



Macfeat Laboratory School

Director's Message

What a terrific month 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 2024-2025 school year.



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

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 16th & Tuesday, October 17th - Fall Break- No School

Friday, October 20th- Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

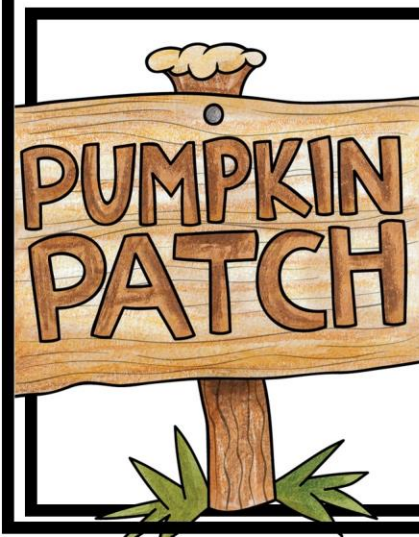
Thursday, November 2nd- 3rd Hearing Screening

Wednesday, November 22nd- 24th- No School/ Macfeat Closed



Walking Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

Macfeat classes are going to the Pumpkin Patch on **Friday, October 20th**. 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 should have received 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.





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Parent Directory

In this month's newsletter communication I have attached the Macfeat Directory which is a directory of families contact information arranged by teacher. This information is useful for planning birthday parties or to connect with families outside of school.



Childcare Flyer

Are you looking for excellent childcare outside of Macfeat's regular school hours? Look no further! The Childcare Flyer is here and includes information on some of Macfeat's current staff who are interested in providing child care to families. I hope this serves as a helpful resource for your family!



Weather Changes

As the seasons change, the weather shifts to that awkward time where it is cold in the morning and warm in the afternoon. One suggestion to help with this wide range in temperature within one day is to dress your child in layers. Also, be sure to update your child's extra set of clothing in the classroom to reflect the most recent weather conditions.



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Macfeat Advisory Board

The Macfeat Advisory Board held its first meeting and we had a fantastic discussion with many ideas for ways families at Macfeat can connect! The minutes to the meeting were sent to families through e-mail by the board President, Keri Cauthen.

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.



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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.



[Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)



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).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2006405549616959>



Bags for Benches



Macfeat will join in on the universities' Staff Conference initiative with the Office of Sustainability called "Bags for Benches" where our community recycles plastic items with the goal of recycling enough to have a bench built. Over the course of the school year, if we collect 500 lbs. of plastic film (retail bags, plastic wrap, packing plastics, soft food bags, etc.), the University receives a free bench from Trexx, a plastic lumber company that uses plastic film in its manufacturing process. Our goal is to have this bench placed on the Macfeat playground to serve as a "buddy bench".

Family Support: To support this initiative, please turn in the permitted recyclable plastic items as shown on the next page and place them in the green recycling containers in between the preschool rooms under the Community Connections board and in Mrs. Porter's room.

In addition, we could *really* use some volunteers to help deliver collected bags to locations that accept plastic recyclable bags such as Publix and Harris Teeter. Please reach out to Melanie Sanders if you are interested in helping with this initiative. Thanks!



Image shows second bench located at the Dacus Library for an example of what these recycled items can become!

Items that can be Recycled for “Bags for Benches”



GROCERY BAGS



BREAD BAGS



RETAIL BAGS



CASE OVERWRAP



DRY CLEANING BAGS



PRODUCE BAGS



AIR PILLOWS



PLASTIC SHIPPING
ENVELOPES



BUBBLE WRAP



PRODUCT WRAP



RESEALABLE FOOD
STORAGE BAGS



NEWSPAPER SLEEVES



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Professional Clothes Closet

Did you know Winthrop COE has a Professional Clothes Closet for College students entering the professional world to select articles of clothing to wear in their internship placements at no cost. As you are cleaning out your closet, I encourage you to donate your clothing articles that are professional and in good condition (stain and tear free).

If you are interested in donating to the Professional Clothes Closet, please contact wucoeclothescloset@gmail.com to schedule a donation drop off. Thank you for considering contributing to this wonderful initiative!



Macfeat Food Pantry

As you know, food is VERY expensive, and our college students are experiencing the heavy impact of these increased food costs at a substantial level. In response, we have created a Food Pantry at Macfeat for our Student Workers to utilize.



This initiative will continue for the duration of the school year and we invite you to donate food pantry items, toiletry items, and snack items as able. There will be a sign and plastic bin for you to drop off items next to the kitchen and another bin will be placed in Mrs. Porter's room. Thank you for your support!



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Community Connections & Events



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!

Scarecrow Crawl

Join the Town of Fort Mill as we host our 9th Annual Scarecrow Crawl from Oct. 6 to 31, 2023!

Come take a stroll in Downtown Fort Mill to see all the amazing scarecrow entries created by individuals, schools, businesses, organizations, churches and more.



Cherry Place Farm

Every Saturday & Sunday in October

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](#).



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Boo-HaHa! Festival

October 28th from 11-1pm

The OTS Media Group and Rock Hill's Old Town Association will present the 40th annual Boo Ha-Ha Halloween festival in downtown Rock Hill on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Boo Ha-Ha, South Carolina's largest FREE Halloween event, will be held at Fountain Park, 300 E. Main Street, 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. PLUS see the characters of your FAVORITE video games!!



Safe Trick or Treating & Costume Contest

OCTOBER 28, 2023
OLD TOWN ROCK HILL
FOUNTAIN PARK
11AM-1PM
NO PETS PLEASE



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Featuring your favorite video game characters!



DAIMLER TRUCKS

For more information visit the following link:

[WRHI | Boo-HaHa](#)