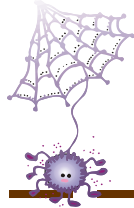


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October 2017



## Message from Janet Boutin, Director

It is hard to believe that one month of school is already over! We have had a great start and I have enjoyed getting to know your children. It is amazing how quickly the children have settled into their school routine.

October is a very busy month for St. Peter's. You will want to mark your calendars for the **Open House and Book Fair** on Monday, October 16th. During Open House, you will get a chance to see some of the projects your child has been busy creating at school. The Book Fair is a major fundraiser for our Parent Association. You will want to take advantage of some early Christmas shopping!

Three years ago, a team of NAEYC validators visited our school. The purpose of their visit was to conduct an intense overall inspection of our program. They observed in the classrooms, inspected our grounds, evaluated our administration and much more. They spent three days at our school. The purpose of the visit was to ensure that NAEYC schools, like ours, are continuing to offer high quality programs. The NAEYC Family Survey results are part of the evaluation. The survey results help the validators understand our families and how they feel about the School. Our next survey will be in March 2018. Read more about last year's survey results in this newsletter. Thank you for filling out the survey and being a part of the NAEYC evaluation process!!

At St. Peter's School, we are very proud of our NAEYC accreditation and the tradition of a "Great Beginning" shared by our staff, school families and the community. Thank you for choosing our school and giving us an opportunity to share in your child's life. Working with your child is a tremendous blessing to us all.





**Message from our Parent Association:  
Becky Watkins, President**

Thank you to all who attended our New Parent Orientation Meeting! We had a terrific turnout and hope to see you all again at our next meeting on Friday, October 6th, at 8:45 a.m. in the Tucker Hall. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the minutes, please contact the School Office and a copy will be emailed to you. Also, ask to be on our SPPA email list and join us on Facebook.

The Book Fair is here—October 15th and 16th. Please plan to attend during Open House. This is one of our major fundraisers and we rely on your support. We also need volunteers to help during the Book Fair and to set up and take down. Again, please contact the School Office if you can help out. Our families always do a super job and it makes it much easier if we all help a little.

We still need Teams P.E. helpers and staff luncheon volunteers. Please contact the School Office if you can help out.

Thank you!



**Special Thanks**

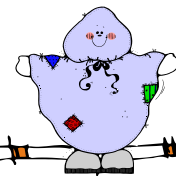
In May 2016, I wrote a grant request to help with the start up of our new "Wobbler" classroom (18-24 Month Olds). I am proud to report that the School was awarded the request from the Armstrong Foundation. The Armstrong Foundation supports tax exempt organizations that support U.S. constitutional values including: principles of free enterprise, limited government, pursuit of liberty, individual freedom, protection of personal property rights and a strong national defense. The Foundation was created in 1949 by Judge George W. Armstrong.

We are very grateful for their support and award.

Janet Boutin,  
School Director



**BOOTHFUL!**



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**HAND TILES:** Thursday and Friday, October 5th and 6th playground tiles will be made.

**PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Friday, October 6th at 8:45 a.m. in Tucker Hall.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY:** School Closed on Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:** Fire Prevention Week is October 10th thru 13th. Please talk about fire safety at home.

**BOOK FAIR:** Sunday, October 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Monday October 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Tucker Hall.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Monday, October 16th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:** Monday, October 16th.

**PUMPKIN POUNDING:** Tuesday, October 31st. Students wear black and orange.



**Save The Date**

**School Board Luncheon  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**Support our School and  
Scholarship Program.**

*It All Benefits The Kids!!*





## Field Trip Information

St. Peter's Episcopal School plans many special field trips throughout the year. They are special times for the children. **Please be aware that for certain field trips outside of Kerrville, we will not include siblings or other students not enrolled in the classes the field trip was planned for.** The School has to follow certain guidelines set down by the State of Texas to keep your child safe and it makes it more difficult to keep this level of safety when there are younger children or children not from our school in attendance. There are many opportunities for other siblings to be included in the activities of St. Peter's and we hope you take advantage of these other opportunities.



## Pesticides on Campus

The State of Texas requires that our school families know that pesticides are used on our campus. St. Peter's School is treated quarterly by a licensed pest control operator.

