

October Newsletter

WOW! September came and went! The children have adjusted to school nicely, and it is nice to see many smiles! Our Fall season has started a little rough with Staff being out sick, but we appreciate all families understanding that we need to do what needs to be done to make Young World run and keep everyone healthy and safe. I will say that if there are too many staff members out, we will need to close. It will be posted on our **website** and **WWLP 22 news** or **Western Mass News- 3, ABC40, and FOX 6**. We will also email all families involved.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Young World will be closed on **Monday, October 10th** in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FAMILY NIGHT

Young World will host a Family Night on Thursday, November 10th, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm for ALL of the families of Young World. Family Night is an opportunity for your child to show you around their classroom and introduce you to their friends. The evening also allows parents to talk with the teaching staff in a relaxed environment.

We look forward to seeing you on that special night. Masks are optional.

VETERAN'S DAY

Young World will be closed on Friday, November 11th, to honor our Veterans.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 19th, 20th, and 21st are all Half Days for the Easthampton Public Schools. Surveys for those dates will be posted for The Stargazers. A prompt response is appreciated!

COLDER WEATHER IS COMING!

The cold weather will be here before we know it, and children must wear warm hats and mittens. When choosing these necessary items, please keep safety in mind. For example, please avoid anything with long strings or tassels. Thank you in advance for your compliance with this Safety Regulation!

HALLOWEEN

All of our groups will have special Halloween celebrations at the end of the month. Please take the time to read your emails, parent boards, and your child's backpack for all pertinent information. When planning your child's costume, please remember that the children at Young World range from 2 years nine months to 10 years old. To keep the celebrations enjoyable for everyone, please be sure that costumes are age-appropriate, safe, and reflect the FUN aspects of the holiday. Please note, for safety reasons, neither masks nor weapons will be allowed at any Young World Halloween Celebration. Classroom parties will include enjoying some special treats contributed by the children's families. While quite welcome, not all treats need to be of the "sweet and sugary" variety. We strongly encourage healthier alternatives such as cheese & crackers, fruit & dip, etc. Young World wishes everyone a safe & fun Halloween!

STAFF CHANGES

Miss Katie has given her notice; Her last day will be October 14th. Miss Courtney will be moving down to the Kindness Crew classroom and will be their new teacher. I am in the process of hiring new teachers; with that said, Miss Laurie will continue to be the Lead Teacher in the Penguin classroom. Miss Megan will float between the two classrooms, and Miss Kaylee from the Hi-5s and Stargazers will be helping out. Feel free to speak to Jessica if you have any questions.

MISSING PAPERWORK

We are in the process of relicensing; we are double-checking everyone's files. If something is missing in your child's file, please bring it in ASAP!!! If your child's physical is expired and we ask for a new one, please let us know the date of the new one so we can put it in your child's file. If we do not receive what your child's file needs, we will need to suspend care until we receive it.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Consistent drop-off and pick-up are necessary to create a routine for your children. Please say goodbye or hello at the classroom doorways. Parents and siblings in the classrooms can be distracting and disruptive to the children in the classrooms. If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please email us, and we can make it happen. Also, we close promptly at 5 pm; unless you have spoken to Jessica, please ensure your child is picked up and items collected and signed out by 5:00 pm.

We appreciate all YOUNG WORLD FAMILIES!!!!