

KNOLLS NEWS

Montgomery County  
Public Schools 

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FROM THE NEST

Dates to

Remember

**October 23-27**

**Fall Festival  
Week**

Autumn is here!

As we roll into the Fall season we have much to celebrate. Our new students, families and staff are enjoying their new home at Stephen Knolls and we are thrilled they are here. Our Back to School Night/BBQ was a huge success and we thank all who participated, attended and enjoyed the evening. We are still celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and will be hosting a luncheon Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Kitchen/Eagle's Nest. Please join us. We will also be honoring Breast Cancer Awareness throughout the month of October and sponsoring a Coins to Fight Cancer campaign. We will be collecting spare change in the main office and donating all collected to the Susan G. Komen Foundation at the beginning of

November. We will start our annual Fall Festival the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and include our Spirit Week, Costume Parade, Pumpkin Picking, Mr. Brad's Maze, Arts & Craft Activities, Book Giveaways and lots more so please mark your calendars and join us on campus throughout the entire week ending Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Families are encouraged to volunteer, participate, attend, take pictures and share in the festivities. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime.

Warm Regards,

Kim Redgrave

Principal

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**STEPHEN KNOLLS HONORS  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH**

Stephen Knolls is initiating a "Coins to Fight Cancer" campaign and asking staff to consider donating their spare change in order to raise money to support the Susan G. Kolman Foundation. Staff is also encouraged to wear pink throughout the month to show their support in the fight for a cure.



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

In Miss Bri's PEP 5 Hour class, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month! 6 of our 7 students have families from either El Salvador, Honduras, or Guatemala. Each of those countries celebrated Independence day on September 15th. We learned about the holiday and how it is celebrated in each of the countries along with the music, food, and art that is important to each. Our students made instruments and put handprints on cutouts of the country his or her family was from to share with the class.



We are having so much fun in the PEP 5 hr class, room B-6. We have been working on **Theme 1 Ready For School** as part of our **Big Day for Pre-K Curriculum**. We have a lot of new students that are learning what it means to be in school, navigate Stephen Knolls, make friends and learn the classroom routine. As part of our school routine, students in B-6 are learning about what it means to share classroom materials, take turns with our classroom projects and follow directions. We made a giant school bus out of cardboard, paint and shape cut-outs in class. Students had to learn how to wait their turn to get in and out of the bus! The fun has just started in B-6 and we can't wait to watch all of our students learn and grow!



## SCHOOL AGE

Ms. Amanda's class has already had a great start to the year! For our first community trip we went to PetSmart and bought our class fish to observe throughout the year! The tank is amazing to have in our room and we all really enjoy watching the fish swim! We have also been hanging out in the awesome sensory room that Ms. Amanda made for our class! There are many beanbags in there so we have a nice place to hang out! We have also been about to work out on the new Quadriciser! It's a wonderful piece of equipment that helps us with our range of motion! We are excited for what this year has to bring and can't wait to see what fun things Ms. Amanda has planned for us!



## SPECIALS – PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Welcome back to physical education. It is a joy to spend the weekdays with your children. The students in the preschool education program have adjusted nicely to the routine and structure of the class. They have been working on following one step directions and listening for signal of attention through music and dance. In alignment with the ready for school curricular theme, the students have been searching for and matching yellow school buses. They are challenged to find the buses by moving their bodies with control over, under, around, onto, and off of obstacles. These are position words that you can also work on at home. The students in kindergarten through high school have been working on developing their physical activity profile of independence. This is a workbook of skills that will be sent home at the end of the school year.

The students are currently working on demonstrating range of motion, sensory processing, and body posture. I am very excited to work with your child and welcome questions from parents about what can be done at home.

-Brad Weiner

