

# October News 2025

## Pre-K & PEP



### Events

**October 2:** No school for students

**October 16:** Firefighter Visit

**October 17:** Professional Learning Day  
No school for students

**October 20-** No School for students

**October 24th:** Fall Festival

**October 27:** Ms. Harrigan's Class to Sharp's Farm

**October 28th-** Professional Learning  
No school for students

### Reminders

Please remember to send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing as the weather gets cooler.

Stay tuned for more information from your child's teacher about their classroom Fall Festival!

### Eureka Math

- Practice counting up to 5 objects in a line, circle, and scattered arrangement.
- Support your child in matching a group of 1 to 5 objects to the matching numeral to answer how many objects are in that group.
- Encourage your child to remember that last number said tells how many, and that he/she does not need to count the group of objects again. For example, after your child touches and counts the 3 objects in a group, ask your child how many objects did they count, and then have your child repeat the number 3 instead of counting again.

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### CKLA Reading

Domain 2 focuses on families and communities. We will learn how families are alike and different, how families and friends go places and do things together, and how friends use kind words to care for each other.

### Fine Motor Skills

Give your child a small piece of paper and ask your child to rip the paper into many small pieces. Encourage your child to rip the paper using their pointer finger and thumb on each hand. Using this pincer grasp supports correct pencil grip.

## Volunteer Information

No Required Compliance Measures	Child Abuse & Neglect Training	Child Abuse & Neglect Training PLUS Fingerprinting
<p>Volunteers who support large and one-time events, <b>and are accompanied by MCPS staff</b></p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• College fairs</li><li>• Concessions and ticket booth sales at large events</li><li>• Guest readers</li><li>• Class celebrations</li></ul>	<p>Volunteers who support students on an ongoing basis, <b>and are accompanied by MCPS staff</b></p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student teachers</li><li>• Student interns</li><li>• Recess, lunch, dismissal</li><li>• Supervised field trip chaperones</li><li>• Room parents</li></ul>	<p>Volunteers who will have <b>unsupervised access to students</b></p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual volunteering</li><li>• Volunteer coach</li><li>• Outdoor Education</li><li>• Unsupervised field trip chaperones</li><li>• Special field trip chaperones (late night, overnight, out of area)</li></ul>