



Breezy Knoll Child Care Center  
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October 2018 Newsletter

### Important Dates:

- 10/2 Fire Department Visit 9:00  
10/8 Columbus Day **BKCCC CLOSED**  
10/9 Sing a Sign \$5.00  
**(Preschool & Pre-K only)**  
10/12 Apple Picking Field Trip  
Make-Up 9:15 (new permission  
slips were sent home)  
10/17 Parent Teacher Night 5:30-6:30  
10/23 Sing a Sign \$5.00  
**(Preschool & Pre-K only)**  
10/24 Happy 30th Birthday, BKCCC!  
10/24 Pumpkin Picking Field Trip to  
Jaswell's Farm Cost \$17

### **\*\*Pre-K & Enhanced Pre-K ONLY\*\***

If your child does not attend on this day they may come on the field trip if they have a chaperone. Permission slips will be sent home soon.

### Parent-Teacher Night

On Wednesday, October 17th, Breezy Knoll will host a Parent/Teacher Night from 5:30-6:30 pm. Parents will be greeted at the door and directed to their child's classroom. The teachers will display curriculum activities and will be available for any questions. Because of time constraints, we ask that you kindly limit conversations to about five minutes. If you need more time, please schedule an appointment for a personal conference. As always, this evening is planned for adults only.

### Toddler News

During the month of October the toddlers will meet the Smithfield Fire Fighters and Sparky the Fire Safety Dog!

Main focuses: Getting into their daily routine. Learning finger plays and songs during circle time. They will be working on colors (watching the leaves change). Alyssa and Hailie are also working on yoga poses with the toddler group!

### Transitional Toddler News

Transitional Toddlers will be talking about autumn, pumpkins and Halloween. They will be focusing on the letter B, the color orange, the number 2 and triangle for their shape.

October is also fire safety month. They will be learning about fire safety and the special roles fire fighters play in our communities!

At the end of the month the transitional toddlers will have a Halloween celebration! Details to follow.

### Young Preschool News

Miss Laura's preschool group will continue to work on developing and building self help skills. Children will be encouraged to find items found in nature and bring them into their classroom throughout the fall season. They will begin to practice AB patterns. Also they will discuss the similarities and differences in the people and environment around them. Lastly, they will learn about seasons and the change of their outdoor surroundings and the different types of weather that they will start to encounter.



We celebrate our 30th year on  
October 24!

*Happy 30th Birthday Breezy Knoll!*

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### **Honeybee News (Preschool)**

The Honeybee group will be exploring Science this month. Also, they will be discussing the weather changes, exploring pumpkins and gourds. Jamie and Michaela will be working with the children on socialization and learning independence and self help skills.

### **Did you Know...**

At Breezy Knoll, we align our curriculum, learning centers, and assessments with **RIELDS (Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards)**. If you haven't already done so, please visit their website at <http://rields.com/> and get familiar with each developmental domain. This is a great way to see what your child's next developmental steps are in each domain. If you would like to borrow a hard copy of RIELDS please see Julia.

We have a tentative return date for our dear friend and co-worker Miss Sharon. She will be returning on October 15th. So if you see her please give her a warm welcome back to Breezy Knoll!

### **Pre-K & Enhanced Pre-K News**

Throughout the month of October, the Pre-K groups will be exploring the season of Fall. They will incorporate leaves and pumpkins into their curriculum. Also, the Pre-K groups will learn about fire safety.

Both groups will talk about the changes in temperature and at the end of the month they will have fun with some Halloween activities! During that time the Pre-K classes will be looking for a donation of 1 large pumpkin to carve in their classes. **Reminders:** Please get field trip permission slips back to Gina, Pam & Patrice.

### **Enhanced Pre-K sight words:**

yes, no, I, am, will, the

### **Reminder**

Please send in a jacket or sweatshirt (LABELED with your child's name) each day for your child to wear in the morning to play outdoors. The afternoons are warm, but the mornings are very cool.

### **Sing a Sign**

Deb Fontaine will be coming back to Breezy Knoll on Tuesdays every other week to teach the Preschool and the Pre-k classes Sign Language. The cost for each class is \$5.00. This will start on 10/9.

Sing a Sign is a Sign Language Program for hearing children which is taught through songs, games, rhymes and fun! The children are taught the sign language alphabet, animals, family members, colors, simple sentences, finger spelling, introductions, their names and more.

There are many benefits of a hearing child learning sign language; memory, brain growth and development, stimulates formation of brain synapses, benefits ADD and dyslexic children, early spelling, reading, focus and concentration... and its fun!

Each class the children will take home a paper with the new sign they've learned. They also will review previous signs they've learned during class in addition to our new sign through songs, games, rhyme and fun.

