



October Newsletter



2015



Director's Note

Dear Families,

The children and staff are settling into the school year. Fall is in full swing as the teachers and children are enjoying new experiences and friends in the classroom. We thank you for entrusting your children to us. It is so wonderful to experience their excitement and joy of learning. Western Branch Academy is truly blessed to have a community of such wonderful families. We look forward to the year's events ahead.

Happy Fall,

Cindy Zerr & Natalie Emery

Annual Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser, Classic Cookie, is from October 2nd to October 20th. We are excited to raise money to go towards the new Hatch tablets for our school. These tablets will be used in our technology classes this year.

We thank you for all your support for our fundraiser! We appreciate the opportunity to made WBA better each year!

Portrait Orders

Knox Studios' proof sheets have been sent home. This year there are new specialty items available to purchase too. Please indicate which proof # and package you are interested in ordering on the form.

Payment can be in the form of check (payable to WBA), cash, or credit card (call Knox directly). Order forms will be coming back soon and need to be returned to school promptly by Oct. 9th.



Trunk or Treat

On Friday, October 30th, the students will have a costume parade around the building at 9:00 AM. We invite family and friends to line the sidewalks as the children parade in their priceless costumes.

Please either bring your child in their costume or bring it with them. We will help dress them. At the conclusion of the festivities, costumes will be put away for safe keeping.

The Trunk or Treat will follow the parade. This will take place in our parking lot. Each class will have a decorated trunk with a game for children to participate in.

Clarke Farm Field Trip

We are celebrating autumn with our annual field trip to Clarke Farm. We are meeting at Clarke Farm at 9:15 am. Each class goes on a hay ride at 9:30 am to their pumpkin patch and pick out one pumpkin to take home. Parents are responsible for transportation of their child to and from Clarke Farm. The student's cost of the trip is covered by the Activity Fee. Chaperones are \$2.00 for the hayride.

Tuesday, October 13th: Miss Katie, Miss Meredith, and Miss Stacey

Thursday, October 15th: Miss Kaleigh and Miss Jennifer (PK2)

Friday, October 16th: Miss Carol, Miss Jennifer (PK3), and Miss Jessica



From the Enrichment Teachers:

Music, Chapel, and Spanish with Miss Natasha

We are already off to a wonderful start! In **MUSIC** we are following the Classroom themes of Fall, Apples, and of course Halloween! We have learned songs about what we do and how to act at school, being good friends, and how special each of us are!

In **CHAPEL** we have been discussing Jesus' love for all people, especially children! We are learning stories that show how much God and Jesus are always there for us. We have discussed God's Fall Gifts, and continue to say special prayers for each family during our sessions with the prayer ball!

In **SPANISH** we are learning how to say hello (hola), goodbye (adios), and thank you/you're welcome (gracias/de nada). We've danced the Macarena and are learning new songs too!

Yoga with Miss Staci

We are off to a great start with yoga. We are having fun learning yoga poses through fun songs. We are also using props such as bubbles and a parachute to practice patience and breath-work. Even though I am leaving our WBA family, your children will be in the best of yoga hands with Miss Natasha. She has been by my side for over a year and I'm confident about passing the mat to her. Your children have touched my life in many positive ways. I will miss them dearly. It has been an honor teaching them.

Namaste,
Staci Sitorius



Upcoming Events

October 2nd- 20th - Fall Fundraiser "Classic Cookie"

Please help us raise funds for our new technology tablets! Sell to family, friends and neighbors!

October 13th, 15th, 16th -Clark Farm Field Trips

October 15th - Statewide Earthquake Drill

October 19th - A mystery reader will visit WBA

October 26th -27th - Police Officer Temple is coming to talk with the children about Halloween safety!

October 19th-23rd - Pumpkin Contest

Vote for your favorite pumpkin. Each classroom will create a masterpiece to display outside.

October 30th - Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat

Come watch the children parade around the school in full costume. Parade begins at 9:00 am and the Trunk or Treat will follow.

Technology with Miss Aimee

We are excited to have started our first technology classes with our brand new Hatch tablets. The kids are doing so well!

This month we are learning new technology terms along with the Hatch tablet activities!



Reminders to Parents

- The weather is changing, so please make sure your child has long pants, long shirt, and a sweatshirt in their classroom change of clothing.
- Please label everything your child brings to school. This includes blankets, jackets, and lunchboxes.
- Tennis shoes are best foot attire for school.
- Please take advantage of the various forms of communication available (phone, email, text) to keep us informed about your child (absences, illness, changes in routine, etc.) so we can best care for them and ensure a positive, thriving experience while at school.