

October News

OCTOBER 1, 2015

OCTOBER EVENTS:

- 2nd World Smile Day
- 6th Mad Hatter Day
- 6th - 8th Scholastic Book Fair
- 9th Fire Prevention Day
- 12th Columbus Day
- 14th National Dessert Day
- 21st Count Button Day
- 26th - 30th Spirit Week
Refer to page 2 for more information about Spirit Week.
- 31st Happy Halloween

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Note From The Principal

Parent night for the Intermediate and Pre-k was quite a success. Parents met with the teachers to learn the goals set by the child's individual teacher for the 2015/16 school year. If you missed Back to School Night take a moment to speak with your child's teacher for a quick overview.

We have so much going on this month, be sure to read classroom newsletters so you don't miss out on all of our exciting activities!

On behalf of everyone here at Discovery Isle, we would like to wish you and your family a **Safe and Happy Halloween!!!**

Quick Reminders:

Please sign your child in and out every day. Due to state law, community Care Licensing requires everyone to sign their child in and out with a legible signature using a full first and last name.

O's American Kitchen Hot Lunch... there are a few different ways you can purchase a hot lunch. Lunches are **\$4.50 per lunch.**

1. You can pre-order for the month. By filling out a menu and attach a **check made out to Mira Mesa LP** for the total amount or **exact cash.**

2. Order in the morning **before 9:30am** and pay at pick up.

3. We are now trying to clean up the open tabs, we ask that you make your payment by the 27th of each month.

Thank you for your cooperation!!!



**Good bye summer,
Hello Autumn**

Picture Packets

Life Touch Picture packets will be arriving at the school in the next few weeks. We will notify you when they come in. Below are a few instructions for purchasing pictures.

1. Pick up picture packet at the front desk. You will have to sign that you have received them.

2. After receiving your packet you will have 1 week to decide which pictures you would like to purchase.
3. **Payments: write a check to Life Touch** for the number of sheets you will be purchasing. You can also pay online using a debit/ credit card.
4. Include payment and return photos you do not wish to purchase.



Spirit Week



Trick - or - Treat
Smell my feet
Give me some-
thing

During the last week of October, Discovery Isle will be having a week of fun and wacky dress-up days. All classrooms will participate in Spirit Week (Each Day will be a different day of fun.)

We ask that you do not bring your child's costume to school. Thank you!

Monday, October 26th

Inside out/ backwards day: wear clothes inside out, mismatch or backwards. Have fun with it!

Tuesday, October 27th

Silly Sock Day: Wear the silliest socks you own or mismatch your socks.

Wednesday, October 28th

Character Shirt Day: wear your favorite superhero, Disney or cartoon shirt.

Thursday, October 29th

Pajama day: Wear the comfiest PJs you have. Please wear shoes, **no slippers.**

Friday, October 30th

Orange and Black Day: wear your favorite Halloween or orange and black shirt.



Fall Book Fair

"The more that
you READ,
the more
things you will
KNOW. The
more that you
Learn, the
more places
you'll GO."



Our annual Fall Book fair will start **Tuesday, October 6th** and go thru **Thursday, October 8th.**

Times for the book fair are **8am to 5pm.** In order to get all purchases done in the evening in a timely manner, please have purchases up at the front by 5:30pm.

Book bins will be located to the left hallway passed the front desk. You and your child will get a chance to look and purchase children's books. For every book that is purchased during our book fair the school gets back 50% to spend on books for the school. The process of buying a book is very easy:

1. Look at the books and if there is one that you would like to purchase just bring it up to the front desk.
2. We will ring you up at that time. (Cost of the book plus tax). Each book has the price on the back.
3. The only form of payment for this event is credit card/debit.



Parent Shares

I-Touch Fun...

We hope you are enjoying the Parent Shares that our teachers have been sending from the I-touch... It's one of the many ways that we use to make you, the parent, part of your child's

day. Parent Shares are emailed to parents from the teachers. They have a few pictures and a small write up explaining the activities shown in the pictures. You should be receiving 2-3 Parent Shares a week.

If you are not receiving parent shares please stop at the front desk to check your email. If you have any question please feel free to ask the admin team.



Room 5
The children
painted small
cars using
paintbrushes
and various
color paints.
Link: Creative
Expression

Exploring Community Helpers & the Roles They Play

This month, our students are gaining a greater understanding of community helper occupations, such as police officers, mail carriers, medical professionals and firefighters. The children have a lot of fun imagining themselves in these important roles, and incorporating toy versions of the uniforms, equipment and vehicles that go with them.

In addition, October is National Fire Prevention Month, so we place a special emphasis on the importance of fire safety and the role of firefighters. Our classroom activities help the children become more comfortable around emergency responders in uniform, and teach them basics about what to do in case of an emergency.

Here are some ways children learn about community helpers in the classroom, as well as activities for you and your child to do at home.



TODDLERS (ages 1-2):

In the classroom: Toddlers are fascinated with dressing up as doctors, police officers and firefighters, because they have distinct uniforms and roles that children can easily understand. During dramatic play, our teachers provide students with costumes and props, and encourage them to choose the role they want to play.

At home: Continue dress-up play by providing your child with various props and costumes. Ask him, "Who do you want to dress-up as?" and "What does that person wear?"

Recommended reading: *Whose Hat is This* by Sharon Katz Cooper

BEGINNERS (ages 2-3):

In the classroom: Our Beginner students learn about the special vehicles that community helpers use, by playing matching games, reading books, and building vehicles using cardboard boxes.

At home: Go for a drive with your child. Point out vehicles that belong to community helpers, such as a fire truck and a police car. Ask, "Who drives that vehicle?" and "Where might it be going?"

Recommended reading: *The Little Fire Engine* by Lois Lenski

INTERMEDIATES (ages 3-4):

In the classroom: During fire safety lessons, many of our schools invite local firefighters to visit. Students explore the tools firefighters use, learn "Stop, Drop and Roll," and may have the opportunity to tour a fire truck.

At home: Continue exploring fire safety by practicing "Stop, Drop and Roll" with your child. Ask him, "Who puts out fires?" and discuss what he should do if he hears a fire alarm at home.

Recommended reading: *The Fire Engine Book* by Tibor Gergely

PRE-K/PRE-K 2 (ages 4-5):

In the classroom: Teachers introduce situations when it might be necessary to dial 9-1-1. Students practice finding 9-1-1 on different keypads, such as cell phones and landlines.

At home: Show your child photos of various community helpers and the buildings where they work. Ask him to identify the helpers and their workplaces, and describe the roles the helpers play in our community.

Recommended reading: *The Berenstain Bears: Jobs around Town* by Jan Berenstain

We provide many opportunities for students to learn about community helpers. By setting this foundation, they become more familiar and comfortable around the people that make their neighborhoods a better place.

- Lauren Starnes, PhD – Director of Early Childhood Education