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HILLIARD CITY PRESCHOOL

October 2011

Dates to Remember:

Wed. Oct. 5 – Book Fair Begins

Mon. Oct. 10 – Curriculum Night 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Wed. Oct. 12 - Book Fair Ends

Fri. Oct. 21 – **NO SCHOOL.** Teacher conference day

Thurs. Oct. 27 – Market Day pick-up 5:30 – 6:30

Tues. Nov. 8 – **ELECTION DAY**

FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

Very exciting and busy month of October ahead for all of us at Preschool.

A reminder that Curriculum Night is Monday October 10th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. You will have an opportunity to view what a typical day is like in your child's classroom, do some hands on technology, learn some helpful nutritional tips from our nurse, learn about this year's PTO and gather information on the upcoming levy on November 8, 2011 (Issue 17). Our bookfair will also be open for parents to browse and/or shop in Room 212 (at Alton Darby Elementary) 6:00 – 6:30 and then from 7:30 – 8:0 PM.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Monday October 10th is the last day to register to vote for the November 8th election. Our preschool has 120 households that currently are not registered to vote as of today. If you are not registered please take a couple of minutes to fill out the form before or after curriculum night. We will send your registration from to the Board of Elections for you!

Hope to see many of you Monday night!

Sharon

Happy Fall!

I hope you are all enjoying the fall season with your children's soccer and football games, apple picking, pumpkins and football on TV. In your spare time, be sure to check out the parent library! We had a generous donation of Signing Times Videos so please feel free to stop in and borrow one! Just sign the card located on the book or video and leave it in the container in the file cabinet. The PARENT LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN 212! A list of the materials we have can be viewed on the preschool web site.

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SHARE BOARD

Information to share by parents and myself can be found on the SHARE BOARD located in the motor room across from the office. Please stop in periodically to check out the information. I will also pass information from the board to you through this newsletter.

Read on for information on:

- Attachment: Autism Awareness *The opinions, activities and/or services of this organization are neither sponsored by nor endorsed by The Hilliard City School District.*
- Levy information
- Registration information
- Fall Fun At Slate Run Part
- Car Pool wanted
- Autism and Diabetes Walk information
- Book Reviews
- Holiday Shopping Ideas

To: Hilliard City Schools Parents

From: Superintendent Dale A. McVey

Date: September 9, 2011

Re: Issue 17 and Voter Registration

Last month, the Hilliard City Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to place an operating levy on the November 8 ballot. The purpose of this memo is to make sure that you are aware of this levy, of what it means for our schools and to make sure that you are registered to vote in this election.

Issue 17 is about maintaining our schools. This operating levy provides funds for day-to-day operations such as teachers, textbooks and technology. It will prevent further reductions that hit to the heart of our classrooms and could compromise the excellence of our schools.

Our district represents a good value to residents. We earned the highest rating on the Ohio Local Report Card for four consecutive years and we have the lowest cost per pupil of the four districts in Franklin County that have also earned this achievement. We are doing a great job educating students and in providing value to the community. In addition, Hilliard Schools' teachers and staff are sharing in the sacrifice with the community through salary freezes and higher health insurance contributions that will save the district \$9.6 million over the next three years. This helps tremendously but it does not eliminate the seriousness of Hilliard Schools' financial situation.

So that you have a voice in this next election, please take the time to inform yourself about what it means to our excellence, students and schools and feel free to contact the district with questions. Information is available via our website at www.hilliardschools.org.

In addition, please make sure that you are registered to vote in the November 8 election. You may vote on Issue 17 if you are a resident of the Hilliard City School District, including the city of Hilliard as well as Hilliard Schools' residents in Columbus, Dublin, area townships and others. If you are not registered to vote or have recently moved, please take the time to update your voter registration using the form. Once completed, you can either mail it in directly or simply return it to the main office of your child's school by October 10. Hilliard City Schools is an official voter registration site.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools.

To: Hilliard City Schools Parents

From: Superintendent Dale A. McVey

Date: October 6, 2011

Re: Issue 17 and Absentee Ballot Application

As you know, the upcoming election contains important issues, and none is more important than Issue 17, the 14 percent reduced operating levy for our Hilliard City Schools.

I'm writing now to remind you of a voting option that several of our parents have already used.

The State of Ohio has made voting by mail (also known as absentee voting) extremely easy and convenient. By submitting a completed application you and any other voting members of your household can avoid long lines, bad weather and busy schedules to vote from the comfort of your home.

