

The Barclay Early Childhood Center

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Karen Rockhill, Principal

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

It's been a smooth opening of the school year. Thank you for helping to prepare your children for their transition to school. Your support is very much appreciated.

Just a reminder that all Cherry Hill Schools are closed on October 8th.

Please join us at the Silver Diner for our Run the Diner Night on Tuesday, October 9th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Barclay staff will be “at your service” at this event.

All families are invited to join us in our Green Apple Day of Service, to be held on Saturday, October 20th. We will be planting mums and doing a cleanup of the planting beds in front of the school. Please bring a rake, shovel and some gardening gloves! We encourage you to make this a family event! Our work begins at 9:00 AM and we expect to be finished by 10:30 AM.

Our Annual Halloween Parade will be on Wednesday, October 31 at 10:00 for AM and full day students and 2:00 for PM students. The students will parade at the back of the school (on the new sidewalks next to the playground) and return to the classrooms for the Halloween parties. We welcome the Barclay community to come and enjoy the parade, but only those parents selected for this party may return to the classrooms (2 per classroom). If you would really like to do a craft or read a story to your child's classroom, please contact the teacher and she or he can work with you to schedule a time during the days prior to Halloween. Children should bring their costumes to school in a clearly labeled bag. It is requested that the school costumes be relatively simple so that the children can put them on with minimal assistance. Please note: Costumes should be appropriate for our school audience, ages 3-4. No sharp objects are to be a part of a student's costume, nor are students permitted to have weapon-type accessories. In the event of rain, we will parade within the school and will not be able to accommodate spectators. I respectfully request that adults not wear masks to the parade. Also please consider carpooling, since parking can be an issue on days with many guests.

Barclay Early Childhood Center will also open up a Halloween-free room for religious or cultural exemptions during the parade and parties. Students will watch a non-Halloween movie, have a snack, and make a craft. Please call Mrs. Rockhill (856-429-7283 ext. 4010) if you would like your child to join the Halloween-free group.

Mrs. Jayne Schafer and I will be going to Washington DC on October 4 – 5 in order to participate in the Character.org Conference. Barclay Early Childhood Center was recently acknowledged as a 2018 Promising Practice for our Reverse Inclusion with Speech Support program. Please see me if you would like more information about our Promising Practice.

Barclay students will participate in 4 special weeks during the month of October:

Week of October 1 – Week of Respect

The *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L.2010, c.122)* requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year (**October 1-5 in 2018**) be designated as the Week of Respect in New Jersey. To recognize the importance of social and emotional learning and character education, school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focused on preventing HIB.

Week of October 9 – Fire Prevention Week

Don't forget to check your smoke detectors!

Week of October 23 – 31 – Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign.

Week of October 15 – 19 – School Violence Awareness Week

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 requires that the week beginning with the third Monday in October of each year (**October 15-19 in 2018**) be designated as School Violence Awareness Week in New Jersey.

While the New Jersey Legislature has set aside both weeks to highlight these very important issues, it is a school district's clear, consistent message throughout the school year about positive school climate and student behavioral expectations that will help reduce violence and create safe and supportive learning environments for all students and staff.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 21, 22, and 23rd. If you need to see your child's classroom teacher prior to this time, please call to schedule an appointment.

I hope to see everyone at our first PTA event – Run the Diner Night!

Sincerely,

Karen Rockhill
Principal

