



ECC/OWU
Sept. /Oct. 2013

From the Director,

Welcome to a new school year at the ECC. What a wonderful beginning it has been for all of us. Children are busy making new friends and connecting with the adults in our building. We hope you are feeling connected to us through day-to-day interactions with teachers and students, classroom newsletters, and observing the wonderful work children are doing in our building. Other ways to connect with us are by visiting our website: ecc.owu.edu, or by friending our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EarlyChildhoodCenterEccOwu> .

While children have been busy with math, science, sensory and other activities, it may be a new experience for your child to paint or draw a “self-portrait.” We are very intentional about how we talk to children about their art/creations. Here is a great article on how to talk with your children about their work: (the only suggestion that isn’t for our very young children is the self-promotion statement). <http://www.bigblackpig.com/howtotalk.html>

Kellie

Important Dates

Sept. 30th	Extended to Monday- committee forms and t-shirt orders due
Oct. 6 th	U-pick apple picking offered by the social committee @ 2:00
Oct 16-18	No School, Mid-Semester Break
Oct. 23rd	Family Math Night (M-F/MWF families only) 6-7pm at the ECC
Oct. 29th	Curriculum Night (TR parents and new ECC families) 6-7pm at the ECC
Nov. 9 th	Silent Auction (Ross Art Museum)

ECC Billing Statements

Due to several factors, your billing statement will not arrive in your child’s cubby until the week of Oct. 1st. If you chose the monthly payment option, the deadline for your first payment will be extended until Tuesday, October 15th.



Committee Chairs

Interested in joining a committee, but didn't return the form? Here is a list of the chairs:

Social Committee:

Angel Meadows: meadowsfam6@gmail.com

Kim Eggert: kimberly31477@yahoo.com

School Maintenance Committee

Allison Chalklin: AllisonAnaya@hotmail.com

Playground Committee

Shala Hankison: hankison@gmail.com

(could use a few more parents)

Erinn Nicley: erinnnicley@gmail.com

Silent Auction Committee

Juli Siegrist: juli.siegrist@gmail.com

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Maura Ackermann: Maura_ackermann@yahoo.com

Garden Committee

Kelly Milliken: Milliken@columbus.rr.com

Chris Fink: clfink@owu.edu

Am Parents/Caregivers

You are always welcome in our classrooms, and if you want to spend some time with your child at the end of his/her day please come at 11:15. Between 11:30-12:30 teachers have planning meetings and use this time to prepare for the afternoon classes. While we understand sometimes things happen which are unavoidable (traffic, car problems), we also appreciate your help in clearing the building by 11:30.

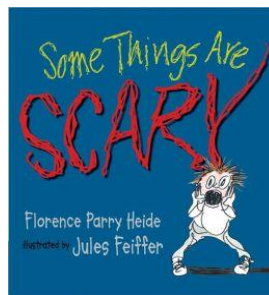


Halloween Parties?

Rather than have Halloween parties in the classrooms (not everyone celebrates this holiday), we choose to provide children with many opportunities to celebrate Fall. Sorting gourds, comparing leaves, feeling the inside of a pumpkin, and taking walks all inspire the sense of wonder children possess. These activities provide children with important math, language, and science experiences. We will also have dress up clothes, face painting, and mask making available during October and the first part of November for children who are interested in these activities. For more information on young children and Halloween/fears visit:

<http://www.bradleyhospital.org/halloween-fears-and-how-to-handle-them.html>

A good picture book for your older preschooler and early elementary children that does a good job illustrating some childhood fears is, *Some Things are Scary* by Florence Parry Heide. I have copies in my office if you would like to look at it.



School Attire

Please send children to school in shoes that allow for running and playing. Clothes that are comfortable and can withstand dirt/paint/etc. are appreciated. Creativity is not always clean!





7th Annual Silent Auction

The planning is underway for our seventh annual silent auction. It will be held on Saturday, November 9th at the Ross Art Museum. This fundraising event helps finance improvements to our center and fund our ECC Jason Tormasi Scholarship Fund. You will receive an invitation and RSVP form in the next few weeks. Please mark it on your calendar. It is a fun night to socialize with other parents and the ECC teachers. We will provide you with a list of our ECC student staff who are interested in providing child care on the night of the auction. It is a great opportunity to do some of your holiday shopping, while supporting a great cause.

This event is an adult only evening with desserts/refreshments and live music.

Along with attending, there are four ways you can help with the silent auction:

1. Donate an item or service, or ask someone you know to donate (no item or service is too big or small)
2. Make a cash donation
3. Volunteer to help on the evening of the auction
4. Donate a dessert for the evening

A sampling of past auction items:

- restaurant gift cards
- one of a kind items made by the ECC children
- homemade items
- sports packages (Buckeyes, Crew)
- services such as lawn care, hair care, car care...
- family activities (bowling, jump houses, mini-golf)
- spots at OWU sports camps

Soon, you will receive a Silent Auction Form in your child's cubby with more information about how you can help with the event.

Want more info now? Contact: Juli Siegrist: juli.siegrist@gmail.com

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