



# The Sun Times



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Happy October! Sorry for postponing our "Let's Get Together" breakfasts due to Mr. Kelly's broken toe in September but he/we appreciate your understanding!

The week of October 2nd—5th will now be our FIRST "Let's Get Together" breakfasts. This is a great week to be able to join your child/children in their classrooms for breakfast. Not only does Mr. Kelly have breakfast prepared for you to enjoy but it is also a wonderful time to get to know your child's classroom parents and teachers. Here is the schedule for the week:

Monday, October 1st: NO BREAKFAST (for families)

Tuesday, October 2nd: INFANTS & YOUNG TODDLERS

Wednesday, October 3rd: OLDER TODDLERS

Thursday, October 4th: SHANNON'S PS/PK COMBO AND DANIELLE'S PRESCHOOL

Friday, October 5th: LAUREN'S PRE-K (Ms. Alyssa has a field trip that day and will not be participating)

*\*They will all be from 8:30—9:30a in your child's classroom on the designated days noted above.*

Our Fall Carnival will be Thursday, October 25th from 3-5 pm. Please DO NOT have your child come in costume. We will gladly dress your child prior to the carnival or you can come early to get them ready. We set up games and activities in every class, except in the Infant Room, for you and your child to visit and enjoy together.

Our Original Artworks fundraiser orders will be going out soon and are due back on October 11th. This way you can get them back prior to the holidays. Thank you everyone!

Carol

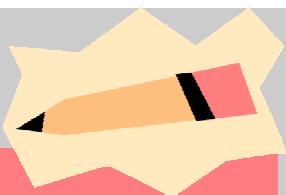


## Dates To

### Remember:

- Let's Get Together Breakfasts: 10/2—10/5, 8:30–9:30a
- Original Art fundraiser due: 10/11
- Fall Carnival: 10/25, 3–5 pm

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# INFANT NEWS

## Ana's News

First of all, we want to thank all the families that came to our "Let's get Together" breakfast. It was great to have you all here!

A big WELCOME to Lillian and her family to our classroom. We are so happy to have you join our La Luz family! Thank you for signing up for our Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences. It was wonderful talking to you about your children's development and how much they are growing, developing and learning. They are trying new things and gaining new skills, exploring with great curiosity, DAILY! They have been interacting socially, even at this young age. The children are continuing to work on daily tummy time, soon to be walking and also soon to start eating routines.

Happy Birthday to Charlotte who turns one year old on October 3rd!

Our classroom is always open to welcome our families anytime! Happy October!

**Ms. Ana**

**Ms. Lisa**

## Sadie's News

Welcome to October! Our babies are exploring our class, daily. We have been very busy with art exploration, listening to short stories, music and discovering new toys. The babies are doing great with tummy time, rolling over, sitting and pulling themselves up. It's a beautiful experience to observe.

A few reminders this month. Please sign your child in/out in our class AND at the front desk each day. We would also greatly appreciate you walking all the way into our class when you come to pick up your child. You can remove your shoes or place the disposable booties over your shoes that are provided at the front door of our class. It's quite difficult to pass children over the gate because it takes away the attention needed for the remaining children in class and your children are our priority. Thank you so much for helping (and understanding) with this request!

We are excited to have Somtochi and her family join our class on October 1st. Don't forget our "Let's Get Together" breakfast is scheduled for Tues, Oct. 2nd. We hope you can join us!

As usual, if you have questions/concerns or comments, please with any one of us!

**Ms. Sadie**

**Ms. Mariah**

**Ms. Myranda**



# YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

## Alex's News

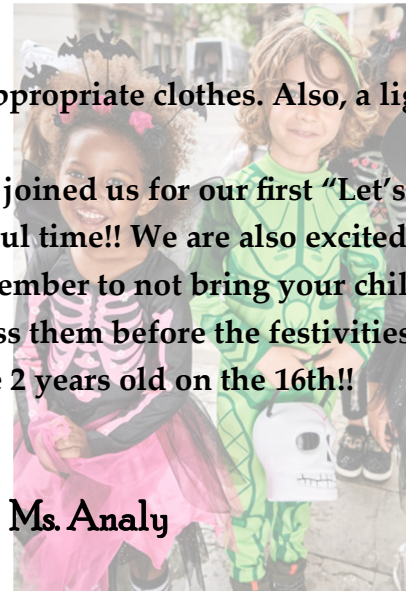
Fall is in the air!! Please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothes. Also, a light jacket is recommended for those brisk mornings/windy days.

