

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

**Parent participation is key to the success of our school!** This month we are having our third annual "Family and Friends Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, TRI TIP BBQ lunch, and old fashioned carnival games. Ask your child's teacher what activities their class is providing at the carnival and see how **YOU can help**. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this big event. You can sell BBQ tickets, get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon, buy game tickets for the carnival, and/or bring your child with his/her trike to ride at the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in Trike-A-Thon pledges, you will get **10 free tickets** toward the carnival games. If you collect \$100 in pledges you will get a "Carnival Wristband" and all the carnival games will be **FREE**. We need lots of volunteers to help with the class game booths. *This is a chance to meet other families and to build a strong community of friendship within our program.*

**It is Parent/Teacher conference time.** Conferences provide a great opportunity to build relationships between teachers and families. They also provide an opportunity to share information about the children and to set goals for them to work toward in the months ahead. Please check with your child's Caregiver/Teacher to schedule your individual conference. The conference will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes.

**Don't Forget about your child's "Family Collage".** Please return your 9 x 11 poster board that was provided at "Family Orientation" or during the first week of school. This activity sparks conversation, provides security, and creates interest in the classroom. Most importantly, it helps build the relationship between school and home. The collage may include photos of family members, pets, places your child has gone, or special events in your child's life.

**Thank you to the families, friends, and staff that have been using the "eScrip program".** Currently we have a total of 38 people supporting our program through "eScrip"; 22 school members and 16 church members. We earn \$\$\$, for our school, when you shop at any Vons Store, using your Vons card and Spencer's Fresh Market card, that is linked to our school. Our **school # is 500020780**. If you are not enrolled in the "eScrip" program, we've attached an "eScrip" form, for your convenience, so you can register your Vons or Spencer's card and start supporting the school with every purchase you make. To maximize your contributions through the "eScrip" program, you can find out more, and about other merchants that also participate, at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). For more information regarding the "eScrip" program, contact me, Ms. Maddy. You can place your completed form in the manila folder on the "Parent Information Board". Thank you.

**Do you have a computer? We recycle ink cartridges.** Teachers earn \$3 from Office Max and \$2 from Staples for every used ink cartridge they bring in to recycle. They can turn in 10 cartridges a month, to each store, and earn "Cartridges for Cash" toward purchases for our school.

### Theme for The Month "A Bountiful Harvest"



### Fruit of The Spirit: Patience

"Be patient with everyone"  
1 Thessalonians 5:14



### Mark Your Calendar

**October is Parent/Teacher Conference Month.**

Check with your child's Primary Caregiver/Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

**Saturday, October 22 - "Family and Friends Fun Day"**  
Trike-A-Thon from 11:00-11:30

TRI TIP BBQ lunch and old fashioned carnival games  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

**Don't forget to collect your PLEDGES  
for the Trike-A-Thon and sell your  
BBQ Tickets!**

Pledge and BBQ Ticket Money is due  
Friday, October 14.

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Children's Center is a non-profit organiza-  
tion. Monetary contributions are  
tax deductible.**

**Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Shirley's Pre-K Class**

We had a great time, last month, exploring our apple collection. We used them for many different math activities including counting, sorting, and measuring. We look forward to practicing some of these skills again and working with weight and measurement with this month's collection of pumpkins. We had a great time meeting "Cupcake", the pony, and the children enjoyed getting their turn to sit on her. Thank you to those who brought in their family photo collage boards. For anyone who still has it out, please bring it in when you can. We still need sign-ups for our class booths, at the "Family Fun Day". This is a great opportunity to meet other families in our program and build a strong community of friendship with the families in our program. The Sign-up sheet is just on the left of the door, when you walk in. Later in the month, we will be having individual family conferences. This provides both the families and the staff a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other. The conference sign-up sheet will be on the circle table.

*-Ms. Rebecca*

**A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR  
COMMUNITY SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR  
PENNIES.**

- This will be our third year to support the ministry of the "Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry", by collecting "pennies".
- The money collected will be used to buy turkeys for needy families. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for collection containers in your child's classroom in **November**.



**Ms. Kristel's Preschool Class**

In September we celebrated each child with the theme "I am Special". We had fun learning about each other and filling out a sheet called "All about Me". It was great to get to know each child's favorite color, food, TV show and what they do best. We also visited "Cupcake" the pony. The children loved sitting on Cupcake and getting their picture taken. In October, our class will enjoy the theme "A Bountiful Harvest" and we will share a lot about pumpkins. The "Fruit of the Spirit" we will be talking about this month is "Patience". We reviewed "Kindness" last month and I am so excited to help show and model patience for my class. Lastly, we will begin working on identifying shapes and, in October, we will be focusing on triangles and rectangles!!!! Happy Harvest!!!!

*-Miss Kristel*

**A TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID**

Each month, Pastor David brings a "Fruit of the Spirit" message to the children. This month, his message will be about "Patience" We will also learn a song about patience and Ms. Shirley will be introducing the children to "Goody Bear". Ask your child about this wonderful time, we will be sharing together, on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29, 9:30 AM, in the McMillen Room.**

**Cindy Bo and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers**

With the theme of "I Am Special", we had fun exploring our similarities and differences, talking about hair color and types, skin tones and more. With the apples, brought in by our toddlers, we could look at these concepts as well; all are apples, yet not all are exactly the same. The children were able to enjoy a variety of other "apple experiences" as well. We observed the "Star", when we sliced them open, tasted them, painted with them, and made applesauce (Yum!). We are hoping you will participate with us again this month, by bringing in a pumpkin, to share with the group. We will be exploring their different sizes, shapes, colors, and textures as well as using them as part of our singing time, as we sing "Five Little Pumpkins". Thank you to all who have already signed-up to help make our "Family and Friends Fun Day" a success. It is a fun event and we hope all of you will be able to be there on the 22nd! It is a joy to be a part of you and your child's lives!

*-Cindy Bo*