



### Save the Date

- Friday, October 8th—YSD Closed, CSD Early Dismissal—CDC Spirit Day, Camo vs Plaid Day
- Monday, October 11th - Center closed to Children, Staff Training Day
- Friday, October 15th - Spirit Day, Support your favorite team
- Friday, October 29th—Early Dismissal @ YSSD, School Age Care Available
- Sunday, October 24th CDC Sunday @10:00 AM First Church of the Brethren
- Wednesday, October 27th—FCOB's Trick or Trunk @ TBA Time
- Thursday, October 28th & 29th - Fall Pictures, October 28th @6 PM, Virtual PPC meeting



# October 2021 Newsletter

## Director's Corner

Happy Fall Greetings,

September was a busy month, we had terrific parent teacher conferences, Our "After Hours" Open House was FANTASTIC—we were so pleased to see so many of you come out and check out our center.... September— was quite the month— we're hoping October brings in true fall, with the cooler fall weather, some familiar traditions and additional opportunities to spend time with those who matter most. A special thank you to those who have given their continued support of all things Child Development Center—we are here because of all of you!

We have had some changes here at the CDC over the past month too, our team is still growing! We have added some new faces—and after some parent feedback from our PPC meeting, we're hoping to make it easier to recognize who these individuals are with the last page of our newsletter as a "who is who" page.

Sadly we had some of the team move on, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Lori are no longer with us. Though we do wish them well and thank them for their time.

If you have any additional specific questions or needs, do not hesitate to let us know, as both our CDC administration and our teachers alike are available daily, via email and telephone, and virtually by appointment. Thank you, again—

**Ms. Carman**

We would like to recognize and congratulate our fantastic Ms. Vicky on being nominated and chosen for this Month's Child Development Center's Teacher of the Month! Ms. Vicky is a new teacher, and despite only having been working at the CDC since August in our Yellow Classrooms. She has made an incredible impression. She is simply adored by the children for her warm and calm personality. She is so patient.. She has so much love to share. She does an amazing job keeping the Yellow friends learning..

We truly appreciate her and all she does for the children and our center Thank you, Ms. Vicky—and Congratulations!

*For our families—We invite you to provide us with feedback on who you think is doing a stellar job and just may be the next CDC of the Month!*





Olivia—10/2

Liam—10/2

Riley—10/3

Ella M—10/10

Emmy—10/15

Summer —10/15

Blaire—10/16

Griffin —10/17

Adelyn—10/27

Cameron—10/29

Ms. Jen —10/31

# OCTOBER

*Happy Birthday wishes to ALL  
the October babies!*



## Happy Anniverary

Ms. Jonna 10/9 - 2 Years

## 2021 Halloween Safety Tips

### If you are a motorist:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

### Parents:

- Make sure that an adult will be supervising the outing.
- Practice social Distancing between yourself and other groups
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow.
- Travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and teach your children to **never** enter a stranger's home.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they have been checked & disinfected by an adult.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

### Costume design:

- Fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.





You can try this fun  
song out at home:

## October

**The Leaves of the Trees**  
(to the tune of "The  
Wheels on the Bus")

The leaves of the trees  
turn orange and red  
orange and red, or-  
ange and red  
The leaves of the trees  
turn orange and red  
All through the town.

The leaves of the trees  
come tumbling down  
tumbling down, tum-  
bling down  
The leaves of the trees  
come tumbling down  
All through the town.

The leaves on the  
ground go swish, swish,  
swish  
Swish, swish, swish,  
swish, swish, swish,  
The leaves on the  
ground go swish, swish,  
swish  
All through the town.



# Curriculum Corner



**Infants**— Are discovering on Fall  
Sensory activities. Ovals & the color  
Orange, Halloween, & Pumpkins

*\*Infant plans are individualized for the needs of each specific child*

**Toddlers & Twos**— Learning about  
Color Orange, Letter B, Number 1  
Scarecrows, Pumpkins, Fall Festival

**Preschool & Pre-K**— All things Fall:  
Apples, Pumpkins, Spiders,  
Halloween & Fire Safety

**School Age**— Fall, plants &  
Fire Safety



You're e-vited  
**Child  
Development  
Center**  **CDC  
Sunday**

Help us to celebrate our Team and all the great things we've  
accomplished this year on our annual  
CDC Sunday Celebration

—Sunday, October 24th, @10:00 AM

A YouTube link will be available

Wednesday,  
October, 27th  
@TBA  
CDC Families,  
Everyone Welcome

Trick  
or  
Trunk





## Parent Partnership Committee

The Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) had their first e-meeting of this year's PPC back in September. It was so wonderful to have an opportunity to connect with so many parents connect, and provide suggestions and feedback. Our PPC has been created as a center-family group working toward the common goals of providing an organization that supports our school family and speaks on the behalf of children in our programs as well as to encourage parent involvement within our center.