October is a fun filled month! Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our first "Let's Get Together" breakfast for our new school year. We had a wonderful time!! We are also excited for our Fall Carnival on Thursday the 25th from 3-5 pm. Please remember to not bring your child in costume. You can certainly bring their costume and we will dress them before the festivities start. We would like to wish Ethan a BIG Happy Birthday! He will be 2 years old on the 16th!! We hope you have a happy and festive October!

Ms. Alex

Ms. Alma

Ms. Analy



## Nicole's News

Hello families, welcome to Fall!! We are so excited for sweater weather and lots of fall art activities. Our theme for the month is "Pumpkins, Veggies and Fruits". We will be exploring the inside of a pumpkin, labeling fruits and veggies and painting with corn. Thank you to all of our families that showed up to our "Let's Get Together" breakfast! It was a huge turn out and so nice to see everyone. We sure do have awesome families. I will be hosting family conferences Oct. 15—19 from noon to 3 pm. I will be posting a sign up sheet next to the blue sign in book and a copy of your child's ASQ will be going home soon. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to any one of us.

Our annual Fall Carnival is on Thursday Oct. 25th from 3-5 pm. We hope you all will be joining us for all the fun filled activities!

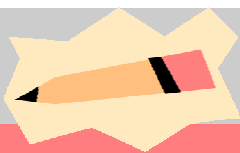
Happy October!!



Ms. Nicole

Ms. Angie

Ms. Mikaela



# OLDER TODDLER NEWS

## Liz's News

We're excited that fall has finally strolled in! Everyone has been doing amazing at serving themselves at meal times and taking turns. We are so proud of them.

We started practicing letter recognition and some of the kiddos know what letter their names start with. It's been fun to observe!



Our first field trip is coming and we will be going to Wagner's Farms in Corrales. We are still working on a specific date in order to ensure 100% participation, if at all possible. More information coming soon!

We are so excited for the upcoming Fall Carnival on the 25th, which is from 3—5 pm. Please remember to NOT send your child in costume. We will either dress them for you prior to 3:00 pm or you can come earlier and get them ready. Hope we see you all there.

This month we will work on using scissors and skinnier pencils with crayons, as well. We are planning Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences which will be during the week of the 15th—19th. Look for sign ups!

Ms. Liz

Ms. Maria

## Joslyn's News

Hi everyone! Fall is here and I think it's safe to say that we are all over with the dry heat. Yeah!! On that note, please families, remember to bring in a light jacket for your child. Sometimes it's more chilly in the morning and we want to keep them comfortable outside. Also, please bring in a sun hat if your child doesn't have one.

This month we will be having a field trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch on October 25th. We will meet there at 9:30 am (by the ticket booth). The Fall Carnival will be on this same day. That will be from 3—5 pm. If you plan to bring a costume for your child, please bring it in after the field trip and we will gladly change your child after nap time. It's going to be a fun day everyone!!

This month we will be focusing on Fall and all themes involved with Fall. We will be working harder on potty training and saying "here" when our names are being called by their teacher at circle time. We are working hard at getting everyone saying "here" during our monthly fire drills. The children are getting more familiar with their colors and counting. Now we are trying to recognize their own names.

We are planning on Parent (Guardian)/ Teacher conferences this month. Please be on the look out for the sign up sheet.

Let's have a great month and enjoy this weather! Any questions, come see us! Thanks!

