

Pembroke Kids

Child Development Center, Inc.

September 2009 Newsletter

It's going to be a wonderful year! We're off to a great start, and hope that our orientation days helped ease the transition from home to school. We're so thankful you've chosen to be a part of Pembroke Kids!

IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES

Picture Days: Tuesday, September 22nd, Wednesday, September 23rd, and Friday, September 25th.

Your child will be photographed on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday if they attend school one of those days. If your child does not attend one of those three days we will have sign up sheets available for specific times on one of the three days. We will also accommodate families that would like to have siblings photographed together. There is no obligation to purchase photos. Watch for more details.

Pot Luck Dinner: Okay, we've all pretty much settled into our routines. Now let's take time to get to know one another better! Come to Pembroke Kids First Pot Luck Dinner, Friday, September 25th from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Meet your child's new friends and reconnect with old ones. Prepare your favorite food to share with others (peanut & tree nut free, of course). We will supply plates, napkins, cups, eating utensils and tables. Please RSVP to the list outside the office or via e-mail to andrea@pembrokekids.com.

Preschool Field Trip: Burnham Orchards, Tuesday, October 6, 2009, *rain or shine*. On field trip days, we do not have any preschool classes. Instead, the entire preschool will meet at Burnham Orchards. Families are responsible for driving and supervising their children during the trip. This is a fun day where families and students are able to see one another outside the formal school setting. Burnham Orchards on Rt. 113 in Berlin Heights, OH, is a working farm where we will have a multifaceted tour. The children will see apples being processed for market, experience the cold storage room to see how apples are stored, see apple cider being pressed, go on a hayride to pick apples and finally, visit a pumpkin patch to choose a perfect pumpkin. Other available activities are a hay bale maze with John Deere trike-tractors, hungry animals to be fed, and a beautiful day in the country. Weather permitting; there are picnic tables available for snacks or lunch. You are invited to bring siblings and extended family. Permission slips and driving directions will be sent home soon. This will be our third visit to Burnham!

Kindergarten Field Trip: Burnham Orchards, Wednesday, October 7, *rain or shine*. The class will leave school at 9:00 A.M. At the conclusion of the trip, the children will return to school for the remainder of the day. The half-day children are welcome to stay at school until 3:00 P.M. We are asking for parent volunteer drivers. Each student must have their own age/weight appropriate car/booster seat. Jazmine Toddy is coordinating the volunteer drivers.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th. There is no school for children those days, including Kindergarten. Sign-up sheets will follow shortly.

Columbus Day: will be celebrated Friday, October 16th, a professional development day

scheduled for Avon Lake Public Schools. No preschool or Kindergarten classes that day.

OTHER NEWS

A Parking Reminder for Parents and

Caregivers: If you have several children with you when dropping off or picking up students, please park in the two handicapped parking spaces in front of the building. We always have available another handicapped spot on the side of the school. These two spaces will facilitate getting you in and out of the school more easily. Also, there are often empty spaces towards the back on the side where the teachers park. You can use these spaces also. Speak to Andrea or Steve if you have any questions.

Special Programs: We are pleased to announce that **Susan Vance** has joined Pembroke Kids. Susan is a music educator whose passion is teaching music to preschool children using the Orff and Delacroix methods. Her music class is especially designed for children ages 3, 4, and 5. Susan will have classes on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The Tuesday class will meet from 9:15 to 10:00 A.M. beginning September 29, 2009 and running for 8 weeks ending November 17, 2009. The Thursday class will begin Thursday, October 1st and end Thursday, November 19th. Thursday's preschool music class meets in the afternoon from 3:30 to 4:15 P.M. Preschool music classes have a minimum and maximum numbers number of children required. Susan has also scheduled another class from 4:15 to 5:00 P.M. Thursdays for school age children, Kindergarten through grade 6. The school age class will end their 8 week music experience with a performance! The cost for each of these 8-week programs is \$96.00.

Susan taught music in Avon Lake public schools for 25 years. She is currently teaching middle and high school chorus in

Avon. Susan also volunteers her time at the Haven Center Homeless Shelter and at Genesis House Women's Shelter. In her spare time, she performs with the True North Chorale.

Little Racquets is back! Little Racquets Tennis Program is specially designed to introduce preschool and kindergarten children to the fundamentals of tennis with a creative curriculum that is fun and skill building. All the necessary equipment is provided, and the activities are developmentally appropriate for our preschoolers and kindergarteners. Little Racquets is offering 4 weeks of classes beginning Wednesday, September 23, 2009 and ending October 14th. The class times are from 3:05 to 3:50 P.M. and the cost is \$62.00

Watch for sign up sheets for both Susan Vance's Music program and Little Racquets!

Fun Things to Do at Pembroke Kids: We think it would be fun to have a Friday Movie Night program in the Wiggle Room and show classic family movies. Bring a blanket, a beach chair and sit back while enjoying a slice of pizza or bag of popcorn. Does anyone have a LCD projector that you be willing to lend/or rent to Pembroke Kids? If you do, please speak to or e-mail Steve. We would like to start the program after day light savings time ends.

A Call for Volunteers: We're ready to begin constructing raised bed garden boxes outside of each classroom window so the children can plant flower bulbs this fall. There are several steps to the project. First we have to build the wooden boxes and clear the grass from underneath each bed. Placing landscape fabric on top of the cleared dirt square will hinder weed growth. The next step is to create the growing medium, mix it up and fill the boxes. If we can muster enough volunteers, all this could be accomplished in one morning! No date as of yet. Please speak to Andrea if you are interested.