



# Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

## Field Trip

We will be going to Goebbert's Pumpkin

Farm and Market (on Higgins Road in South Barrington), on **Wednesday, October 19th, from 9:00-12:30 (lunch is not part of the trip)**. Permission forms will be placed in your child's folder on October 3rd or can be found on our web site. We have reserved 3 school buses so there should be plenty of room for all children and most, if not all, chaperones who wish to join us. Please return permission forms by Friday, October 14th. Extra forms are available in the hallway by the school offices or look on line at [messiahchild-care.com](http://messiahchild-care.com).



## Halloween-

As we near Halloween, we will be sending home details about how each class plans to celebrate. Please watch for these notices as they will contain dates, times, and costume and snack information specific to your child's class. As a general rule, at Messiah, we stress to the children that Halloween is a fun occasion where we can dress up and pretend to be something or someone else for a day. At our school, it is not an occasion to scare or act out violence towards others. Consequently, and in the interest of safety, we ask that no masks be sent to school (face paint is fine) and of course, no weapons.

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### Dates of interest:

- Tuesday, October 4th, Wednesday, October 5th, and Tuesday, October 18th-Vision and Hearing screening and re-screening
- Friday, October 7th-Manna orders due
- Week of October 17th-Halloween Rotation Week
- Week of October 17th-Popcorn and cookie tasting party
- Wednesday, October 19th 9:00am-12:30pm-Field Trip to Goebberts Pumpkin Farm
- Friday, October 28th-Cookie Dough and Popcorn orders due

## Manna Fund Raiser

We are very happy to be able to offer the Manna program to our Messiah families. It's actually a fund raiser for our school which costs the supporting families nothing above the cost of the face value of the gift cards!! (How much better can it get??) Each month you are invited to purchase gift cards that can be used as gifts (think Christmas...) or your personal shopping for gifts (Target, Macy's, Carsons) or for your family's regular monthly use (particularly groceries, pharmacies, retail and gasoline) or entertainment (restaurants, movies). You do not pay any premium over the price of the card and cards are delivered to you within one week after orders are due. Try it out!! It's easy to use and can have great benefits for both you and Messiah Child Care. Thank you!!

**Peanut-Free!!**

This, year, we have several children enrolled at our school who have severe, life-threatening, allergic reactions to peanuts and other nuts.

We are asking all families to be alert to this. Please do not send any foods or snacks to our school that contain nuts, peanuts, peanut butter or peanut oil. If you are interested in sending any snacks to school., please check the ingredients on packaging to ensure that there are **NO PEANUTS OR PEANUT OIL** used in the snack. Additionally, all classroom snacks **MUST** be store-bought. We cannot served any home baked treats. We sincerely appreciate your awareness and cooperation.

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## Happy Birthday

### October

- 1 Ignacy K. 4 years old
- 2 Christopher H. 4 years old
- 2 Miss Ro
- 4 Hanna P.-6 years old
- 5 Caitlin V.-5 years old
- 6 Kamila K.-5 years old
- 8 Anthony D.-4 years old
- 8 Tommy Z. 3 years old
- 11 Christina P.-5 years old
- 13 Grace C.- 4 years old
- 16 Elizabeth A.-4 years old
- 18 Edgar B.-4 years old
- 19 Jaden C.-4 years old
- 20 Jisoo C.-4 years old
- 22 Julia M.-3 years old
- 28 Ananya P.-3 years old
- 29 Anthony M.-4 years old
- 30 Avery L.-4 years old

## Thank you-

We will be looking for volunteers to

help with next spring's Family Fun Fair. We will need a lot of help, starting in January 2012, as we enter the phase of collecting items for our Silent Auction. Please see Karen if you will be able to help with organizing our **May 19th (2012) Fun Fair**.

Thanks for your support of our fall fundraisers-Manna gift cards, Entertainment books, cookie dough and popcorn sales, and the escrip project, Box Tops for Education and empty ink cartridge and cell phone recycling.

Special thanks for your continued support of our school. We truly appreciate your kind words and generous spirits. We are glad that you and your child(ren) are a part of Messiah.

## Cookie Dough and Popcorn

During the month of October, you will receive a packet of information and order forms for Savory Foods Gourmet. This is a fund raising project that we will be doing **only twice** this school year, November and next March. Order forms will be due back to school by Friday, October 28th and cookie dough and popcorn will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, November 16th.

This is a delicious and easy fund raiser that we have done at Messiah for the past six years. The cookie dough is packaged in one pound containers that can be refrigerated for a week or frozen for longer. The brochure is self-explanatory but we would like to extend the following consideration: Since the cookie dough freezes well and you certainly don't want to run out, be sure to order what you might need for the upcoming holidays and all those 'long cold winter nights'.