Janet Boutin,  
Director  
830-257-0257

# "Health and Safety at School"



## KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY

1. Keep students home if they are sick, help us prevent illness from spreading.
2. Have children wash hands frequently with soap and water.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. We teach them to cough into their elbow (not their hands).
4. Seek medical attention early if your child has flu like symptoms.

*"Health is the condition of wisdom and the sign of cheerfulness" Emerson*

## For your information . . .

Once again, we are off to a great start at St. Peter's. Our year will be very busy and we will need your help on many field trips, parties and fund raisers. Our guidelines for volunteering will be coming home soon in your child's backpack. These are the standards we must follow to meet our licensing requirements. Regular parent volunteers will be asked to complete a **criminal background check**. Call the office if you have any questions at 257-0257.

Janet Boutin, Director

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**





## NAEYC Family Questionnaire Results Survey From March 2016

Thank you for the very complimentary ratings on our End Of Year NAEYC Family Survey. Our school rated very highly in these areas: 1.) communication from school, 2.) relationships with classroom teachers, 3.) safety of children and 4.) effective leadership and management.

The survey is used as a tool to help improve our program. Here are some areas we need to clarify: 1.) Yes, families are involved in their child's assessment. Twice a year we offer Parent/Teacher conferences. This is a time for families and teachers to sit down and discuss goals for their child. 2.) All child's files are confidential. Only office staff, NAEYC assessors, TDFPS inspectors and Health Department officials can access these files. Please visit our Family Handbook and read about our confidentiality rules. 3.) By participating in the NAEYC survey, you are part of the process to improve our program. 4.) If you should ever need a translator, let us know. One of our office staff speaks Spanish fluently.

We tally the results and share them with our staff, School Board, School families and NAEYC. Again, **Thank you** for taking the time to complete our NAEYC Family Survey. Your responses are used to help improve our program. Thank you for being a part of the NAEYC process.

Janet Boutin  
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Mark Haufler  
School Board President  
830-257-0257



Come join us . . .

**St. Peter's School Open House**

**Monday, October 16th  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Visit your child's classroom  
and Shop at our Book Fair!**







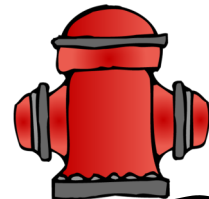
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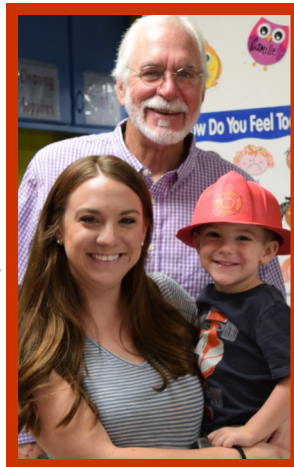
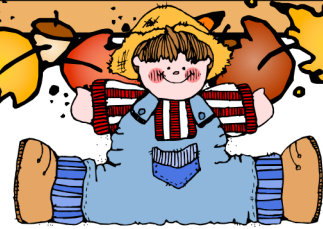
- 1.) Don't play with matches and lighters
- 2.) Have smoke detectors on every floor
- 3.) Test your smoke detectors every month
- 4.) Change your clock; change your batteries
- 5.) Don't hide, go outside
- 6.) Have an escape plan and practice
- 7.) To escape a fire "fall & crawl"
- 8.) If you are on fire "stop, drop, & roll"
- 9.) Know your local emergency number



**FIREMAN**

Fire Prevention Week  
October 10th thru 13th

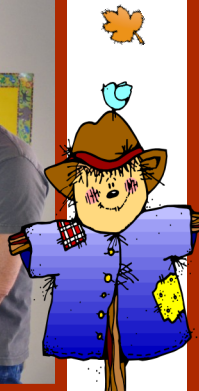




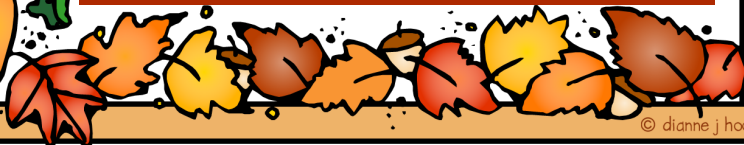
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# Welcome Father Bert!



children are GOD's  
way of telling you  
tomorrow is  
beautiful!

