

Middleburg Early Education Center

All School Newsletter October, 2011

Family Rosters will soon be available in the school office. One per family, please.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! Wear your MEEC t-shirt or sweatshirt on Wednesday, October 5 and show your school spirit! Don't have a shirt or sweatshirt? Order one now for the November Spirit Day, TBA. All orders are due in the school office by Monday, October 10.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? www.meec.us. There you will find newsletters, field trip information and forms, the school calendar and lots of other good stuff. It's also an easy way to find out if MEEC is closed due to bad weather – we post it on the home page.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS: Campus Photo Studio will take pictures on Wednesday, Oct. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 20. There will be individual and class pictures. If your child does not have class on Wednesday or Thursday, you may come for pictures on one of those days.

FIELD TRIP: Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 for an all school field trip to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad at Rockside Road in Independence. We will ride the train with a Ranger who will present the program "All Aboard for Animals" featuring hands-on learning about local animals. The cost is \$6.00 per child; one adult per child is free. Additional adults are \$8.00 each. Bring a brown bag lunch for you and your child. A parent or caregiver must attend with their child.

It's Not Too Early to think about Holiday Decorations: Bethel Lutheran Church's Youth Group is selling holiday greens. See the flyer on the Parent Board. Place your order in the school office by October 23. Greens will be delivered at the end of November.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Most parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4 and Tuesday, Nov. 8. There will be no classes on those days. MEEC staff members will provide childcare in the large classroom on conference days for your children while you attend conferences. We look forward to conferences that will benefit parents, children and staff. Please be prepared with questions and concerns that you would like to discuss.

SpotLight On Ms. Grayce Dolesh: Ms. Grayce uses a multi-sensory approach to learning which uses music, movement and sign language. Her exercises develop and strengthen the hands to help prepare for proper pencil grip and handwriting skills. The movement activities also improve timing, beat and rhythm, all of which help with reading skills. Gross motor skills of balance, motor planning and bilateral, unilateral and cross lateral exercises are used. All of these work together to improve self esteem and academic learning. And you thought we were just having fun!

Wish List Update:

Thanks to the Zumwalt Family for donating Wish List items!

New Wish List items:

“C” Batteries

“D” Batteries

New Baby Dolls

3 Kitchen Timers – NOT digital

Thank you for keeping your child home from school if they are sick. Fevers should be gone for 24 hours before a child returns to school. We have some medically fragile children, and we want to keep everyone, children and staff both, as healthy as possible!

BOLO (that's - be on the lookout!) We would like to replace the play house on our playground. If you know of someone getting rid of a gently used Little Tykes, Step 2 or similar house, we'd love to have it!

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. MEEC Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, October 10 T-shirt orders due

Wed. and Thur., Oct. 19 - 20 School Picture Days

Wednesday, November 2 All School Field Trip Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Friday, November 4 Parent Conferences, no classes

Tuesday, November 8 Parent Conferences, no classes

November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Recent Donors to MEEC:

Susan Van Staaten

Bethel Members

United Methodist Church of Brook Park

Women's Group

Laura Brown