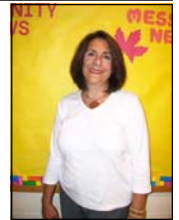


The popcorn is packaged in ready-to-eat containers and is available in three delicious flavors. We will have some cookie and popcorn samples available during the week of October 17th so that you and your children can try out some of the varieties.



## Miss Pat's Dance Express Class

There are no more openings in Miss Pat's Dance Express. If you are interested placing your child on a wait list, there are forms on the shelving outside of the CCC offices, or see a teacher. No tuition would be due until a spot opened up for your child.



## Ongoing Fund Raisers

We are always collecting General Mills Bonus Box Tops for Education in the pink box next to the first floor boy's bathroom. Please drop your Box Tops in there at any time.

Cartridge and Cell phone Recycling-We are participating in an educational and environmental partnership program that is also a fundraiser for our school. Empty Laser and Ink Jet cartridges in addition to cell phones, can be recycled and our school will earn money for each one that we collect. A recycle bin is located in the hallway, near the first floor washrooms. Please deposit your recyclables in the bin.

Thank you for all of your assistance. Our fund raisers help provide all the 'extras' that we can offer our children.

## Autumn/Halloween Rotation Week

During the week of October 17th, our classes will be rotating to different classrooms to celebrate the Autumn and Halloween seasons. The children will begin and end their morning class in their regular classroom. Between 9:15 and 11:15, the lead teachers will remain in their classrooms while the children rotate to a different room with the assistant teachers. Check your child's October classroom calendar to see where your class will visit. We LOVE rotation week!!

Messiah's web site:  
[messiahchildcare.com](http://messiahchildcare.com)

**Prizes!!** ★

**Mark your Calendar!!**

**Plan to attend-Tell Your Friends!!** ★

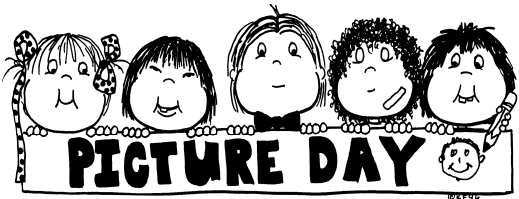
**Messiah's Eighth Family Fun Fair**

**Saturday, May 19th**

**11:00am-2:00pm**

**Great-Food!!** ★

**Fun for All !!**



Class Pictures will be taken on Monday, October 24th and Tuesday, October 25th. Photo order envelopes will be placed in each student's hallway file and should be returned to school before picture day (by Friday, October 21st please). If your child does not regularly attend school on the day of the photos, or even if you are not interested in purchasing any individual photos of your child, we would ask that your child still take part in the class photo so that he/she is included in the group.

**Photo days and group photo times will be:**

**Monday, October 24th:**

- 9:30am-Pre K-1 down-Miss Janelle's class
- 9:50am-Pre K-1 down-Miss Ro's class
- 10:20am-Pre K-2 up- Miss Suzanne's class
- 10:40am-Pre K-2 up-Miss Cindy's class

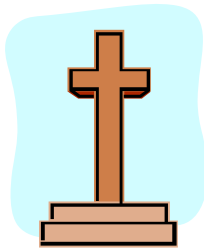
**Tuesday, October 25th:**

- 9:10am-Pre K-2 down-Miss Laurie's class
- 9:50am-Pre K-1 up Miss Suzanne's
- 10:20 Pre K-1 Y-3's-Miss Cindy's class
- 10:50am-Pre K-3- Miss Cristina's class
- 11:10am-Kindergarten-Miss Terri's class

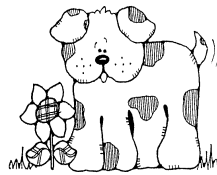
**Messiah Spaghetti Dinner**

You are invited to join us for Messiah Lutheran Church's annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, October 22** from 4:30-7:30pm. The cost is only \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 10 years old.

And of course, Messiah Lutheran Church always welcomes you to our Sunday worship!! Join us for the education hour (children and adults) at 9:00am and for the worship service at 10:15am. Everyone is welcome. Everyone is invited!!



**Pet Blessing-**



Pastor Mark Wiberg will be offering a Pet Blessing on the church's lawn (near the school's playground) at 1:00pm on Saturday, October 1st. All pets and their owners are invited to attend.



**Class Openings-**

We currently have openings for 3 year old children, on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Pre K-1 and for 4 year old children on MWF or 5 days. There is also a full time (5 days/ full day) opening for a 3 year old. We have openings in our current (T/Th) and our January (M/W) Younger 3's class (for children who turn three after September 1st. We can, also, extend any currently enrolled child's contract until 1:30 (through lunch) or for the full day. See Cathy or Karen if you know someone who is interested in any of our openings.



Do you have unused/unneeded Halloween costumes around your home? Are you looking for a costume for Halloween?

