

### **Director's Message**

What a great first month of school we have had! The children are settling in and adjusting to new friends, classroom routines, and procedures. Thank you for all you did to help us get off to a great start!

We are now accepting applications for all children for the 2023-2024 school year.



Please help us spread the word to your friends across the community. Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events**

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - Walking field trip to the Pumpkin Patch at 9:30am

October 9<sup>th</sup>- DEAL Scholarship Application due for interested families

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - Fall Break- No School

Thursday, October 20<sup>th-</sup> Macfeat Community Carnival from 3:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>-Hearing Screening





### Walking Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

Macfeat classes are going to the Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 7th. We will walk with a Winthrop campus police escort to Woodland UMC on Cherry Road. We will leave Macfeat around 9:30am and arrive at the pumpkin patch by 10:00am. Family members are welcome to walk with us! You will receive a permission slip required for your child's participation. Please return your child's signed permission form to your child's teacher by the designated deadline.



## Macfeat Advisory Board

The Macfeat Advisory Board held its first meeting last week and we had a fantastic discussion with many ideas for ways families at Macfeat can connect! The minutes to the meeting are attached to this newsletter.

This group provides important guidance for our school and the members are here for you! Please contact them with any feedback you would like brought forth to the Board.



#### 2022-2023 Advisory Board

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## Macfeat Community Carnival

I am so excited about our upcoming Macfeat Community Carnival on Thursday, October 20th from 3:30-5:30pm! The purpose of the event is for families to experience an authentic, first-hand encounter with a community organization or business with the intention of learning more about that specific community member while having lots of fun engaging in games and activities!

Please Save the Date and encourage family members to attend as well!

### Still in search of...

For the carnival I am still in search of some specific community businesses or services and have listed them below. Please let me know if you have any contacts or know of someone who may be interested.

- Pediatrician/ Nurse
- Pediatric Dentist
- Karate Instructor
- Veterinarian



#### **DEAL Scholarship Opportunity**

Every year the Xi Beta Chapter awards a preschool or kindergarten student at MacFeat Early Childhood Laboratory School with the chapter's Deal 2000 Scholarship. The DEAL 2000 Scholarship awards a student of a family displaying financial support, \$1,000 in tuition for the current academic school year. If interested, the application is attached and turned into the school **no later than October 9th, 2022 at 5 P.M.** For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the chapter via email at <a href="mailto:xibetascholarshipchair@gmail.com">xibetascholarshipchair@gmail.com</a>



### **Social Media**

Did you know that Macfeat has a social media presence on Facebook & Instagram? Please click the links to like these pages and check them out frequently as important information & photos of the children learning will be posted.



<u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>



I am hoping you can help spread the word and share with your family and friends the remarkable experience your child is having at Macfeat and encourage others in the community to enroll. Open enrollment began October 1st, and I ask that you help spread the word by sharing on your own social media pages and please let me know of any additional digital news platforms you may have access to. Thank you for your help!



Macfeat families also have access to a private parent page on Facebook called Macfeat Parent Community. This is a private group for current parents and should not be shared publically. Please request access to this group to receive additional information specific to our current families and teachers (ex. babysitting opportunities).

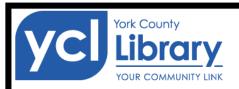
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# Community Connections & Events

Movies in the park at Fountain Park will have its final movie night on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at dark and will show Addams Family 2. For more information click HERE.





Visit the Rock Hill Library and help Jasper Rabbit find the hidden not-so-creepy carrots in the library. Pick up a clue sheet in the Children's Department from October 3-31. Return completed sheets at the Children's Reference Desk for a prize (while supplies last). Click HERE for more information.

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### **Boo-HaHa! Festival**

October 29th from 11-1pm

Boo Ha-Ha, South Carolina's largest FREE Halloween event, will culminate on Saturday, October 29th at Fountain Park in downtown Rock Hill from 11 AM until 1 PM. The area will be decorated with pumpkins and over two dozen bigger-than-life inflatable creatures positioned throughout the park. The day will be highlighted by multiple appearances and performances of the "Sanderson Sisters characters" inspired by the Disney movie Hocus Pocus, along with 10-foot-tall Pumpkin and Frankenstein characters. Daimler Trucks will also offer a themed tractor-truck that children can visit and enjoy. The popular costume contests for ages 2 to 14 will return with cash and prizes, and over 30 business partners will be offering trick-or-treating with candy and treats. More details are online at <a href="https://www.BooHaHaRockHill.com">www.BooHaHaRockHill.com</a>.



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The Great Pumpkin Fest at Carowinds offers one-of-a-kind Halloween events for kids throughout the park! At Camp Snoopy, you'll find family-friendly activities, games, play zones, costume contests, dance parties, and more! Click HERE to learn more!

#### Main Street Children's Museum

Come explore STEAM at the Main Street Children's Museum! Join our educators as they showcase a small science experiment. Then head up to our classroom where you can further explore with a related science activity or craft. To learn more click HERE.





### **Cherry Place Farm**

Every Saturday & Sunday in October from 1-6pm

During the month of October we are open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays. The October festival is a self-guided tour of our farm that features the two-acre corn maze and pumpkin patch. This is family friendly and geared towards children, but all ages will enjoy the activities. For more information click HERE.