



Parent's Club



A Note from The Director

October 2017

Dear Interfaith Families,

We are truly appreciative of your support and assistance to our staff during Hurricane Harvey and all your volunteering efforts through Interfaith of the Woodlands to many families in need. It is wonderful to be a part of such giving and caring community. Thank you. We were lucky and sustained minimal damaged to our school and this enable us to be able to open as per CISD the following week September 5th.

Our school is now in full swing and off to a great start! Children are getting use to their new schedules and excited about exploring, learning and making new friends. We are happy to have all your little ones back in school!

We would like to thank Stephanie Hitchcock, President of the Parent Club, and all the members of the board for all their commitment to our school. The first meeting was a success! We look forward to a wonderful year with a lot of fun activities for the children. Thank you to all the moms who came and spent the morning with us.

All our classes enjoyed petting cute little animals last week! We had baby goats, a llama, donkey and a baby rabbit! Big thanks to the Hernandez's family who donated this wonderful experience!!

Our door is always open as we strive to have continuous lines of communication. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Martha Klie
Director of School



Health & Safety



September is **Lice Awareness Month**. This parasite called *Pediculus Capitis* AKA head lice, is very common among children. It is nothing to be embarrassed about because **anyone** can get head lice. In fact, they prefer a cleaner scalp to feed on and cleaner hair to lay their eggs on. Lice are a yellowish brownish in color and about the size of a sesame seed. They feed on blood from the scalp and they cannot survive longer than about 24 hours without blood. Eggs, or nits, laid by adult females, are tightly cemented to the side of hair shafts. Lice spread primarily from head-to-head direct contact. They cannot jump or fly, but they do move very fast. They almost always are not seen because when you part the hair they run from the light. It is not unusual to have lice but only be able to see the nits (eggs) on the hair shaft. Also, our pets cannot contract head lice.

- **What effects can lice have on people?** Lice does not cause any kind of disease. Symptoms include itching and scratching especially at the nape of the neck and behind the ears, where they like to lay their eggs. Possible red marks might be seen on the scalp and infected sores could occur from scratching or excessive bites.
- **What do “Nits” look like?** Usually an ivory tear drop shaped egg that sticks to the hair shaft. It cannot be flicked off like dandruff and it is not flat or flaky. Nits hatch in 7 to 10 days and up to 30% of nits are NOT killed by lice shampoos like RID or NIX. It is very difficult to tell a “live” nit from a “dead” nit.
- **What is the lifecycle of a louse?** Lice have a lifespan of approximately 30 days, during which time one female can lay 100 to 400 nits/eggs. The nits hatch every 7 to 10 days.
- **How do I get rid of Lice?** Liquid Permethrin like “NIX” or liquid pyrethrin like “RID” must be used initially with the daily combing (This will only kill the live lice, it will NOT eliminate the eggs). Only physically removing the eggs, by combing with a lice comb will eliminate them. This process **must** be repeated within 7 to 10 days to kill any newly hatched eggs. Researchers believe that lice are developing strains that resist chemical extermination.
- **Prevention of lice infestation or re-infestation.** Teach your child not to share combs, brushes, hats or helmets and to have them put their hats in their coat pocket when they are not in use. Brushes and combs can be put on the top shelf of the dishwasher to disinfect. Vacuum the entire house and use a tape lint roller on anything that cannot be vacuumed, like leather couches and car seats. Check every member of the family for lice. Comb with a lice comb every day to remove any missed nits. Wash all bedding in hot water, then dry in dryer for 30 minutes every night on high heat. You may bag items and stick them in the freezer for 2 days. Any stuffed animals that cannot be washed can be bagged in an airtight bag for a few days. Inform anyone your child might have had a sleepover with. It is important to notify the school if a case of head lice is discovered.



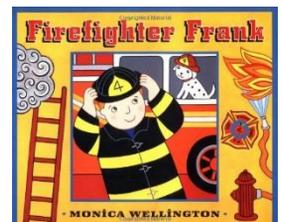
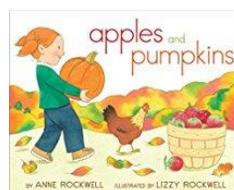
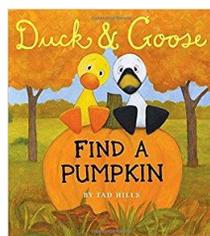
Interfaith Child Development Center has a **“NO-Nit”** policy. If your child contracts lice I will perform classroom checks routinely on everyone in that class. I will need to check that all nits have been removed from the hair before the child will be allowed to re-enter the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Shawna Stefaniak LVN
School Nurse

