

October Newsletter

2025

Director's Desk

Happy October! School is off to a truly wonderful start. Our amazing teachers are eager to get to know all their students and create a nurturing classroom environment. This past month has given us the time to renew old friendships and explore new ones. Watching children form and reform their social groups is quite exciting. Their innocence as they venture out into the world of school are touching. Thank you for letting us at Beach Manor be a part of your child's educational and social journey.

Sincerely,
Leigh



Reminders

- As the weather changes from hot to cool and crisp, please make sure your child has the seasonally appropriate change of clothes in their backpacks.
- Please remember to label all of your child's belongings with their name.
- Make sure your Brightwheel notifications are on, you don't want to miss out on monthly newsletters and cute pictures from your child's teacher.
- Water bottles are for water only! If your child has a water bottle for lunch with something other than water, please let your teacher know.

Upcoming Events



Pumpkin Patch Parade- October 29-30

Wednesday, October 29

Thursday, October 30

Ms. Karen

Ms. Bailey

Ms. Ivonne

Ms. Stephanie

Ms. Harden

Ms. Kara

Ms. Jessica

Ms. Sammy and Ms. Kendall's classes will join us for the December Holiday program. Our 2-year-old classes need a little more time to get adjusted to their daily schedule.

Conference Day

Tuesday, November 4th are conferences. School is closed to part-time students that day. I will try to schedule working parents as early as possible and during lunchtime. Conferences will be conducted in person. I will publish the schedule later this month.

Spotlight

The Manor Schools are on Instagram!

<https://www.instagram.com/manorschools>

What we are learning

During the month of October Ms. Sammy and Ms. Kendall's MDO classes will continue with the world of senses-smelling, tasting, touching, listening, and observing. There will be lots of cooking, crafts, and songs. Our youngest children have adjusted beautifully to school and each other.

If you thought September was fun, October is better if you are three. It is also quite busy. Ms. Harden, Ms. Karen's, and Ms. Bailey's classes go on a safari this month and study jungle animals. During the next three weeks they become experts on animal behavior and can easily mimic the antics of chimps, lions, and elephants. For many of the children a visit to the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk would be a marvelous reinforcement of the animals they are studying. It is also a wonderful way to spend a warm fall day. The threes finish the month with stories and crafts relating to Halloween.

Ms. Ivonne and Ms. Kara classes will finish their alphabet unit before turning their attention to Fall. They take a brief look at squirrels and their preparations for winter. The children learn fun finger plays and poems before leaping into their Halloween Unit. The teachers really get to into the spirit of the season and have some wonderful things planned. A quick study of shapes and colors is also at hand as they get quite involved in finger-painting and mixing with different mediums. Of course, the month ends with stories, crafts, poems, and songs about Halloween. This holiday seems to be created for four-year olds. Letter and number recognition as well as phonics instruction continue on an individual basis.

Ms., Stephanie PreK class look at our world from a geographical and environmental angle. The children are introduced to some basic geographical concepts using habitats as a motif. By mid-month the children are learning about the fragility of various habitats and interdependence between the environment and its inhabitants. An investigation of endangered species concludes the unit.

Ms. Jessica class will end the transportation unit with a brief study of the Solar system and our planet earth. We finish with a wonderful astronaut party! While amongst the stars, we study constellations and mythology behind several star groups. Hopefully they will be able to find the Big Dipper on Halloween night. We will, of course, devote a week to pumpkins and scarecrows. Intertwined with all this fun, the children will continue to learn math and phonics facts.

Spanish this month your child will continue to learn about los colores and numeros. They will also start to introduce themselves in Spanish as well. It's an exciting month as your little one becomes more confident communicating what they have learn so far.

Save the Date

August 26 –October 3Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
September 10 &11Individual Pictures
October 2 Original Works Fundraiser ends.
October 29-30 Fall music programs.
November 4Conference Day- open for **ALL DAY** students only
November 11Veterans Day-**school closed**.
November 26,27,28Thanksgiving Holiday-**school closed**.
December 10-11 Winter music programs
December 22- January 2 Winter Break-**school closed**.
January 19MLK day **school closed**.
January 26Staff Inservice (**Closed to Students**)
February 16President's Day **School closed**
April 6-10Spring break **School closed**
April 29-30 Spring Programs
May 19Conference Day- open for **ALL DAY** students only
May 25 Memorial Day **School closed**.
June 5Kindergarten Graduation
June 12 Last Day of School
June 22 – August 14..... Summer session