especially fruit & vegetables, for the entire class. If another snack is planned for that day, your donation may be saved for another day.

On the internet there are many creative, healthy snack ideas. Please do not feel limited to the suggestions offered below.

- Sliced vegetables plain or with dips, such as hummus or ranch dressing
- Sliced Fruit (grapes must be halved) plain or with whip cream, chocolate sauce, etc.
- **Wegmans Brand School Safe Treats** found boxed in bakery isle.
- Cookies – vanilla wafers, Original Oreos. If homemade – inform teacher of ingredients
- Single Serves – applesauce, pudding, etc.
- Half of a bagel
- Mini muffins or mini cupcakes
- Philly pretzels – not nuggets
- Pretzel sticks – can be dipped in chocolate, etc.
- Items below can be served on napkins or made festive by serving in small decorative paper cups or cupcake wrapper
 - Soft popcorn – for decoration top with sprinkles
 - Homemade party or trail mix
 - Cereal - multigrain cheerios are tasty
 - Raisins
 - Goldfish