Perhaps our Halloween Costume Fund Raiser can help you with both.

If you have any (clean, wearable) costumes that you would be able to donate to our fund raiser, please bring them to our school office. We will hang them, along with their wands, hats, tiaras, etc., on the hallway rack near the school offices.

If you wish to purchase a costume, stop in the office and make a \$5-\$10 donation for the entire outfit and enjoy!!

**Zumba classes at Messiah-**

**Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm**

**Duvia Vivas -Zumba instructor**



**ZUMBA**

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health.

Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they are getting fit and their energy levels are soaring!!

Join now by calling Miss Duvia at 773.350.4120 or emailing her at [duvia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duvia@sbcglobal.net)

Classes are \$10@ and your first class is FREE!! Come and see what it's all about.

## Upcoming conferences-

Each classroom will be holding parent-teacher conferences during the upcoming months. Sign-up sheets will be available next to the classroom doors about a week or two before the conference dates.



<p><u>Scheduled conference dates are:</u>  <b>Thursday, October 6th and</b>  <b>Friday, October 7th</b>          -Pre K-1 down/Miss Ro</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 21st</b>          -Pre K-2 up/ Miss Cindy</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 11th</b>          -Pre K-1 upT,Th/Miss Suzanne</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 26th</b>          -Kindergarten/Miss Terri</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 12th</b>          -Pre K-2 up M,W,F/Miss Suzanne</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 1st and</b>  <b>Wednesday, November 2nd</b>          Pre K-1 down/Miss Janelle</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 13th</b>          -Pre K-1 Younger 3's /Miss Cindy</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 3rd and</b>  <b>Friday, November 4th</b>          - Pre K-2 down/Miss Laurie</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 14th</b>          Pre K-3/Miss Cristina</p>	

## Entertainment Books

Once again, we are

selling Entertainment Books. The Entertainment 2012 books are packed with money-saving coupons for dining out (the books include a large fine dining section as well as many family oriented restaurants), travel, entertainment (movie tickets as low as \$5.50@), shopping (over 250 shopping coupons) and much more.

Some of the benefits of purchasing and registering your Entertainment book are added online specials and 50% off discount coupons. Entertainment books will be available through the end of the calendar year and are available in Karen's office for only **\$25 each**. Books are available for cities throughout the United States in addition to the Chicagoland area. **The coupons are good to use immediately!!**

Again, sincere thanks to everyone who has helped us by purchasing books, selling books or donating money to our fund raiser.

## Our door locks and intercoms

The school's door locks are

computer managed and are opened by using a keypad code or by using the school's intercom/buzzer system. Door codes have been given to child care families for use during their child's contracted drop off and pick up hours ie; if your child's contracted hours are 9-11:30, your key pad code will be operational from 8:50-9:15am and 11:20-11:35am. At all other times of the day, your code will NOT work and you will need to use the intercom to be buzzed in by a staff member. When we have special events at our school (particularly when we use the church's basement), a special keypad code will be operational during the hours of the event and will only be given to child care families participating in the event. By using this new system, we will no longer need to leave the school doors unlocked at any time during the day. We, of course, must insist that you do not share your keypad # with others.

If you enter an incorrect key pad code, you must wait for about 10 seconds before retrying, or press the \* to reset. In the interest of maintaining the life of our system, please do not allow the children to use the key pads or hang on the door handles. If you have any questions, see Karen.

## Miscellaneous Reminders-

-If you wish to take out a book, from our hallway parent library, **please remember** to fill out the 'library card' found at the back of all books. There is

- a small box on top of the shelving for the cards.
- A **change of clothing** (including underwear and socks) on your child's hook will help immensely in the event your child has the need for dry clothing. Please remember to check the clothing for sizing and seasonal changes.
- With our parking lots being very crowded at drop off and pick up times, we want to stress that parents keep a firm hand on their child(ren) when walking to the car. Please be alert to cars that are pulling in or out of parking spaces.
- If you and your child(ren) are using the school playground at the 1:30 pick up time, please be reminded that our full day children are napping in the room adjacent to the playground. If children can play without screaming or by staying off the staircase, our sleepers would appreciate it.

## Readings from Rita

**#85 1-2-3 Magic Effective Discipline for Children by Thomas Phelan**

A straight forward approach to discipline. This popular method combines simple techniques to get your child to stop badgering, negotiating, whining, etc... A best selling book and video.

# Drop off and Pick up Times-Please stay within your Contracted Hours!!!

**Lots of rules, but very important!!! Please read!!!**

**All parents:** Please, be on time when dropping off and picking up your child. Our teacher's hours are scheduled in accordance with state regulations regarding student/staff ratios. The hours for our staff are based on the contracted hours you have made with us. If you find that you need to drop your child off before your contracted hours or pick him/her up after those hours, please see Karen about extending your child's contracted time. This is particularly important if your child's hours are 9-11:30!

