

Shady Lane School Parent Newsletter October 2020

For questions and comments, contact Julie at
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Important Dates...

- Friday, 10/30: Teacher In-service Day, Shady Lane Closed
- Friday, 10/30: Parent/Teacher Conferences, all classrooms via Zoom
- Monday, 11/2 – Sunday, 11/15: Online Scholastic Book Fair, more details to follow
- Thursday, 11/26 – Friday 11/17: Thanksgiving Break, Shady Lane Closed

See page 2 for information on applying to area kindergartens!



The Shady Lane Pumpkin Patch

The Shady Lane Pumpkin Patch will take place on Wednesday, October 28 (Infants and Toddlers) and Thursday, October 29 (Preschoolers). There is still time to donate or volunteer to help make this year's pumpkin patch a success!

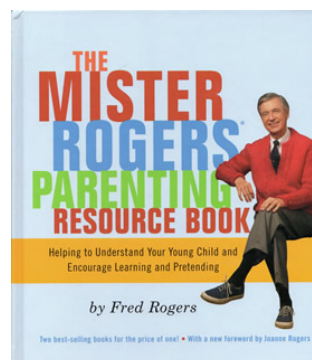
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THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated or volunteered their time to support this year's pumpkin patch!! We so appreciate our Shady Lane family for helping to make a fun fall experience for our children!

A friend recently told me that this book has been very helpful: Mister Rogers Parenting Resource Book, Helping to Understand Your Young Child and Encourage Learning and Pretending.



Bubble Mix

In a container with a lid, mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Joy dishwashing detergent (apparently, this brand works best), $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, a few drops of food coloring, and 1 tsp. sugar. Put the lid on and let the mixture sit 2-3 days. Some fun items to use as wands are child-sized plastic clothes hangers, pipe cleaners, and funnels (dip the big end, blow through the small end).

Ideas from **Beginning Fun with Water and Bubbles** by Gayle Bittinger

- Fill the sink or a plastic dishpan with water – and put in spoons, plastic cups, a turkey baster. Try adding a few drops of dishwashing liquid (and a whisk to make bubbles), a drop or two of food coloring, or ice (does it float or sink? melt?)
- Collect some identical plastic cups or yogurt containers. Turn the cups upside down, and using a nail, poke one hole in the bottom of the first container, two in the second, etc. Let your child explore with the cups. Which holds water the longest? Which makes the best shower? Use a cup without holes – which “holey” cup fills it the fastest?
- Give your child some sponges to play with in the bathtub. Do they all hold the same amount of water? Does a dry sponge float? For how long? What happens if you hold a squeezed-out sponge under water (the air in the sponge is pushed out by the water and surfaces as air bubbles).
- On a warm, sunny day...give your child a paint brush (like you would use to paint a room) and a bucket of water. Let her/him paint the sidewalk, a fence, the side of the house. Notice the evaporation (the sun heats the water and it turns to vapor in the air). Another evaporation experiment – Gather squares of different types of fabric (terry cloth, cotton, wool, polyester, denim). Soak them in water, wring them out, hang them on a clothesline. Which dries fastest?

Is your child going to kindergarten in 2021-2022?

Look below for some information that might help with your search for the next school your child attends!

Winchester Thurston School

Contact: Kelcy Luczak - luczakk@winchesterthurston.org
412-578-7518

Application Deadline: December 4, 2020

School Website: www.winchesterthurston.org

Early Childhood Program Website:

www.winchesterthurston.org/early-childhood-program

Events:

- Parent virtual event – Tuesday, November 3, 2020
- Two virtual events for children - Nov. 10th & Dec. 5th

St. Bede School

Contact: Liz Brown – elizabeth.brown@saintbedeschool.org
412-661-9425, x102

Application Deadline: February 1, 2021 is the suggested date to have your application in, although there is no firm deadline

School Website: www.saintbedeschool.com

Sacred Heart Elementary School

Contact: Judy Rogers - jrogers@sacredheartpgh.org
412-441-1582

To schedule a tour, email tours@sacredheartpgh.org

[Kindergarten Application](#)

[Recommendation Form](#)

[Tuition](#)

St. Edmunds Academy

Contact: Robyn Bracco - robynbracco@stedmunds.net
412-521-1907

Schedule your virtual meeting with Director of Admissions, Robyn Bracco, through our [online scheduler](#) to learn more about St. Edmund Academy and to hear options to come in for a personal tour of the school. Visit www.stedmunds.net/admissions to learn more.

Catalyst Academy Charter School

Enrollment Link - <https://catalystacademy.org/enroll/>

Phone Number – 412-684-2400

Applications being accepted NOW.

Shady Side Academy

Contact - Maggie Marquette -

mmarquette@shadysideacademy.org

Phone: 412-473-4402

Virtual and On-Campus Tours -

<https://www.shadysideacademy.org/admissions/visit>

Pittsburgh Public Schools

Discover PPS Tool - <http://discoverpps.org/>

Enrollment and Registration Page -

<https://www.pghschools.org/domain/1274>

Kindergarten Registration Link -

<https://www.pghschools.org/Page/4885>

Magnet School Registration Link -

<https://www.pghschools.org/Page/4900>

Registration at Neighborhood School – February 2021

Registration at Magnet School Deadline – December 4, 2020

Propel Schools

Contact: Sonya Toler -

sonyatoler@propelschools.org

Application Deadline: December 31, 2020

Propel is a free, public charter school that focuses on STEAM education. We also offer a free afterschool program. Learn more at propelschools.org.

The Campus Laboratory School of Carlow University

Contact: Alexis Shaffer - amshaffer@carlow.edu
412-578-2084

Website: <https://campusschool.carlow.edu/>

Application Deadline: December 31, 2020

Virtual Open House: November 18, 2020, 6pm-7pm
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-campus-laboratory-school-virtual-open-house-tickets-124164299763>

The Ellis School

Contact: Becky Amis - amisb@theellisschool.org
412-661-4880 x 216

Website: www.TheEllisSchool.org

Families exploring Ellis are welcome to join us for a weekly small group Zoom [Showcase](#) to get an overview of life in the Lower School. We are also offering three [Information Session](#) webinars on particular topics of interest at Ellis through the fall. Applications are due January 1 and [families can begin here](#). Becky Amis is the Lower School Admission Coordinator and will be glad to [schedule phone or Zoom calls to answer any questions](#) about Ellis or the application process.

Environmental Charter School

Virtual Tour and Open House -

<https://ecspgh.org/tours>

The application acceptance period for the 2021-2022 school year is Oct. 1, 2020 to Feb. 1, 2021.

Application Information - <https://ecspgh.org/apply>

Phone: 412-247-7970

Website: <https://ecspgh.org/>