

October 2018 Newsletter

School Age Child Care

We are very pleased with how well the first few weeks of school have gone! The children certainly seem to be enjoying their time here at A Child's Place.

Things to Know!

- **Don't forget that A Child's Place will be closed on Monday, October 8th in observance of Columbus Day.**
- On **Thursday, October 11th**, Drew Blue Shoes will be here at 4:30 for the SACC students.
- On **Saturday, October 20th**, the Senior Center is hosting a "Mega Bazaar" in the building. If you have a moment, stop by and take a look. It is a good opportunity to buy some holiday gifts and knick-knacks for the home! A flyer is attached with more information.
- On **Wednesday, October 24th** and **Thursday, October 25th**, Usborne books will have a book fair in our lobby. On Wednesday, the book fair will be in the afternoon only, but on Thursday, it will be available during the morning drop-off as well as during the afternoon pick-up times! A portion of all sales will go toward purchasing new books for the center.

- On **Wednesday, October 31st**, we will be having a party to celebrate Halloween. The children may bring a simple costume to change into. Once again this year, we ask that parents refrain from sending masks as they impair vision and could cause a child to fall and become injured. Also, the children are not permitted to bring accessories such as toy guns or toy knives with their costumes. We will be posting sign-up sheets on October 19th for you to sign up to bring something. We ask that each family try to contribute something and please remember, we need the ingredient list on everything to double check for food allergies.



General Reminders

Our homework room is available for the students each afternoon Mondays - Thursdays at 4:30 pm. Please let us know if you would like us to encourage your child to do their homework. Keep in mind that we do not check to see if they have homework nor do we force them to go into the homework room. In addition, if your child does use the homework room, please remind them of the etiquette expected in there, which is to quietly do their homework and not to socialize with other students.

We would like to remind parents that they must sign their child in and out of the center every single day. Also, please remember to check your child's cubby daily for important information. Every SACC child has a cubby in the main SACC room, Room 3. Ask any of the counselors if you need assistance.



It is very important that parents inform the office by 2:30 pm each day if their child will not be on the bus in the afternoon. This is especially important if your child has been picked up early from school. When the buses arrive, attendance is taken immediately. If your child is not on the

bus and we have not received a message stating that your child will be absent, we will call parents to inform them. Thank you for your attention to this matter!



The information that we have on file for each child must be kept updated. All changes in address or telephone numbers for parents should be reported to Jill or Amy immediately. If the names or numbers of your emergency contacts have changed, we also need to know. Please stop in the office if you would like to review the information we have or if you need to change some important information. You can email changes at any time to the office.

We ask that personal electronics not be used at the center. A Child's Place is not responsible for lost or stolen items. If your child brings one of these devices to school, he or she will be asked to place it in his or her book bag when they arrive. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



UPCOMING!

On **Monday, November 5th** and **Tuesday, November 6th**, Fairfax County Schools will be closed for the Teacher Workdays. A Child's Place offers full-day activities for our SACC children; however, there is a charge of \$25.00 per day (in addition to your weekly tuition) assessed to your account.

We will have sign up sheets for these days posted in the SACC room on October 24th with details about the activities for each day.

On **Tuesday, November 6th**, Southern Smiles Photography will be here to take holiday photos of the children. More information to come! Sign up sheets will be put up in Room 3 for parents to notify us if you would like your child's photo taken. If you would like to reserve a time to have family portraits taken or to have sibling photos taken together, please email the office at acphollinh@aol.com. There is never any obligation to purchase any photos once they arrive if you do not like the outcome. Also, you will be able to order holiday cards and other photo items once you view the portraits.

Thank you and have a great month!!

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