

November 2012



Mount Kisco Child Care Center

PARENT CONNECTION – A family newsletter

Dear Parents:

WE WEATHERED THE STORM!!! Hurricane Sandy or “Frankenstorm” as it was nicknamed, certainly packed a punch in our area. MKCCC was closed for a couple of days since our building lost power but we are proud to say that we were back up and running as early as Thursday, November 1st in large part thanks to our wonderful and committed teachers and staff! We hope you have all recovered from the disruption and now is a good time to think about preparing for future storms. Did you stock up on water and non-perishables? Did you have enough batteries and flashlights? Did you have a battery-powered radio to listen to updates if you were without power for a prolonged period? Did you realize that text messaging was the most reliable use of your cell phone when cell service was spotty? Be sure to visit www.ready.gov for some additional tips on how to be prepared for such emergencies.

MKCCC has put together an action plan to communicate during emergencies with our families. We will continue to post closings and late openings/early dismissals on WHUD (100.7 FM) and Channel 12 News as well as on our website – www.mkccc.org. Another way we communicate with our families is through Facebook. Please visit www.facebook.com/mkccc and “LIKE” us! Emergency information will be posted on the site, and if phones go down we will continually update our Facebook page and will be able to respond to your notifications. We will also email families with updates whenever possible.

Any suggestions you may have to help us communicate with our families are welcome, and we will attempt to incorporate them into our plan.

Warmly,

Dottie Jordan
Dottie Jordan, Executive Director

Mount Kisco Child Care Center
Feed Me Fresh Holiday Sale
PRE-ORDERS ONLY!

Pumpkin Pie • Apple Pie • Onion Pie • Corn Bread •
Pumpkin Bread • Gingerbread • Oatmeal Cookies •
Cranberry Sauce • Orange Cranberry Sauce •
Roasted Garlic in Olive Oil
from the Feed Me Fresh Kitchen

Holiday Fundraiser Order Form
Return Form with Payment by Thursday, November 8, 2012

Quantity	
Breads \$8	
Pumpkin Bread	\$
Corn Bread	\$
Gingerbread	\$
Pie \$10	
Pumpkin	\$
Apple	\$
Onion (savory)	\$
Heartz Cranberry Sauce	
Two 8 oz. jars for \$5	
Pies	\$
With Orange	\$
Oatmeal Cookies \$5	
(by the dozen)	\$
Roasted Garlic in Olive Oil \$3	
Roasted Garlic	\$

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Total Payment Amount:
 Cash \$ _____
 Check \$ _____ payable to MKCCC
Credit Card \$ _____
Amex _____ Visa _____ MC _____
_____ Exp. Date _____
Signature: _____
Pick Up Day: Wednesday 11/21/2012



Lily Hoffman, little pumpkin!

Mark your calendar:

November 12th:
Deadline for Holiday
Bake Sale orders

November 13th:
Flu Shots to be
administered at
MKCCC; Adults only,
\$20 fee

November 22nd
AND
November 23rd:
MKCCC closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

Don't forget to place your order for the Holiday Bake
Sale by Monday, November 12th!

News from the Classrooms

The **Infant Program** has been taking advantage of all the good fall weather that we can. We have been playing in the leaves and making art by using leaves. The finger poem we are learning is "Autumn Leaves Are Falling". The big event was our yearly stroller ride to the pumpkin patch. The infants were able to walk, crawl, and sit among pumpkins. Some of the pumpkins were almost as big as the infants! Each child got to bring home a small pumpkin, and those who could also painted on the pumpkins.

Toddler A welcomed Henrietta Cohen, Mason Castillo, Steven Valencia, Chase Furguson, Emma Gayosso and Meghan Pascione! We have been talking about how special we are and how we are all alike but different in our own special way. We went on a fun nature walk to discover the wonderful changes in our environment. Happy Birthday to Henrietta who turned 2 on October 10th. MKCCC welcomed Elleana Sisk, Savannah Fuenzalida, Hana Kamenickova, Neve Hansen and their families to **Toddler C**. We also welcomed Christian Ferguson, Sebastian Calderon, Lila Sharpiro, Charlie Weinreich and Ivana Harbis from other classrooms. As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing.



The **preschoolers** had lots of fun when the Union Hook and Ladder Company visited. We had fun spraying the fire hose and watching the firefighters dress up in their gear. We practiced stop, drop and roll and learned fire safety tips.

The **afterschool children** have been off to a busy, exciting and fun start. Each week your children have been challenged with different projects and it has been a huge success. They have been building schools, homes and tall ships with blocks.

Our focus on science has them learning about tornados, geysers, why boats floats, among other things! In art each day they are learning different techniques. Mondays are spent sculpting with putty and they have made fall animals, sun flowers, tall ships, and jack o'lanterns. Tuesdays we do theme based projects such as the spooky scene and fall wreath. Wednesdays, children are learning how to paint a still life and achieve a 3 dimensional effect. On Thursdays, children have been exposed to a variety of artists and paint their own interpretation. In the library children have researched topics such as elections, why leaves change color, Van Gogh, and the most recent jump by Felix Baumgartner to break the sound barrier. In addition to all of these wonderful activities we are making and tasting delicious recipes from the feed me fresh program and are enjoying our time outside playing basketball, soccer, tag, and working in our gardens!!



Feed Me Fresh *by Dr. Susan Rubin*

Preschoolers harvested our potato grow bags this month. These plants have been growing all summer on the preschool playground. They used the potatoes to make mashed potatoes, potato salad and a green bean pesto and potato dish! Check out our Facebook page where we will be posting some delicious recipes!!

www.facebook.com/mkccc

News from the Nurse! *by Suzanne Heyer*

MKCCC will be administering Flu Shots at the center on Tuesday, November 13th from 5pm-7pm (\$20 fee)

The New York State Department of Health, the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics support the recommendation that everyone 6 months and older get a seasonal flu vaccine every year. Certain people are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated annually because they are at a higher risk for flu-related health complications. These high-risk groups include: all family members, household contacts and care providers of children who are younger than 5 years old -- with a special emphasis on those who care for infants under 6 months -- and people 50 years and older; people with weakened immune systems or certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma or diabetes; all health care professionals and pregnant women.

Volunteer Projects with IBM and Endurance Services

We were so fortunate to have volunteers from both Endurance and IBM visit us this month. IBM volunteers helped teach our children the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling! Among other things, our friends from Endurance Insurance helped us build new cribs for our babies, outdoor sheds for equipment and best of all, they spent time with the children and older adults. We are so grateful for all this community support!



The Bottom Line from Ruth Goodman, MSW

Welcome back everybody! The school year is well underway! It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at Open House, and to see familiar faces as well. By now I have gotten to spend some time in all the class rooms. Everyone is off to a wonderful start. I know that even when all is "well" everyday life can still be stressful. Please check in with me if you are facing any challenges, no matter how small they may seem. I can always lend an ear and often have some suggestions to offer as well!