Ms. Joslyn

Ms. Kateri





# PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Danielle's News

Happy Falladys families!! We are excited for our Fall season. First we want to say thank you to all of the families that came to our Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences. It was nice getting to know those who are new to our class this year. For the month of October, we are thrilled to say we have made a decision on our field trip. We will be going to Big Jim's Farm in Los Ranchos on October 18th and we ask that everybody be there 30 minutes early. The plan is to meet there at 9:30 am which will enable us to enter the farm all together at 10 am. (Please bring a lunch.) Any additional information will be posted in the classroom. Please feel free to ask about it.

Also, coming up we have our Fall Festival on October 25th from 3-5 pm. . Please plan on bringing your child's costume and we will dress them before the festivities begin.

Things to remember: Show and Tell (Tuesdays only)

\*Oct. 1—5 Letter Ll

\*Oct. 8-12 Letter Ss

\*Oct. 15-19 Letter Nn

Community helper: Firefighter

Happy Birthday to Dilan on October 5th!!



Ms. Danielle

Ms. Brianna

Ms. Brittany



## Alyssa's News



Dear families, it's hard to believe that October is upon us and we are settling beautifully into our routine in the classroom.

We have many fun things planned this fall including our upcoming field trip to the Galloping Grace Youth Ranch on Friday, October 5th. Just a reminder that due to our field trip, our class will NOT be participating in our "Let's Get Together" breakfast that day.

This month we will be learning about letters Ff, Gg, Hh and Ii. Our themes are Balloon Fiesta, Pumpkins, Spiders, Cats and Fall Fun. Speaking of Fall Fun, our Fall Carnival will be Thursday, October 25th from 3-5 pm. This is always an exciting event that the children look forward to each year.

I will be holding our Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences the week of October 8th through the 12th. This will be a great opportunity to discuss your children's goals and progress in the classroom. Please sign up for a conference at your convenience. I have provided a list of availability next to our sign in/out sheet in the classroom.

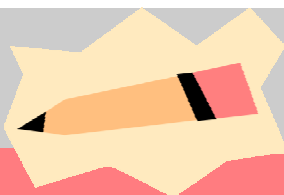
This month we celebrate two birthdays. Happy Birthday to Aniya (October 20th) and Laing (October 29th)!!

I would like to welcome our families to volunteer at anytime to come in and join us for a read aloud or a project with the kiddos. This is a great opportunity to see what the children have been working on and to experience all the fun things we have been learning in preschool!!

Thank you families, for all that you do!

Ms. Alyssa

Mr. Brandon



# PRESCHOOL- PRE-K NEWS

## Shannon's News

Happy Fall! Our first two months have flown by. Everyone is settling into the class routine and becoming more and more independent with daily tasks and forming new friendships.

We will begin adding our Letter of the Week to the curriculum the first week of October. We will also begin Show and Tell. Show and Tell will be every Wednesday (or Thursday, if your child does not attend school on Wednesdays). We ask that the Show and Tell item begins with our Letter of the Week, please. This is a great opportunity to work with your child on letter sounds at home.

Our October curriculum is as follows:

* October 1-5	Apples	Letter Aa
* October 8-12	Balloon Fiesta	Letter Bb
* October 15-19	Pumpkins	Letter Cc
* October 22-26	Pumpkins	Letter Dd
* October 29-Nov 2	Imagination	Letter Ee

Some important dates:

- October 4th is our "Let's Get Together" breakfast from 8:30—9:30 am in our classroom. Hope to see you all here!!
- October 5th is our field trip to the Galloping Grace Pumpkin Patch, 10:00 am.
- October 25th is our Fall Carnival 3-5 pm, (we will be taking Fall photos in our classroom!)

A few reminders: 1) The weather is getting cooler, please make sure your child has a light jacket at school every day. We do go outside daily, even when it's chilly. 2) Also, please bring in a clean towel and a blanket every week for naptime. We do have extras for the times they are forgotten but the kiddos feel much more comfortable with their own items. (We also ask that you take them home and wash them at the end of each week. This will just help cut down on germs, especially now that we are officially in cold and flu season. We really appreciate all your help!) 3) If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom we would love to have you! ANYTIME!

Happy birthday to Mia on 10/14, James on 10/18 and Emma S. 10/24!