Literacy News

Happy Fall, Everyone!! October is always a busy month here at ICDC with lots of fun activities centered on themes such as pumpkins, fall, fire safety, and community helpers. In the Library, we will have many books for teachers to share with their classes related to these themes. Here are some books that you might enjoy reading with your child at home this month:

- When the Leaf Blew In by Steve Metzger
- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves by Lucille Colandro
- Duck and Goose Find a Pumpkin by Tad Hills
- Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell
- Curious George and the Firefighters by H.A. Rey and Margaret Rey
- Firefighter Frank by Monica Wellington



ICDC Parent's Club



From The President

School Spirit T-Shirt Sales are coming to a close and we thank you so much for your participation in showing your school spirit and supporting the Parents Club! We encourage the children to wear their shirts on Thursdays and Fridays! We do still have limited inventory left if you are interested in purchasing please email Stephanie Hitchcock at sjhitchcock@me.com.

Our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is officially underway! If your child has not received a catalog and order form you may find some at the front desk. Charleston Wrap has a great assortment of gift wrap supplies, home and kitchen items, gifts, gourmet chocolates, and much more! For every dollar spent through through this fundraiser ICDC will get 40 cents back!

Our Silent Auction is still months away but we are already working hard to make it a great success! Be on the lookout for upcoming flyers and more information regarding our biggest event of the year! If you or someone you know may be interested in donating an item, purchasing ad space in our flyer, or volunteering their time please contact us!

Thank you so much to all of our parents who completed our Parents Club Registration form and generously submitted your \$10 donation. All of the funds raised by the Parents Club throughout the year benefit our children, teachers, and school. All of the time given by the Parents Club Board members, committee members, and other contributors is given strictly on a volunteer basis. We are so thankful for each and every one of you! If you would still like to contribute you can do so at the front desk. Checks can be made payable to the ICDC Parents Club.

Our next Parents Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday Oct 18th at 9:15 AM in the library at ICDC. This meeting will also include information regarding our Silent Auction. There are many volunteer opportunities available and we welcome you to attend our meetings even if you cannot attend regularly. If you are currently not receiving Parents Club Information but would like to please email me below! The Parents Club is so appreciative of your support!

Warmly,

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People of ICDC

****TEACHER HIGHLIGHT****

Hello, my name is **Linda Johnson**. I am originally from Cold Springs, Texas and I have been in The Woodlands for the past 30 years.

When I am not here loving on your kiddos as part of the A14 team, during the day I am at The Woodlands High School working as teacher for Special Education Children.

I have one daughter who is 34 years old and she gave me two beautiful granddaughters who are 9 and 10 years old.

I have been in childcare for over 15 years.

I enjoy working with children and watch them grow!



Important Dates

| October 2017 | Important Dates |
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| Thursdays and Fridays | Spirit Days – Wear your ICDC t-shirt |
| October 5 & 6 | Class Pictures |
| October 9 | Columbus Day – No Partial or School Day Classes |
| October 10-13 | Individual Pictures |
| October 17 | Hearing and Vision Screenings – Pre-K Classes |
| October 30 & 31 | Parade of Costumes and Class Parties |

Other Newsletter Items

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

The Teachers and Staff of ICDC would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Parent's Club for providing a Kona Ice treat for the children and a delicious "Taco Tuesday" lunch for us in honor of ICDC's 41st Birthday! We all had a great time celebrating our school's birthday! Thank you so much!



Box Tops for Education

ICDC participates in Box Tops for Education. For each Box Top that is submitted (cannot be expired), we receive 10 cents to go towards new items for the school. Please help support ICDC and clip those Box Tops! You can turn them in to your child's teacher or to the front office. We are especially grateful to Tina Tyler for coordinating our Box Top program at ICDC. Thank you, Tina!!

Other notes:

Few spots available!!

We have a few openings in our Preschool 3's school day and split day class programs. If you have any friends or family members that are looking for a school ICDC will welcome them with open arms!!



PARADE OF COSTUMES!

You are cordially invited to our Parade of Costumes! Come enjoy a large array of creative costume play, while classrooms parade through our Great Room! Please refer to our School Calendar and Classroom's Newsletter for your child's particular date.

Helping Hands

We are always in need of volunteers. If you would like help us around the school with various projects like die-cutting, laminating, reading in class, car line, please see the front office to fill out a form and we will be sure to call you! We thank you in advance!