Voting by mail/absentee balloting has become extremely popular with upwards of 40 percent of parents choosing that option in some Ohio school districts. I invite you to consider it and have included an absentee ballot application in this notice for your use.

Please remember that Issue 17 is an operating issue and the funds are used for the day-to-day needs of our schools such as teachers and student support. None of the Issue 17 funds will go to constructing buildings. (Please visit our website at <http://hilliardschools.org> for details on this levy.)

If you need additional vote by mail/absentee applications, visit <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/absentee/> or call (614) 525-3100. Please do not delay as it will take some time for your application to reach the Board of Elections and for you to receive your ballot. In fact, you may drop your ballot application off at any school and it will promptly be sent on to the Board of Elections for you.

Thanks for continuing to be a vital partner in Hilliard City Schools.

APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE (See Instructions at Bottom of Page)

Voter's Name _____ **Send Ballot to:**
 (if different from home address)
 Name _____
Home Address _____ care of/PO Box _____
City, Village, Office _____ Address _____
County _____ **Zip Code** _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

You must provide your birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____ and one of the following:
(month) (day) (year)

- Your Ohio driver's license number _____, or
- The last four digits of your social security number _____, or
- Copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.

I wish to vote in the following election to be held on _____
(month-date-year of election)

Check ONLY one (A separate application must be completed for each type of election):

1. Primary Election:

- Constitution Libertarian Nonpartisan or issues only
- Democratic Republican
- Green Socialist

- 2. General Election
- 3. Special Election

I wish to have a ballot mailed to me at the address listed above. I understand that if a ballot is mailed to me and I change my mind and appear at my polling place to vote on Election Day, I will be required to vote a provisional ballot that can not be counted until at least 10 days after the election.

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, I am a qualified voter and the statements above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I do not provide the requested information, my application cannot be processed.

X _____
Signature of Voter Date Signed

Voluntary: To assist the board of elections in contacting you in a timely manner if your application is incomplete:

Your daytime telephone number (____) _____ Your e-mail address _____

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

INSTRUCTIONS

Chapter 3509. of the Revised Code of Ohio

1. Use of this form is optional. To be valid, your application must include your name, voting residence address, date of birth, and signature; the election for which the ballot is requested and, if a partisan primary election, your political party affiliation; statement you are a qualified elector in the county; and one of the following: your Ohio drivers license number, the last four digits of your social security number, or a copy of your current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and address.
2. An application by mail must be received by your county board of elections by noon on the third day before the election. An application by you in person must be received by the close of regular board office hours the day before the election. Applications for persons who are hospitalized or for persons whose minor child is hospitalized due to an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Election Day.
3. When you receive your ballot: If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked* no later than the day before Election Day and received by your county board of elections no later than 10 days after the election. If you return your ballot in person or if a near relative delivers it to the board for you, it must be delivered to your county board of elections no later than the close of polls on Election Day. If you are a voter outside of the United States on Election Day, the ballot envelope must be signed or postmarked before the close of polls and received by the board no later than 10 days after Election Day.

*Postmarked does not include a date marked by a postage evidence system such as a postage meter.

Fall Fun At Slate Run Park

FALL FEST Saturday October 22 2:00- 5:00 PM

Celebrate Slate Run's 30th anniversary at Fall Fest this year! Family friendly activities include:

Pioneer Toys

Giant Leaf Pile

Tram rides

Apple cider and popcorn

Games and farm activities

Fold music from local band, "The Mighty Troubadors"

Crafts

HAYRIDE AND HOEDOWN

Sunday October 23, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Enjoy a 1-mile hayride along a wooded trail and enjoy some snacks and apple cider

For directions or more information, call Metro Parks' Info Line at 614-508-8000 or go to www.metroparks.net

INTERESTED IN CAR POOLING?

My son is in the afternoon class with Mrs. Estep. I am able to do either drop off or pick up although I prefer drop off with my daughters nap schedule! PLEASE contact me if interested in starting a car pool

Erin Badurina
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Walk Now for Autism Speaks

Sunday October 9, 2011

Value City Arena at The Jerome Schottenstein Center

Registration, resource fair and family activities open

10/9/2010 8:30 am - 10/9/2011 10:45 am

Opening Ceremonies

10/9/2011 10:45 am - 11:00 am

Walk Start

10/9/2011 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mid-Ohio Walk to Cure Diabetes

Date:

October 9, 2011

Walk Location:

The Ohio State University

Registration Start Time:

9:00 AM

Walk Start Time:

10:30 AM

Length of Walk:

2 miles

Local Chapter:

[Mid-Ohio Chapter](#)

Contact:

Mid-Ohio Chapter

midohio@jdrf.org

614-464-2873

Chapter Address:

1550 Old Henderson Road

Suite N-160

Columbus, OH 43220

BOOKS REVIEWS

Below are 3 books from our parent library. A brief description is given to give you insight about the book. Books can be borrowed by stopping in Room 212. Sign the card located in the book and place it in the designated box located on the top shelf of the cabinet. Books can be returned via your child's backpack.

