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Central Presbyterian Church Weekday Nursery School and Kindergarten October 2021

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Important October Dates

Oct. 11 th	School Closed – Columbus Day
Oct. 15 th	PTO Sponsored “Parent’s Night Out”

Oct. 17 th	Central’s Service of Remembrance
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Weeks of Oct. 18 th and 25 th	2’s through Almost 5’s Parent-Teacher Adjustment Calls
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Oct. 27 th – 29 th	Classroom Halloween Celebrations
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2021-2022 School Year – We are grateful to the Parent Organization Board and all of you who so generously support the Parent Organization. The year started with the sand box, the surface of the playground, the flowerpots and flower garden all refreshed. Balloons, beautiful flowers, and delicious breakfast parfaits brought in for all the teachers, was all a festive and welcoming start to the new year! We enjoy having the school year underway and with the outside Orientation meetings and “Come and Peek” visits, it was fun start to the year though this connection with all of you. Health concerns are still very much a part of this school year, but as we partner together, we are hopeful that we will be able to look back at a successful school year.

Health Updates – This year’s Health and Wellness Google Classroom page has been launched! Invites were sent out to all of you. You need to respond to the email and join to receive emails as new messages are posted. If you did not receive it check to see if it went to your spam or junk mail. If you do not have a Gmail account, we suggest you set one up for these school purpose and share that with us. Let us know if you have not received this communication. It is a critical way we can keep you informed on updates and changes to protocols and revisions that come to us from the NJ Department of Children and Families; NJ Department of Health; and the Local Board of Health, of which we are **required** to follow. You will receive the weekly report on the status of our school community health and the link to the NJ CALI (Covid-19 Activity Level Index report) where the transmission level for our region (Central East) can be tracked.

Google Classroom –It is the platform each class is using to send you their weekly “Ask Me About”. It is a great way for you to stay informed of what lessons, highlights and upcoming topics are planned for your child’s class. The pictures are a fun window into the classrooms! Again, it is required to have a Gmail account to access Google Classroom. Once set up, communicate that email to the classroom teacher. You do not want to miss these important communications!

Mask -Continue to be required as one of the many mitigation efforts to keep our school community healthy. We are always amazed how well most children easily comply. Your child’s teacher will talk to you about either the fit of your child’s masks or any issue your child is having with keeping their

mask on, for the few who that it may be a challenge. Practice and encouraging mask wearing when for stretches of time when you are out with them, or even time at home.

Reminder for flu-vaccines- Please do not wait! It is required for all children between the ages of 6 months and 59 months. Send in verification for our files as soon as you have it (printouts from dr. offices and clinics with date and child's name and flu-vaccine). All documentation needs to be submitted to our school office by December 17th. No child can return January 3rd without our having proof of this vaccine.

October – is our annual time for **our Nursery School teachers to reach out to you to discuss your child's adjustment to school.** Discussion on your child's progress will be later in the year after more time in school. You will hear from your child's teacher with their schedule and ask that you sign up for your time. They will take place the week of October 18th and/or week of October 25th. These are designed to keep communications open and partner with you for a successful year for your child. Kindergarten classes have a separate schedule in November for their fall progress reports.

October's favorite is **HALLOWEEN!** We celebrate with having the children wear their costumes to school. Each class will have a fun class party with lots of pictures to share!

Feel free to attend and/or share this information with others who may be interested:



Central Presbyterian Church will host a community service of remembrance on Sunday, October 17. At 5pm, the Summit community is invited to the memorial service to honor those loved ones lost during the pandemic. Several community leaders will speak, including Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz and Summit Mayor Nora Radest. Attendees will be invited to write the names of their lost loved ones on cards that will be gathered and put in a box to be interred in a memorial garden that is planned for the site of the memorial service. People of all

faiths (or no faith) are encouraged to attend. The event will be held on the lawn at 70 Maple Street.

To receive weekly emails regarding Central Presbyterian Church services and events contact jtheiman@centralpres.org or call 908-273-0441 ext 28 to speak directly to Jeanne Thiemann.

Wishing All a Happy and Healthy Month of October!