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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 we have enjoyed getting to know your children. It is amazing how quickly the children have settled into their school routine.

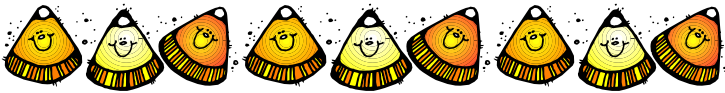
October is a very busy month for St. Peter's. You will want to mark your calendars for the **Open House and Book Fair** on Monday, October 7th. During Open House, you will get a chance to see some of the projects your child has been busy creating at school. The **Book Fair** is a major fundraiser for our Parent Association. You will want to take advantage of some early Christmas shopping!

We hope all of you have had a chance to see our **Bond's Butterfly Garden**. This garden was a special project to mark our school's 50th year and to honor our school's founder, Rev. Marvin "Red" Bond. The garden will be a special place for our young students to learn and find joy in nature. The assortment of butterfly attracting flowers will draw butterflies to pollinate and regenerate in this new habitat. The school would like to thank all of our school families, church members and the many friends of the school that helped to make this garden possible. Over the next few years, we plan to add benches, pavers and other items to help support the garden and keep it flourishing for many years to come.

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.



BOO! BOO! BOO! BOO! BOO!



**Message from our Parent Association:
Amanda McDonald, 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 4th, at 12:00 noon 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.

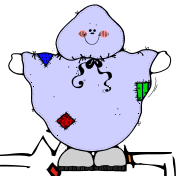
The Book Fair is here—October 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend during Open House. This is one of our major fundraisers and we rely on your support. We also need volunteers to help during the Book Fair and to set up and take down. Again, please contact the School Office if you can help out. Our families 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 lunch-eon volunteers. Please contact the School Office if you can help out.

Thank you!



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IMPORTANT DATES

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING: Friday, October 4th at 12:00 noon in Tucker Hall.

BOOK FAIR: Sunday, October 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Monday October 7th 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 7th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Fire Prevention Week is October 7th thru 11th. Please talk about fire safety at home.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY: School Closed on Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day.

HAND TILES: Thursday and Friday, October 17th and 18th playground tiles will be made.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: Monday, October 21st.

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

Special Thanks

In May 2018, I wrote a grant request to help support all of our School's programs (Music, PE/ Gymnastics, Smart Boards, Playgrounds, etc.) I am proud to report that the School was awarded a \$4,000 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



Health Alert

Because our children play on the floor, we need everyone to wipe their shoes upon entering any classroom.

Thank you!





Environmental Health

To better protect our young students and their development we are requesting that vehicles are not left idling in the parking areas.

Thank you!



Pest Management on Campus

The School uses non-toxic pest management techniques inside and outside the facility. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is used to eliminate any harmful chemical exposure. Our 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

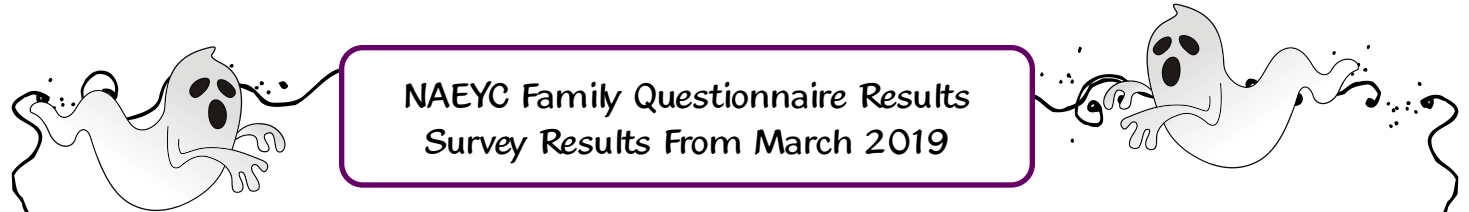
Promoting Children's Health



The school's food safety policy states that staff will not use plastic and Styrofoam containers, plates, bags or wraps when microwaving your child's snacks, lunches or beverages.

Janet Boutin, Director





NAEYC Family Questionnaire Results
Survey Results From March 2019

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.) Our program supports breastfeeding mothers. Our Teacher Lounge and Office are available for privacy. 3.) Our program does not service "infant" feedings, our students are ages 18 months to Kindergarten. 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, School Director
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Come join us . . .

St. Peter's School Open House

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

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

See you there!





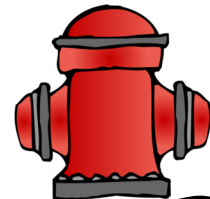
Follow the 9
Cool rules of fire safety

- 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

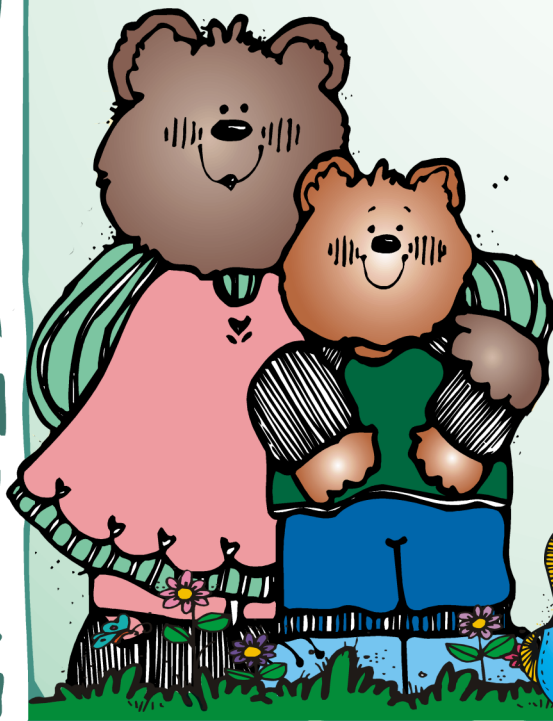
Fire Prevention Week
October 7th thru 11th



Blessing of the backpacks!



God is love





Kindergarten fun!



Making
new
friends!



First day of school!



Thank you
for choosing
St. Peter's School.



Check out our Bond's Butterfly Garden!



Kindergarten enjoys their first music lesson outdoors at our new butterfly garden!



All creatures great and small
The Lod God made them all!