Remember to e-mail or call me if you have read a book you feel is worth sharing with other parents!
Deborah_osbun@hboe.org

The five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell, M.D.

This book explains the 5 love languages - ways we fill our emotional tank. What works best for each person varies and may change with time and growth. It is important to make ourselves aware of these languages to know how to address the needs of our children and what will work best when disciplining them. This book explains the 5 types of love that motivate people with a focus on how to learn what works for our children. It goes on to discuss discipline, single-parent families and marriages.

What's Eating Your Child? The Hidden Connections Between Food and Childhood Ailments: Anxiety, Recurrent Ear Infections, Stomachaches, Picky Eating, Rashes, ADHD and more. And What Every Parent Can Do About It. By Kelly Dorfman, MS, LND

This book has 4 parts:

Part one: Nutrition Detection at Work

Part two: When the Body Behaves Badly

Part three: Kids and Their Many Moods

Part four: Learning and Behavior in Kids

This book addresses numerous behaviors and how food may be impacting those behaviors/symptoms. It then gives ideas to try to change the noted behavior/symptom.

Early Intervention Games Fun, Joyful Ways to Develop Social and Motor Skills in Children with Autism Spectrum or Sensory Processing Disorders By Barbara Sher

This book looks fun! There are 5 chapters:

Chapter 1: Understanding Sensory Processing Issues

Chapter 2: How the Games Help Sensory Processing Challenges

Chapter 3: Social Gross Motor Games

Chapter 4: Social Fine Motor Games

Chapter 5: Water Games

Appendix I: Index of Games by Sensory System or Skill Stimulated

LITERACY BUILDERS CLASS AT THE Y

The Y is offering a class in the afternoons on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1 to 3, called Literacy Builders. It is a class offered to those children who are of kindergarten age, or who have missed the current year's kindergarten cut off, and will be 5 by December 31, 2011. We spend the entire 2 hours focusing only on literacy. The two teachers have spent time observing the KLIP program and have tried to bring elements of this program to others to enhance their kindergarten literacy experience. There is a fee and parents must remain on site while the class is offered. However, we are the Y, so if parents are members they can work out, swim, or just relax for those 2 hours! Sign ups are every 7 weeks, so it would be easy for those who meet the requirements, to join us. Our hope is to offer another class beginning in January for those children who will be going to kindergarten the next year. This class will also be only literacy based.

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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Yes, it is early but if you are trying to spread out your expenses, you might be thinking Holiday shopping. Some fun ideas for our kids include:

Leap Pad Explorer \$100

Google ToysRUs differently abled to get their web page specific for information on special needs kids and a toy guide and all the categories for sensory, fine and gross motor, social skills.the list goes on.

Gross Motor Toy Lists and Ideas

1. www.flaghouse.com
(Giant leaps for special populations)

-**Bibbo**-\$24.95 high density polyethylene stackable bowl shaped items that you can sit in and spin in or rock side to side as well as turning them over and stepping on them in a path.

-**Graduate steps**-\$74.95 set increase balance and motor planning skills while stepping and climbing on these 6 steps that vary from 2"-12" in height.

2. www.funandfunction.com

-Oball-\$5.99-\$6.99- everything ball which is fun to hold and catch because it is full of holes.

-Tactile Sensory ball-\$29.99 kids can rollover it for deep tactile massage.

-Cowboy Saddle Scooter-\$54.99- made of foam and they can straddle this scooter.

-Crocodile-\$89.99- firm soft-surface foam where you can climb up it like a step or turn it over on its back and walk across it- encourages strength and balance.

-Elephant-\$120.00 the same soft-foam surface as crocodile but it allows the child to sit on it and rocks back and forth.

3. Online resources for toys with children with special needs:

--Dragon fly toys (**dftoys.com**)

--**Ableplay.org**

--**Abilitations.com**

4. www.specialneedstoys.com

-launch pad-\$30.00 wood triangular board with 3 covered springs which encourages balance and core strength.

-Go Wheelie-\$25.00 easy turning wheel attached to a long rod with a wheel at the bottom which clicks when you turn it- it encourages imagination and eye hand coordination.

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