October is Fire Safety & Community Helpers Month. Due to COVID-19, we cannot have a visit from the fire truck at the preschool but the children will take a virtual field trip to the fire station instead.

Our Virtual Children’s Church is going well and we are very thankful to Ms. Monie and her family for providing such great stories for us! You should be receiving the monthly Bible verse and a copy of the weekly Bible story to review at home with your children. This review makes for great family fun time.

MCPCP’s Fall Festival will take place Tuesday through Thursday, October 27th-29th. (Monday/Wednesday students will celebrate their fall festivities on Wednesday, October 28th.) Festivities will include a hayride, pumpkin patch, candy walk, and storybook parade. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Fall Festival activities are for students only.

At MCPCP, we do not celebrate Halloween. Instead, students are encouraged to dress-up as a storybook character for the Fall Festival. Children are not required to dress in costumes, but those who wish to dress-up should be dressed as their favorite storybook character and bring the book with them, if possible. Children should be in costumes that allow for independence in the restrooms and/or ease of diaper changing. Children must also wear regular shoes. No witch, ghost, devil/demon, other scary costumes, or play weapons are permitted.

We will have our first ever Candy Walk this year! Teachers will take their class from classroom to classroom to see the decorated doorways and receive a goodie bag. We do need donations of candy for the goodie bags. If you would like to donate some, please send them with your child by Monday, October 26th.

Fall Festival Permission Slips & payment are due by October 22nd.

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool’s famous BBQ is cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Therefore, the preschool will be open as normal that day.

Our staff continues to follow CDC guidelines for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting every day so that the preschool stays clean and the children and staff stay as healthy as possible. Teachers are spraying the playground down with sanitizer after each class and the bathrooms are disinfected after every class uses them. Staff and some students continue to wear masks each day, too.

Upcoming Fundraiser: If you like the “I Love MCPCP” masks that the teachers are wearing, you can purchase one for yourself and your child. We will be sending out information later this week on how to place your order.

If you have old towels that you don’t use, we will take them. We use towels every day to wipe the playground off and can always use more.

Looking Ahead:

- *Oct. 5 at 1 p.m.* - last day to pay tuition without a late fee.
- *Oct. 5-8* - Community Helpers Week
- *Oct. 19-NO SCHOOL* CMS Teacher Workday
- *Oct. 22-Fall Festival Permission Slips & Payment Due
- *Oct. 27-29-Fall Festival for all students. (For students only.)* 27th-Tuesday/Thursday students will have their hayride & pumpkin patch. 28th-all students will have their hayride & pumpkin patch. (Mon./Wed. students will also have their candy walk & storybook parade.)

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- *Nov. 1st-Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back 1 hour at 2 a.m.)*
- *Nov. 1st-TUITION PAYMENT due (for November)*
- *Nov. 3rd & 11th-NO SCHOOL CMS Teacher Workdays*
- *Nov. 17th & 18th-Fall Pictures*
- *Nov. 25th-26th-NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Holidays*

“The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.”

- Psalm 37:23-24