

SCOTTY'S NEWS

OCTOBER 2021



DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Happy Fall! We are finishing up our extensive Unit on Apples, and ready to dive on into all things Fall!

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent, to call Scotty's and let us know. Also, please refer to our 'Sick Policy' (see next column) on when and if you can send your child to Scotty's. We always strive to clean and disinfect everything to mitigate the spread of germs, but it is bound to happen. By keeping your sick little ones at home, we can overcome the germs before they continue to spread even further.

On that note, please bring in a box of tissues! 'Tis the season for runny noses, and we want to make sure your child has a proper supply of tissues at the ready.

We have been trying hard to find a local farm to hold a Field Trip for our fully potty trained Preschool and Pre-K children, but COVID restrictions are proving to make this more difficult than we expected. Please keep your eyes out for information once we are able to secure a location. FYI: Field trips are for children who are FULLY potty trained only.

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW

→ SICK POLICY ←

As stated in the Enrollment Agreement signed by the parents/guardians prior to their child's first day, any child that has any of the following symptoms - vomiting, diarrhea, fever of 101 degrees or above and/or conjunctivitis (pink eye) CANNOT be admitted to the center and if these symptoms develop while at the center, the child MUST be excluded from the center and MUST be picked up from Scotty's right away. NOTE: If teething is the cause of the high fever, parents can contact their pediatrician for an okay to have the child return to the center the next day. The child MAY NOT return to the center until they are symptom free for 24-hours (without the aid of medication) or if using medication, must have a written doctor's note stating that the child can return. If a child becomes ill while at SKKP&DC, the Staff will notify the parent/guardian so that they can come to pick up the child. If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the designated emergency contacts will be notified and requested to pick up the ill child. The State of Connecticut also requires us to document when children get sick while in our care. We are required to fill out an ILLNESS REPORT, to have the child's parent/guardian sign it and to keep it at Scotty's on file. A copy is to be given to the child's parents/guardians.



October Highlights

OCTOBER is a month full of fire safety, fall and fun! Here is what we have in store for your child this month.

Week 1 we learn about the importance of **Fire Safety** and what we can do to prevent fires. Creating a Fire Ladder and making Handprint

Fire are on the calendar this week. We will also be spending time walking around Scotty's counting the different fire safety devices we have.

Week 2 we travel into learning about different modes of **Transportation**. On Columbus Day, we will discuss boats and why they were so important in discovering the world. Our science experiment using magnets to move toy cars will for sure grab the children's attention.

Week 3 we change over to **Fall** and learn about not only the beauty of the Season, but also the science behind why leaves change colors. Creating Leaf Wreaths and Fall Trees are ways we can incorporate fun into learning, while keeping the children enthralled.

Week 4 closes out the month with a week full of **Halloween** fun. Using cotton balls to make a ghost leads us into our **COSTUME PARADE & Monster Mash HALLOWEEN PARTY!** Be sure to look out for Party signups! Also, please let your child's teacher know of any dietary restrictions.



Just for Fun

Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A: He didn't have the guts!



2021 HOLIDAY & VACATION CALENDAR

Thanksgiving - Nov 26-27

Scotty's is closed on
Thu, Nov 25th & Fri, Nov 26th
in observance of Thanksgiving
Full tuition is due
the week of Nov 22

Christmas Eve- Dec 24th

Scotty's is closed
Friday, December 24th
in observance of Christmas Day
Full tuition is due
the week of Dec 20

Winter Vacation Shutdown

Scotty's will be closed the week of
December 27 thru December 31
for our
Winter Vacation Shutdown
No tuition is due
the week of December 27



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Health & Wellness

THE ARRIVAL OF FALL means the hottest days have passed and the weather will start to cool. It is important to continue to provide weather appropriate clothing for your child's outdoor play.



Each child should bring a sweater or light jacket for the cooler days of fall and should come with sneakers.

Children will not be permitted to participate in outdoor play unless they have sneakers.

ANNUAL FLU SHOT: Connecticut State Regulations require that all children ages 6 to 59 months attending a preschool and/or day care facility receive an annual influenza vaccine. This month, we will be passing out forms to all families with children in this age group to have their child's doctor sign and date when this year's flu shot is given.



THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulations mandate that a current health assessment record be in your child's day care file.



This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals. It is required that the Parents fill out and sign Part I on page 1 of the form prior to visiting the doctor.

The doctor must fill out and sign Part II on pages 2 and 3.

Please be sure to review the form before leaving the doctor's office to be sure that they have completed the form, especially that they have:

- filled in the date of the exam - pg 2
- filled in the Medical Evaluation section - pg2
- filled in the TB Risk section - pg 2
- filled in the Developmental Assessment section - pg 2
- filled in the Immunizations section - pg 2
- signed the form - pg 2
- filled out and initialed the Immunization Record - pg 3

(note that a printout of the doctor's Immunization record form is acceptable in place of page 3)

No incomplete forms can be accepted.

The forms are available for you here at Scotty's, or on our website (www.scottyskiddykornor.com) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.

STAFF Spotlight



Miss Shannon
Teacher

Our Staff Spotlight this month is on our leader in Preschool, Miss Shannon!

Miss Shannon has been a part of Scotty's for almost 4 years. She took over the reins of Preschool when COVID-19 hit and is a staple to our Scotty's family.

Miss Shannon has two children of her own, and enjoys taking nice relaxing baths after long days in the classroom.

Miss Shannon has a certificate in Medical Assisting, and is currently working towards completing her CDA. She has dreams of being an Assistant Director of a daycare someday.

Fun fact about Miss Shannon: she used to be a DJ! Before her time as a Preschool Teacher, Miss Shannon was spinning on the 1's and 2's. We love and are so lucky to have Miss Shannon as part of the Scotty's family.



ALLERGY ALERT!

Please refrain from sending any foods with peanuts or other nuts in them. We have severe allergies throughout the center. Thank you

EXTRA CLOTHING FOR EMERGENCIES

With the change of seasons, it is time to make sure that there are 2-complete sets of extra clothes for emergency changes in your child's cubby and that they are seasonally appropriate

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

From time to time you may have a question on how things happen here at Scotty's.

From policies, procedures, curriculum, daily activities to other happenings, we are here to answer your questions.

You can talk with us at anytime and we will happily address your questions or concerns. Simply let us know what you would like to know and we will provide you with answers.

! SAFETY FIRST !

DOOR ENTRY CODES: We keep Scotty's doors locked throughout the day for the safety of your children. Our punch code locksets with a special parent/guardian entry code is for the convenience of parents/guardians during drop off and pickup. The parent/guardian entry code is activated between the hours of 6:30am-9:00am and again between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. From 9:00am to 4:00pm the doors are frozen and entry is allowed only through admittance by Scotty's staff.

-The entry code **should not be shared** with your children and children should never be allowed to punch in the code.

-The entry code **should not be shared** with any other adults, even those that may pick up your child. All adults, other than parents/guardians, are required to present photo identification and are cross checked with current parent/guardian pick up permissions before being allowed to enter.

We do change the code periodically for security and safety reasons. When we do change the code, you will be notified and will be given the new code, upon your request by Lillian.

Please think safety first and shield or do not punch the code if someone is watching.

Remember that this is for your child's and all of the children at Scotty's safety.



We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

Ariana Balarezo
Maia Balarezo
Bryce Bilodeau
Caleb Kovach
Beckham Matthews
Anastasia Renkiewicz
Nora Resutok
Shreyan Sadhu