**Purpose** – The purpose of the Parent Partnership Committee is to allow parents the ability to share their perspective in a safe environment in addition to sustain and improve enrollments. To Learn more about our Parent Partnership Committee and how to get involved, speak to Ms. Carman today

**Next Meeting—October 28th @ 6PM, via Google Meets**



**Extra clothing**— cooler weather is coming - and true Fall weather is now here. With this in mind it may be time to consider bringing in a New change of clothes for your children in the event he or she have a need to change into a different set of clothes. Be mindful to send a change of mask with your child, for when they get wet or

dirty we will switch it out for a spare.

**Friendly Reminder**— Child care payments are due by Friday the week before care, you may make your payment by check or cash or by using a credit or debit card. If you want to take tuition off your to do list **There are no convenience fees charged to the families** for using your card. You may access your account by logging on to My-Procure.com using the email address you provided at the time of initial registration. This will give you access to your account balance, any receipts, as well as end of year tax statements all from the convenience of your home.

**Illness Policy**—if your child has any of the following symptoms before coming to school, please keep them home. If they show signs or symptoms of any of the following we will keep you informed, and may ask you to come pick them up within 60 minutes to prevent other illness within the center. These symptoms Include: - fever of 100.4°F/ higher - chills - fatigue - cough - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing - headache - sore throat - muscle/body aches - new loss of taste or smell - runny nose or congestion - diarrhea - vomiting or nausea

**Also, Please Do Not leave your running cars unattended in the parking lot!**



# What's Happening at York First Church

## A Word from Pastor Joel Gibbel



Hello Child Development Center Families! I trust you are all healthy and enjoying this beautiful season that is upon us. We take great joy in serving as a place for your children to thrive and grow, and we are delighted that you are part of our center. We remain grateful to be able to continue operations throughout this year, and we thank you for taking any precautions that ensure everyone's well-being.

We hope you're pleased with our newly paved parking lot and that it serves us well. We're excited to put it to use this fall, especially at our annual **"Trick or Trunk"** event scheduled for Wednesday **October 27**. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a "bonus" trick-or-treating outing that is for our whole community. Get those costumes ready, and we'll see you there!

### "CDC Sunday" and Music Time

Later this month, on **October 24**, we will be celebrating the Child Development Center within our worship service at 10:30 AM. All of you are invited to attend, as we say a huge "thank you" to the many CDC Staff and Families who make our center so valuable. Please come and join with us as we do so, especially those who may have children **singing** for us on that day... (wait, what??)

That's right, we have plans in place to begin offering time each week for **music** and drama with the Yellow and Orange Room children this fall, led by our Music Director Rebecca Wolf and Pastor Joel in our sanctuary. We look forward to these times together and hope that all children can participate on Sunday October 24. More information to come!

Please know that children and adults are always welcome to join us for **Sunday School** each week at 9:00 AM. Classes are provided for Pre-K and up, and nursery care which often includes a bible lesson, is always available for younger children. Adults class is led by Pastor Joel each week and includes study as well as social time. All are welcome!

**Worship is each week at 10:30 AM each Sunday**, child care is always provided—and children are *always* included and participate in the service. Our vision is one of *becoming* a community of love, sharing, and service as we grow in faith and seek to live the abundant life to which Christ calls us. This season, I encourage you all to seek out a faith community for spiritual, social, and family enrichment. We are a welcoming Church of the Brethren congregation that places central emphasis on the life and teachings of Jesus. Find out more here: [brethren.org](http://brethren.org) and [yorkfirst.org](http://yorkfirst.org) or feel free to contact me anytime at [pastor@yorkfirst.org](mailto:pastor@yorkfirst.org) if I may serve you in any way. Grace and peace.

