

## Martinsville Directors October Newsletter



October is a busy month at our school.

### Fire Prevention Month

During Sing Time, the children will have an exciting visit from a Firefighter! To prepare for the visit we will talk about fire safety. Through lessons and stories, we will learn the steps to take if the children smell smoke or see a fire, calling 911, stop-drop-roll and covering your faces and planning a meeting place. Our visitor will discuss fire safety strategies with the children will also bring his Fire Truck. He will also describe the equipment a firefighter wears, explaining each piece of apparatus. This is important for the children to see because a firefighter with a facemask and oxygen tank can be very frightening. he will explain, "If someone looking like this comes up to you during a fire do not hide, he is there to help you." The children will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about his gear. The children will also have the opportunity to tour the Fire Truck! We are very grateful to our Firefighter for coming to demonstrate these lifesaving skills to our precious students.



## Halloween Festivities at the Giving Nest

As you check your child's calendar this month you will notice that our Halloween Celebrations are not on Halloween Day, Only the Chicks will be on Halloween. In the past our parents experienced conflicts with attending our Halloween festivities and viewing events of siblings in the grammar schools. We've scheduled it this way for several years and it is very successful. Listed below is your child's times and dates. Parents are invited to come to enjoy the children dressed in costumes. The parades will take place outside in front of the school in the marked area if weather permits (in the classrooms if the weather does not cooperate). Children should come to school dressed in costume on the day of the parade. If the costume is uncomfortable, please have clothes underneath. Please note, parties are for the

children only. A sign up sheet will be sent home in October for the Halloween Parties.

Times of Parades are as follows:

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:**

Ducklings C & C/E will be @ 9:30am

Cardinals J/J4 will be @ 10:00am

Bluebirds F/G5 will be @ 10:30am

Kindergarten K will be @2:00pm

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Chick a dee's A @ 9:30am

## Back to School Night for Parents



This month all parents are **invited and encouraged** to come and learn what your child does all day at The Giving Nest. This special evening will begin promptly at 6:00 PM and lasts about an hour. It is for **adults only** so perhaps you can get a friend, relative or babysitter to watch the children at home. Upon arrival you will be invited into the Cardinal classroom for a short presentation given by Mrs. Barbara and enjoy a short slide show with your children as the cast of characters! Upon completion of the slide show, you will then visit your child's classroom. You will see your child's work, write a short note to your child and try to pick out which art project is your child's. In the classroom you will also listen to the varied activities and special skills planned for your child throughout the year.



### Class Pictures

This year our school pictures will be on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason your child is out for the pictures, Mr. Bill will have a make up day. Classes A, J & K will be on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & Classes C, C+/E and F/G will be on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

# All Giving Nest Students ages 6 months through 59 months Must Get the Flu Shot - It is the Law -

**Please read for details**

**Influenza Vaccine: Children 6 months through 59 months attending any childcare or preschool facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 & December 31 each year. It is very important you comply with this state mandate. The state sends a nurse to the Giving Nest and all preschools to check each child's medical paperwork and ascertain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date the child may have to leave the school. The state nurse checks all immunizations.**