

# Premier Child Care Newsletter

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## Moments

**Pill Hill** – It's October and we're looking forward to a busy month! First we will have a visit to our school from a Dentist on October 6, 2017. Next, we will be attending the Johansen Pumpkin Patch Farm on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we will be having our annual Harvest Party on October 31<sup>st</sup>. In-house activities for this month include: lightning our own hand-cut pumpkins to make jack-o-lanterns. Also, we will be collecting various types of leaves for our Save A Leaf Day which will be used for several art projects. Lastly, we are going to have a pumpkin-tasting food day, introducing children to pumpkin pie, pumpkin seeds, pumpkins doughnuts, pumpkin cookies, and ice cream topped with pumpkin spice. We are going to have a "blast-tastic" month!

**Near the Pier** – Calling all Mummies, Daddies, Ghouls and Boys! You're in for a treat this October. We are preparing for our Fall Festival party and our trip to the Pumpkin Farm. Also we will be taking a trip to the police station and walking to the fire department for SAFETY.

**West Austin** – Is geared up for this Festive month of October. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Loyala Physical Van will be here to preform complete physicals for students who need them. There will be a Taffy Apple Sale on October 12<sup>th</sup> to offset the cost of field trips for this month. Next, Students will attend Abbey Farms Pumpkin Patch on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Finally, our annual Harvest Fest will be October 31<sup>st</sup> at this Center with plenty of games, fun and food.

**East Side** – Is anxiously awaiting "The Hegewisch Fall Festival" that will take place on September 30th! We are very excited to be instrumental in bringing this once traditional neighborhood function back to the community. There will be many food vendors, entertainment and carnival style events, celebrating the return of Fall. Our families are super excited and we hope to see you there!

### Symbols of the Month

- \*Birthstones: Tourmaline and Opal
- \*Zodiac signs: Libra (September 23-October 22) and Scorpio (October 23-November 21)
- \*Flower: Calendula

### Song of the Month

Thriller by Michael Jackson

### Books of the Month

- "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" by Charles M. Schulz
- "Pete the Cat Five Little Pumpkins" by James Dean



West Austin's Monthly Parent Meeting  
Marzette Fox and Patricia Davis

## Highlights

### Welcome Ms. Gina to our Premier Family!

West Austin is excited about snaring Teacher and Attorney Gina Davis as are new Head Start Coordinator. Ms. Davis is a graduate of both Fisk University and John Marshall Law School. She has been in the field of education for thirty-plus years. She brings a plethora of knowledge and experience to the Premier Child Care Centers. We are confident that her illustrious history will enhance our existing successful Head Start Program. She shares our passion for serving the community "through" the community. Towards this end of serving the community, Ms. Davis has already spearheaded a joint venture with local professionals who are helping to create income opportunities for the parents of West Austin Development Center. On September 21, 2017 West Austin held it's first Monthly Parent Meeting, in which representatives from Marfox Construction Company and Unique Casework Installations, shared valuable information about training and job opportunities. We thank representatives, Marzette Fox and Patricia Davis.

In light of the cuts in programs designed to help and educate our children, such partnerships as these are needed to assure that all one hundred and eighteen students, instead of the ninety- two granted by the city, remain in our school.



## Front and Center

Premier Child Care Centers will celebrate  
Columbus Day on October 9, 2017.  
All our Centers will be CLOSED.

### Columbus Day Facts

Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries in the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Columbus sailed from Spain with three ships. Two of the ships, the Niña and the Pinta were small caravels. The third ship, the Santa Maria, was a larger type of ship.

*Wikipedia*

### HALLOWEEN

Halloween ranks second, only to Christmas, in popularity of national holidays. Hallowe'en – which literally means 'holy evening', dates back to the pagan times and is thought to originate with the Celtic pagan festival of Samhain. Samhain was a celebration of the end of the harvest season, meaning 'summer's end'. Halloween also marks the day before the feast of All Saints Day (also known as All Hallows Eve), a day that dates back to the eighth century and was designed to stamp out pagan traditions and convert people to Christianity. Trick or treating started in Ireland, Scotland and Wales and involved people dressing up in costumes and knocking on doors asking for food. The groups would offer up poems and songs in exchange for the food.

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