

# Kidsplace Newsletter

OCTOBER 2017

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## October Themes

### Week 1 (Oct 2-6):

*Thanksgiving*

### Week 2 & 3 (Oct 9-20):

*Fall*

### Week 4 (Oct 24-28):

*Halloween*

### Week 4 (Oct 30-

*Nov 3): Shapes*

## Dear Parents - Message From the Teachers

Our first month of school is over already and it was a successful one. The children have all settled in and are learning the rules and routines of the school nicely. We also really enjoyed getting to know your children over the last few weeks. Thank you for bringing in their family pictures to share with the class. It is such a great way to learn about their families and some of the special activities they do together.

With a beautiful October upon us, there are many things that we have planned. First we will be talking about Thanksgiving. The focus there will be on what Thanksgiving means and the traditions that we all have. Please be advised that the school will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday October 9, 2017. We will then talk about one of our favourite seasons – Fall. Here we talk about all the changes we see and if we are lucky play in some leaves outside.

This month we will also be having a Halloween party. These parties will be on Monday, October 30 for the MWF class and Tuesday October 31 for the Tuesday/Thursday classes. Children are welcome to dress up in their costumes. However, we ask that

they are not scary and do not contain any weapons. Please look on the parent board for the sign-up sheet to bring a treat for the party.

Also, please ensure that your child uses the bathroom before coming into the classroom. Many children are needing to use the bathroom during our circle time and it can be very distracting to the other children and also difficult for the teachers to conduct their planned activities. Please remember that “dads” cannot go into the bathroom that the kids use.

We also ask that parents please ensure that your child’s outdoor shoes be placed on the red carpet and not in their shoe cubby. The cubbies are for their clean indoor shoes. It can also be difficult to get outside in a timely matter when children are looking for their shoes in their cubbies. We also request that you hang their jackets and bags on the hooks below their names. It is very difficult for the staff to get the children ready for outdoors when they cannot find their jackets. This becomes very important as the weather gets colder. The MWF class is the top row of smiley faces, the T/Th am is the middle row and the T/Th pm is the bot-

tom row. If you have troubles finding their name please ask a teacher.

Finally, we would like to remind families that once they have either dropped off their child or picked them up, to please leave the school grounds. Our families are considered strangers to the Calvin Christian children and staff and we want them to feel safe in their own environment. This reminder also includes using our door for drop off and pick up. Please do not use the other doors and walk through the school as all outside individuals must report to the office. In addition to this, please ensure that you are parking in the middle section of the parking lot during drop off and pick up. The spots alongside the fence are for Calvin staff. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Once again, please so not hesitate to speak to the teachers if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or the program.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled month!

**-Ms. Sherry, Ms. Lori, Ms. Adeline and Ms. Barb**

# Policies & Parent Reminders



NUT FREE



SHELLFISH FREE

**SNACK TIME** —Only peanut/nut free, shellfish free snacks will be allowed in the classroom as we have children in our classes that are severely allergic and any contact with these food items could cause an allergic reaction. When packing your child's snack please be very careful to check labels. Snacks should be kept small and nutritious. Too many choices or too much food tends to be wasted as the children are eager to move on to the next activity. A small snack that will hold your child over to the next meal will help to avoid upset of not being able to finish or missing part of a story or activity.



**PERSONAL ITEMS**—Please label all your child's belongings. Many of the children have the same tastes in backpack and snack bags, so please label the outside of the bag with your child's name to avoid mix ups. **It is also important to label your child's indoor and outdoor shoes as well as jackets and hats** can get confusing trying to sort out who owns what. Often the children have the same or similar and belongings and have in the past taken home someone's things by mistake. Labeling helps to avoid this.



**ENTRANCE DOORS**- Please remember to use the **Kidsplace doors only** (off the playground) before & after each class. To get there, our families will go through the gate off the parking lot, walk along the back of the school, and enter at the first set of double doors to the right. **The gate must be closed after you go through.** Doors of the school are kept locked to protect our students as well as the children attending Calvin Christian School. There is a doorbell at the Kidsplace entry doors. Ring the doorbell if it is close to the time for class to begin, and a Kidsplace staff member or parent will let you in. Please note: The door bell can only be heard in the classroom. **We ask that parents watch the door at drop off and pick up time to let other parents in,** especially at pick up so that teachers are able to stay focused on end of class activities.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO**—Please keep us up to date with any changes to your contact information so we can get in touch if we need to. Also, make sure you inform us of any changes to pick-up routines. We need to make sure anyone picking up your child is listed on the pick-up sheet at school in order to release the child.



