



ABBA Christian Childcare Monthly Newsletter

Notes From Amanda

ABBA's Annual Trunk-or-Treat

Our Annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Friday, October 28th from 5:30-7:30. We will provide sandwiches that night. We are asking for your help with the sides and desserts. Costumes are welcome at this event but **not during the day at school**. There will be several games and activities for you and your children to play. The evening will end with the kids trunk-or-treating in the back of the parking lot.



ABBA parents and staff and church members will volunteer to decorate their cars for the event and will hand out goodies from their cars.

Please consider volunteering at the event and/or donating items on the donation web outside of the ABBA office. Please speak with Ms Amanda or Miss Ashley if you have any questions.

Coupon Book Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser is KidStuff Coupon Books. The book includes coupons for shopping, services, activities, and food. The cost for each book is \$25 and the school gets half of that back! We will use the money raised to purchase new items for the playground, including new bikes and cars, and more sensory items.

If you do NOT want to participate in the fundraiser, please return the bag that was placed on your child's hook to me or their teacher.

Cooler Weather—Warmer Clothes

Fall has arrived! With the cooler temperatures, it is time to pull out the long-sleeves, sweaters, and coats. We are required by DCFS to take the children outside for at least 30 minutes a day if the temperature is above 30 degrees. Getting fresh air is also great for staying healthy!

Please dress your child appropriately and bring in the appropriate outer wear as well. Please switch out their extra clothes also —bring in something that will work with the cooler temperatures. Thanks for your help!



Thank you to everyone who is making sure that the front door is completely closed. It does take a couple of seconds for the lock to engage so please do not bang the door until it locks. We are looking into getting the frame replaced.



Dates to Remember:

- Every Sunday: Worship at Family In Faith, 8am and 10:30am
- Free Panera bread and bagels every Friday!
- Wednesday, October 4: Health and Safety Fair at Glendale Heights Sorts Hub, 5-8pm
- Tuesday October 10: Fire Department Visit, leave ABBA at 9:45
- Friday, October 13: Dress Like a Hero Day
- Saturday, October 14: Food Pantry from 10-12
- Friday, October 27: Trunk or Treat, 5:30-7:30pm



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PUMPKIN CARVING PRAYER

Dear God,
As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
(Clean out the inside)

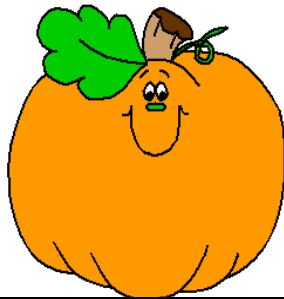
Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible-we did rectangles)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near
(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.
(Place a candle inside and light it)



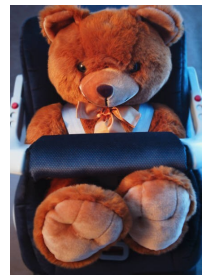
October Birthdays:

October 1—Rachel
October 10—Alpha
October 11—Jacob
October 15—LeTayvion
October 16—Eurysyd
October 19—Garett
October 19—Samarah



Glendale Heights Health and Safety Fair

On Wednesday, October 4, Glendale Heights is hosting their annual Health and Safety Fair. This is a free event with several activities available for the whole family. ABBA will also have a table at this event so stop by and say "hi" to the staff.



Look for a flyer in your mailbox for more information.

Fire Department Visit

On Tuesday, October 10, the children will walk to the Glenside Fire Station to see the fire trucks and ambulances. The older children will also watch a video with the fire fighters to learn more about what they do. We will leave the center at 9:45 to be at the station at 10am.

If your child does not normally attend on Tuesdays, please let us know if you would like to bring them to this event.

Parents are also welcome to attend. If the weather is bad that day, the trucks will come to our parking lot.