**Ms. Shannon**

**Ms. Arely**

**Ms. Lindsay**





# PRE-K NEWS

## Lauren's News

Hello families!!

It's hard to believe it's already Fall and we are already two months into the school year. Our class is doing great adapting to their new classmates and routines. There is already so much growth and progression!

Please remember to bring your child a jacket and warm hat as we enter the cooler months. New Mexico weather is so unpredictable and having the extra gear is so helpful.

We have some important dates to remember this month:

\*October 5th is our "Get Together" breakfast. It is a fun time to get to see our class and enjoy breakfast together, hope to see you all there!

\*October 8-12 Family/Teacher conferences—Please sign up by the sign-in binder in class! If there isn't any availability that works for you, just let me know and we can work it out.

\*October 25th—La Luz Family Fall Carnival, 3-5 pm.

\*October 26th—First Field Trip to McCall's Pumpkin Patch—Details will be sent home soon. We hope you can join us!



This month is packed with excitement and fun because of the holiday season approaching and our curriculum is as follows:

*October 1-5:	Fire Safety and Prevention	Letter Gg
*October 8-12	Balloon Fiesta	Letter Hh
*October 15-19	Fall Fun	Letter Ii
*October 22-26	Pumpkins, Spiders, Black & Orange	Letter Jj
*October 29—Nov. 2	Pumpkins, Spiders, Black & Orange	Letter Kk

I look forward to meeting with all of you during conferences and seeing you during our exciting month of family engagement activities. As always, please contact me with any needs, questions or concerns! Thank you for your continued participation and support!

Ms. Lauren

Ms. JoAnn

Ms. Desiree



What an activity packed (and my favorite) month we have! First week of the month is our Fall **"Let's Get Together"** breakfasts. Mr. Kelly puts on quite a spread for our families to enjoy the first meal of the day with their children, in their own classrooms. It is also a great opportunity to get to know your children's teachers better, your child's classmates and their family members! Please plan on joining us. If you've missed out on this one, there will be another in the middle of February.

We will also be sending home your child's **Original artWorks**. This is a small fundraiser for us but it is also a chance to get some memorable artwork recreated on different items for you to cherish, give us gifts, etc. You will look back on these for years (I still drink coffee out of a coffee cup adorned from artwork made 20+ years ago, from my oldest). Be on the lookout for more information soon.

Additionally, from October 8th—26th, Sandia National Laboratories will be holding their annual **Sandia Gives** campaign. **PLEASE** keep La Luz ECC in mind. We are not a direct **United Way** funded organization, but we do receive your monthly (or one time) gifts pledged during this time. Sandia pays the administrative fees so 100% of your contributions come directly to us. These help us add or replace worn or broken toys, furniture and rest mats. They also help us continue to add more employee benefits, and SO much more. We are a 501(c)3, not for profit corporation. All you have to do is designate SSTPS, Inc. (SSTPS is our legal name) or SSTPS, Inc. DBA La Luz Early Childhood Center. Either one will come to us. We operate almost exclusively on tuition collected from our families. We try not to do too many fundraisers as they are exhausting for us and for you. This is really our largest source of fundraising for the entire year, so we'd like thank all of you for your kindness and generosity in advance!!

Our next **Grown Up's Night Out** will be on Saturday, October 13th from 4pm to 10pm. Sign up sheets will be going up soon. My emails with more information on this will be forthcoming.

Finally, our annual **Fall Carnival** will be held on Thursday, October 25th from 3 to 5pm. A different activity is set up in each class (and sometimes the playgrounds, weather permitting) with the exception of the Infant Room. It is just too overwhelming to have all the people in and out of that class for our littlest ones, plus, some of the costumes can be scary for them. Also, please do **NOT** send your child in costume that day. We will gladly change them for you or you are welcome to come in and do it before the festivities begin. We also ask that you do not send full face masks for your child. Again, some of our child are more sensitive to these and tend to get scared. We want this to be an enjoyable experience for all! Have a great month!

*Lisa*



As always, please check with your child's teacher if there is a special project, party, activity, etc. that you can volunteer to help with. Parent participation is always appreciated and wel-