**ATTENDANCE**—If your child should be ill and not attending school please give us a call to let us know not to expect him or her. Please do not use the Kidsplace email to communicate this or other personal concerns regarding your child as this email account is for board purposes. We (the teachers) do not access this account on a regular basis. If you cannot call during class times please call and leave a message.



**PARKING** – Please park in the middle section of the parking lot. The spaces along the fences are for school staff, some who are part time, or have to leave to attend meetings and in-services, and may arrive throughout the day. Please do not assume if the spot is empty when you arrive that it is not needed. Parents of children in the afternoon classes are asked not to enter the school parking lot until **after 3:10**, so that Kidsplace traffic is not contributing to the existing congestion.



## Fundraising

**THANK YOU** for your participation in the **Peak of the Market Farm to School** Fundraiser. Our first fundraiser of this school year has us off to a great start! Together we raised a **profit of \$719** for Kidsplace Nursery School! Your generous contributions are helping our school raise funds for a new bookshelf, dress up clothes, and some table top games.

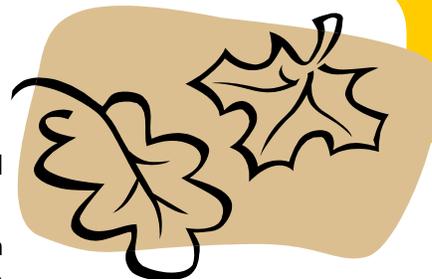
We are looking forward to our next fundraising opportunity— Mom's Pantry. Order forms will be sent home next month.

## Message from Kidsplace Board

Welcome to Kidsplace Nursery School! We're glad you've joined us and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Ms. Lori, Ms. Sherry, Ms. Adeline, and Ms. Barb make learning fun for our kids and have spent many hours planning and setting up the classroom for our new school year. Thank you to our teachers for making September a great month for our children! It was exciting to see our kids complete one of the most important steps in their life — their first day of nursery school! We have enjoyed watching them learn new skills, make new friends and take their first steps together in a school environment.

A big thank you also goes out to all the parents who volunteered so far and have signed up for mini jobs like laundry and playdoh making. Your time and assistance is very much appreciated and has a very positive impact on the classroom! If you haven't signed up, please check the classroom for various sign-up sheets or speak with a teacher. We greatly appreciate your participation!



## Picture Days



Kidsplace will also be having a photographer coming in to take class and individual pictures. We will be having the same photographer that we have had the last few years. She does a wonderful job and we are looking forward to having her back. The **MWF class photos** will be on **Monday, October 16** and the **Tues/Thurs class photos** will take place on **Tuesday October 17**. Feel free to dress up your child for this spe-



## October Birthdays!

June - Oct. 21

*We hope you have a great birthday,  
and that all your wishes come true.  
Because we don't know anyone  
who deserves a happier birthday than you!*

**-Ms. Sherry Ms. Lori, Ms. Adeline and Ms. Barb**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>THEME:</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>THEME:</i> <i>Fall</i>	9 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>No Classes</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Scholastic Book</i> <i>Orders Due</i>	14
15 <i>THEME:</i> <i>Fall</i>	16 <i>Picture Day</i> <i>(M/W/F Class)</i>	17 <i>Picture Day</i> <i>(T/Th classes)</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Happy</i> <i>Birthday June!</i>
22 <i>THEME:</i> <i>Halloween</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>THEME:</i> <i>Shapes</i>	30 <i>Halloween</i> <i>Party (M/W/F</i> <i>Class)</i> 	31 <i>Halloween</i> <i>Party T/Th</i> <i>Class</i> 				

## Book Orders



Did you know that you can order Scholastic Canada books through the school? With each purchase the school earns points to put towards classroom materials like books, teaching materials, games, toys, and much more. This goes a long way to benefit the school. Forms are available outside the classroom. October scholastic book order forms are **due October 13, 2016**—Don't miss out!

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