

# OCTOBER

## Director Updates

What a great start to our school year! During this first month together, the focus has been on developing relationships between teachers and preschoolers, establishing daily classroom routines, and learning the ins and outs of the new school environment. It brings us such joy to hear parents share how much our preschoolers love coming to Kidslink!



"A friend loves at all times."

Proverbs 17:17





Being in a classroom environment is a new experience for many of our preschoolers. We devote a lot of time during the first month to the social aspect and dynamic of being in a group. It takes time and some coaching to learn how to play with peers, how to share toys, how to wait for your turn, how to transition and change activities...the list goes on and on! Our preschoolers are developing new skills and growing in their abilities to be a kind friend to others in their classroom!

In October our Bible focus goes hand in hand with our emphasis on learning and developing social skills because it is on friendship. Preschoolers will learn that a friend is kind, helpful, and patient. We will explore and discover some of the answers to the following questions...What is a friend? How do we make friends? How can we be a good friend? How do we keep friends? The Bible teaches us that "A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17 and "Be kind to one another" Ephesians 4:32. Children will learn these two verses during Bible time in October. I encourage you to continue the conversation about friends at home with your child. Offer praise and positive reinforcement when you hear about sharing, acts of kindness, and sensitivity to the feelings of others.

When you stop to think about it, the basics of getting along and working well with others is an essential foundational skill that if learned well at a young age will make a huge impact on the rest of your child's life!





I would like to invite all our Kidslink families to Pathway Church's Harvest Party on October 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. It will be taking place at all our campuses after services.

Celebrate the season with us at our church-wide Harvest Party!

Join us during and after weekend services for:

- Fall-themed décor & extra hospitality
- Fun activities unique to each campus
- A photo booth to capture the moment
- Encouragement to ***Channel Your Flannel*** — wear your favorite flannel to services!

Special for new to Pathway guests: Fill out a connection card for a chance to win a \$250 Family Fun Raffle—perfect for a day out that fits your family.

Don't miss this weekend of fun, food, and community at Pathway! We have children's programming from birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade at all services.

### **Pathway Service Times**

Goddard Campus: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM on Sundays

Valley Center Campus: 10:30 AM on Sunday

Westlink Campus: 5:00 PM on Saturday, 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM on Sunday





- One of the highlights of our school year is the annual pumpkin hunt!
- **Thursday, October 23 and Friday, October 24**
- Our very own "Pumpkin Patch" will be created!
- Each preschooler will pick their own perfect pumpkin to bring home!
- More specific info with your child's class hunt schedule will be shared closer to our hunt!





## Fall Photo Days at Kidslink!

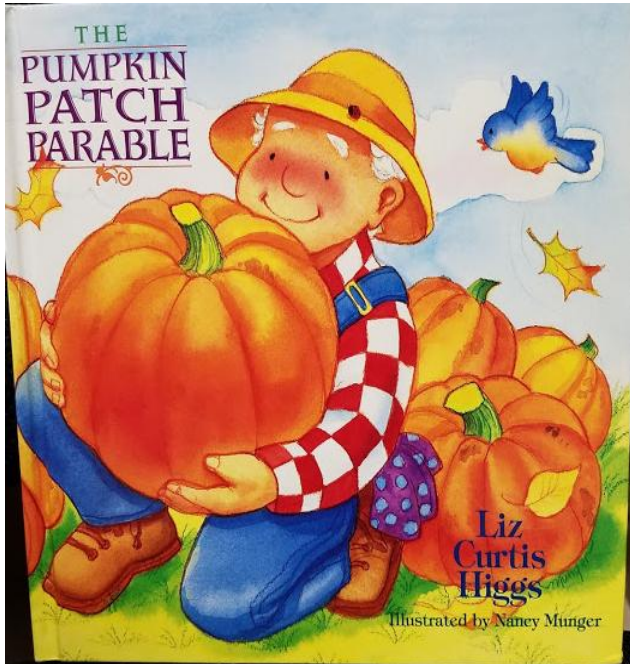
Thank you to Mr. Tony & Kiarra from GS Memorymaker for taking photos of our preschoolers on September 29 and 30. They really made taking pictures fun!



Your preschooler may have told you that Mr. Tony talks like Donald Duck and they sometimes have to blow the duck off Mr. Tony's head! Yes, it's all true! We hope that you are pleased with your child's photo! Ordering is totally optional!



# A Positive Halloween Alternative!



Instead of celebrating Halloween - Teachers will read "The Pumpkin Patch Parable" in the classroom which is an awesome book and places a Christian emphasis during our fall and harvest themes. Children do not wear costumes. Any snacks that you purchase or any items you bring to school for class sharing (Star of the Week, show and tell or favorite books) should reflect a fall theme only! Please refrain from bringing any ghosts, skeletons, witches, or goblins. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## Leave Dogs at Home

**Do not bring dogs along with you to the exterior Pathway doors when dropping off or picking up your child!** Several years ago, we had someone that was bitten by a dog at dismissal time. We must maintain a safe environment for all. Please share this with grandparents or others that may be transporting your child to/from preschool. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe!





# Kidslink Doorbell

- Preschool, Nursery, and Main Street Hallway Doors are locked while preschoolers are in class.
- Doorbell is located to the left of our Preschool Hallway Door.
- Late arriving? Need to pick up early? Come in the East Pathway Church Entrance off Maize Road and ring the doorbell for admittance.
- The doorbell will ring in the Kidslink Office, and we will come as quickly as possible to open the doors!



Remember if you are ever running late (12:05 pm or later) to park on the east side of Pathway and come inside. The Preschool Hallway doors will be open after preschoolers leave. Teachers need to get back to the classroom to put resources away and to begin our cleaning/disinfecting process. Preschoolers will be in their classroom for a few minutes and then will be taken to the Kidslink Office. Please call the Office or text your child's teacher to alert them if you are running late to pickup.

## Birthday Party Invitations

Occasionally parents ask teachers about sending home birthday party invitations for their child by placing them in each child's cubby. We do have several criteria that we follow and if these are met, we are more than happy to hand out invitations.

1. All children in the classroom receive invitations.

**OR**

2. For gender specific parties...if you have a son then all the boys in the classroom receive an invitation or all of the girls receive an invitation if you have a daughter.



**Bottom line: We never want a child to feel hurt or left out when others in the class receive invitations.**

If you want to invite select students in your child's class, then it is better to mail the invitations yourself. Thank you for being sensitive to the children's feelings. We appreciate your cooperation in following the above guidelines!