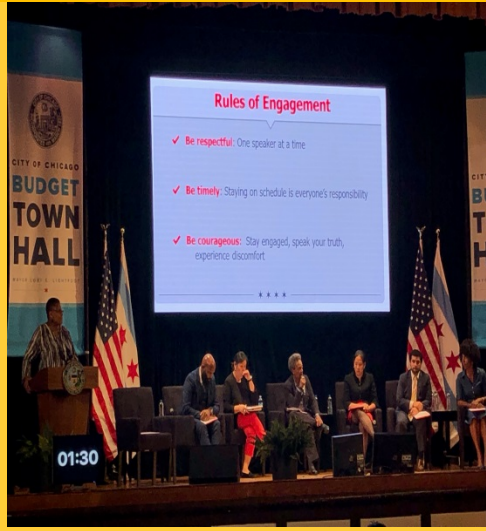


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Moments

West Austin- The school year is off to a great start. Smiling faces of children experiencing lots of learning. However, behind the smiles, looms an imminent crisis! CPS has integrated three and four year olds into their schools. This is an upset to Community Based Organizations as they are struggling to obtain 100% enrollment. There are many negative impacts that this change will have on three and four year old children. They are not physically, emotionally, or socially prepared for the larger public school environment. We are hoping that more parents become educated about the changes that are taking place right before our eyes. Mayor Lightfoot has been very engaged and proactive about making changes with this situation. We enjoyed hearing her share her ideas on Thurs. Sept. 25 at Lindblom High School. We need parents, teachers and all family members to come and support our schools. We will email information as becomes available to us.

We are also pleased to have Mr. Thiago, our Portuguese instructor here with us at West Austin. The students have been very excited and are quickly learning a new language. Also, coming up in Oct., we look forward to the "Universoul Circus" and many more fall festivities.

Pill Hill - October 14th - Columbus Day -Center Closed
October 18th- Fieldtrip to Pumpkin Patch/Apple Orchard
October 24th -United Nations Day!
October 31st -Halloween! Costume/ Harvest Party
Near the Pier- Please, welcome our new Front Desk Coordinator, Ms. Avery. We extend a warm welcome to our new Portuguese teacher, Thiago Ricardo. We'll be having classes for all the kids on Mondays and Wednesdays. French classes will be held on Fridays. Morning Yoga will be in the Blue Jay's Red Robin's classroom. October is the month when the smallest breeze gives us a shower of autumn leaves, bonfires and pumpkins, with leaves sailing down; October is red and golden brown.

East Side School is officially in and we are all settling in our daily routines. October is a very exciting and festive month, and Eastside has some exciting events in store. This month we will be attending the County Line Orchard date TBA. While there, the children will be picking pumpkins and apples and learning about harvest. In addition, we will be having our annual Harvest Party on October 31, 2019. We also have a mobile dentist who will be at the site on October 3, 2019. Do not forget to stop by the office to receive a consent form. We are all excited and ready for the fall season here at Eastside!

Symbols of the Month

*Birthstones: Sapphire

*Zodiac signs: Virgo (August 23 - September 22) and Libra (September 23 - October 22)and Scorpio (October 23- November 21)

Highlights

West Austin Development Center's Head Start Program is off to a great start. With the support of our partner, Henry Booth House, we cannot be beat.

Parents, please remember, when we say that "Head Start is free" what we actually mean is that Headstart is free in the sense that parents don't pay with money, they pay with their time! One way that parents should "pay" is by coming to the monthly meetings and signing in to record their presence. Another way for parents to "pay" for Headstart is when they volunteer their time on field trips, in the classroom, and in the mornings at drop off time when they assist the teachers with tooth brushing, hand washing and breakfast. Some parents have been doing all of this but forgetting to sign the volunteer sheet. Parents, please remember to sign the PARENT VOLUNTEER SHEET when you do any volunteer work whether you are there for five minutes or five hours.

We also reminded parents why it is so important to get to school on time so that your child does not miss anything, so that your child understands and follows routines, and how coming to school late disrupts the class. We discussed our Key Performance Indicators for Headstart: Nutrition, Attendance, Health & Safety, and Education. Parents, it is so important and valuable to read to your child at home every day to promote literacy and always remember the correlation between daily attendance and learning. Your child has to be here every day to learn what is being taught and every day there is something new and interesting that your child will use every day of his/her life. If your children miss one day that they do not absolutely have to, they miss a lot! Bring them to school every day so they do not miss out!

Gina Davis Head start Coordinator

Video of the Month

It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown by Charles Schulz

Book of the Month

Pete the Cat -Twinkle, Twinkle, Little, Star by James Dean

Front and Center



Goblins, monsters, ghosts, skeletons, scary movies, vampires and Frankenstein, all provide children with happy and creepy fun reasons to be excited about Halloween, the second most popular national holiday to Christmas. Premier Child Care Centers encourage the healthy participation in Halloween events. However, the safety of our students is our primary concern. Parents, please remain vigilant on October 31, 2019.

THE OCTOBER HISTORY

While October is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars, it was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar (which was 10 months and didn't include January or February). So October was named from the Latin word *ôctō* meaning "eight".

October Flower- Marigolds



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