**9am contracted parents:** Your outdoor door code is scheduled to begin operating at about 8:50/8:52. Please arrive at a time when your code will be operating. Children who are contracted to begin class at 9am, should not enter the classroom before 8:55. The staff is using that time preparing the classroom for the day as well as supervising the children who are contracted to arrive before 9am.

**11:30am contracted parents:** To avoid overcrowding and confusion, **we ask that 11:30 children and parents do not linger on the playground beyond their 11:30 contract.** We can usually extend hours on a contracted basis or on an occasional special need basis, if you notify us ahead of time. Please pick up your child's supplies, coats, items from their files, etc. in the school hallway at 11:25 and then pick up your child at 11:30.

If your child is in the classroom at pick up time, the teachers will dismiss your child to you. Please do not use the playground after 11:30 if your child's contracted hours end at 11:30-our playground is very busy and our staff need to be able to watch the children who are contracted after 11:30 and to dismiss them appropriately to their pick up people.

**Noon contracted parents:** Noon pick-up children will be brought indoors to their classrooms by 11:55 each day. 12:00 parents are asked to pick up their children before noon (11:58 or 11:59 rather than 12:01 or 12:02) as all of our teachers are needed to help with lunch at 12 sharp. We ask that you move out of the first floor hallway near the classrooms/lunchrooms/bathroom when we are trying to get the lunch children to the bathrooms and to the lunchrooms. If you wish to meet with other parents, feel free to move, with your children, down the hallway near the exit doors, (or outdoors) and stay as long as you wish.

If your 12:00 child is still here after noon, he/she will be brought to one of the school's offices until a parent arrives to pick up and is subject to a late pick up charge. Our hope is to make the parking lots and playground less congested at any one time, to assist in making pick-up easier for the parents and to allow our teachers the needed time to care for all of the children.

**Dance Parents-**Please pick up all of your child's hallway supplies before picking them up at the dance room door at noon. This will help eliminate the hallway crowding near the first floor bathrooms as we are trying to get the children ready for lunch at 12:00.

**SAFETY WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILD-**When the children are outdoors (most of the morning from 9:20-11:55am and in the afternoon from 2:45-4:30pm), we close the driveway gate blocking our parking lot from cars.

If you pick up your child while we are outdoors, we ask that you **DO NOT** use the driveway for parking, but use the parking lot to the north of the church (near our sandbox). We teach the children to wait with their feet on the grass until a parent comes to them and to never run to the parking lot to meet a parent. Please do not have your children run between your car and the playground once you have picked them up. Because of the large number of cars, we ask that you keep your child with you at all times in the parking lot. Please remember to always turn off your car's engine when dropping off or picking up.

**Please, always inform a teacher** if someone new will be picking up your child on any particular day. Please write down the pick-up person's name, the time we should expect that person to arrive and who we should call if there are any 'miscommunications'. We will always ask for identification, until we recognize the adult. Please, do not send a child to pick up your child. If you will be carpooling with other parents, please be sure that all of the other parents are listed on your child's pick up list.

Of course we **ALWAYS** want you to drive safely, but in particular, we ask that you slow down in our school's parking lots and in the streets around Messiah (we've had neighborhood feedback) where there are many adults, children and adults with children walking in the streets (there are no sidewalks on Vernon Avenue). We thank you for your attention to our Messiah children's safety and consideration for our neighbors (plus, we don't want anyone getting a speeding ticket either!!).

**Thank you, sooooo much, for your cooperation and understanding.**



# October

National Cookie Month  
National Popcorn Poppin' Month

Spread cream cheese on rice cakes. Make faces with raisins.

Pretend to be a dog, barking and performing tricks.

Read a favorite dinosaur book.



Tell about something you did well today.

Sing "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain."

Find rough and smooth surfaces to touch.

## Fire Prevention Week Begins

Practice getting out of your home in case of fire.

Put on your adventurers' caps and explore a new place.

Help your child spell his or her name with alphabet cereal.

Talk about the animals in your neighborhood.

Find orange fruits and vegetables at the grocery store.

Play a game with your child.



Create an obstacle course with boxes.

Share and count hugs.

Snack on popcorn.



## World Food Day

Place an item in the food-bank bin at your supermarket.

Fingerpaint with orange paint.

Stretch like cats.

Close your eyes and listen. What do you hear?

Make a batch of cookies to share with friends.

Think of ways to save electricity.

Tell a story about your favorite toy.

Think of things you could use for a scarecrow's hat.

## United Nations Day

"Visit" other countries by looking at travel books or videos.

Sing a favorite song fast, then slow.

Paint a silly face on a pumpkin.



Read stories to stuffed "read" a story to a stuffed animal.

Find all the clocks in your home.

Make orange and black paper chains.

Make a funny costume with tape and newspaper.

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