

October 2010

# The Village News Fall 2010

The University Child Care Center



Visit our website at  
[www.victoryvillage.org](http://www.victoryvillage.org)

## Spirit Week— Oct 25th - 29th

Join us for our Spirit Week Activities by letting your child dress up each day as follows:

- Monday—Mismatch Day—be creative!
- Tuesday—Team Day—Wear your favorite team clothing/hats
- Wednesday—Pajama Day—Wear your favorite pajamas
- Thursday—Cartoon Day—Wear clothing with your favorite characters on them
- Friday—Flash Back 50s—90s—Dress up like your favorite decade (or wear your Halloween costume!) Parents are welcome to participate in Flash Back Friday during the Fall Festival!



### Dates to Remember:

- October 21, 22—Fall Portraits
- October 29—Fall Festival
- November 20—Thanksgiving Feast
- November 25, 26—Thanksgiving Holiday

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

A reminder about our policies if you volunteer to bring any special treats that are served to the children in the classroom: according to State regulations, all baked goods must be prepared in a commercial kitchen, and must be clearly labeled with a list of ingredients and potential allergens. Please do not bring products containing peanuts or tree nuts, since we have several classrooms that are nut free due to serious allergies.

*If you are not yet on our Listserv, please give us your email address so we can send you quarterly newsletters, weekly menus, and important announcements. This is a good way to keep in touch with what is happening at the Center!!*



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

We do parent-teacher conferences twice a year—once shortly after the children start in their new classrooms each fall, and a second round in the spring. The fall conferences are taking place now. There are sign-up sheets at each classroom. These conferences are a good time to talk to your child's teacher outside of the classroom hustle and bustle, and discuss your goals for your child's learning over the upcoming year. Your child's teacher will share information from the Creative Curriculum about developmental milestones, and you can talk together about emerging skills that can be supported at home and at school. We honor the important role of parents and families in determining what is best for their child, and we consider our work to be a partnership with you as your child develops and grows. We hope that you will participate in the parent/teacher conferences each year. We think that you will find the experience to be rewarding and informative.



## Thanksgiving Feast

**On Friday, November 19th from 4—6 p.m., The University Child Care Center will sponsor our annual Thanksgiving Feast. This is a pot-luck event, and we ask that you bring your favorite covered dish. Ms. Marina will prepare turkey for the meal, and some other delicious dishes. Please note that because of licensing regulations, children whose parents are not present will *not* be served food from the feast. We ask that families mark the dishes they prepare for major allergens (eggs, nuts, etc.), but each family will need to decide what is safe for their child to eat from the donated dishes.**



**Volunteers needed for cleanup: Please sign up at the front desk**

## Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch



We will have a fall festival for the children at the center, sponsored by the Twos and Preschool classrooms, on Friday, October 29th. In the morning we will have a “Pumpkin Patch for the children”. They will be able to pick a small pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. The other festivities will take place from 4:00—6:00 p.m., and will include games, face painting, and other fun activities. The children may wear their costumes, but we ask that you please avoid scary costumes and superhero costumes (no weapons including swords, please), as these often contribute to aggressive play. The children will go around the classrooms and collect treats and/or candy, which will not be eaten here, but will be sent home.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of November 15th. You may purchase quality children’s books directly from the fair. The center receives up to a 60% (of sales) bonus in books for the classrooms by doing the fair. Also look for classroom Wish Lists, where you may purchase and donate books that the teachers have requested for their rooms.



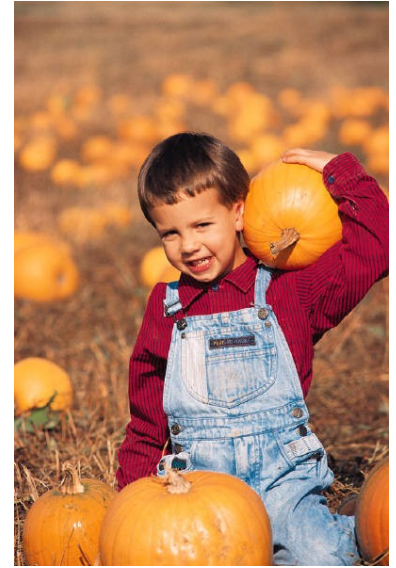
### *SPECIALS SCHEDULE*

*Monday: Spanish*  
*Tuesday: Music*  
*Computer*  
*Wednesday: Art*  
*Thursday: Soccer*  
*Yoga*  
*Friday: Dance & Tumbling*



## Did you know?

Our center can make referrals for professional screenings and assessments of children who may need services to help them with developmental, behavioral, or speech/language needs. You may request a referral if you have concerns about your child in any of these areas. You may ask your child's classroom teacher, or the Center Director for more information. In most instances, the screenings are done free of charge.



## Quarterly Themes

In conjunction with the Creative Curriculum, we use center-wide quarterly thematic units to enhance our program of activities. These broad topics provide a framework for activity planning. The themes and timeframes are very flexible, so that teachers can branch off into areas of learning that are of special interest to the children in their groups. Books and special materials enhance the thematic units. Themes for September-October-November are:



**Farm/Harvest      Thanksgiving / Foods      Fall**  
**Pumpkins & Apples      Transportation**  
**Children Around the World**



## Birthdays

The following staff have birthdays this fall:

- Marina—September 26
- Shari—October 10
- LaNeeka—October 13
- Jeanne—October 27
- Becca—November 13
- Natalia—November 15
- Maryalice—November 16
- Zulaykha—November 27
- Toyia—December 22



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

## Anniversaries

The following staff have anniversaries this fall:

- Mary—Sep 1—3 years
- Shirley—Sep 1—3 years
- Kim—Sept 1—2 years
- Jocelynn—Sep 29—2 years
- Marina—Oct 11—6 years
- Angie—Oct 17—5 years
- Rachel M.—Nov 10—2 years
- Alice—Nov 13—4 years
- Laura—Nov 14—5 years
- Maryalice—Dec 10—9 years

**THANK  
YOU  
FOR  
YOUR  
SERVICE  
TO VV!!!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!**

## Website

We've been working hard to revamp our website and make it more current and useful to families as an ongoing source of information. Keep an eye on the changes at [www.victoryvillage.org](http://www.victoryvillage.org), where you can find announcements, menus, newsletters, Board Meeting minutes, and more! We hope you will use this tool as another means for getting information about what is going on in our program. If you have suggestions about other items that would be helpful to include on our website, please let us know. We want it to work for you!



# Bulletin From the Board

**“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”**

**~~ Ralph Waldo Emerson**

As the new Chair of the Victory Village Day Care Corporation, Inc. (“Victory Village”) Board of Directors, I wanted let you know how enthusiastic our Board is about this year and all we hope to accomplish.

First, as background, you may know that Victory Village is a non-profit corporation that has contracted with UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Hospitals to manage the University Child Care Center (“Center”). Victory Village has three purposes:

- To provide quality child care for children enrolled in the Center;
- To enable individual parents to be gainfully employed and/or to be enrolled as students;  
and
- To assist The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and UNC Hospitals by lessening the burdens imposed in meeting the child-care needs of their faculty, staff and students at the lowest reasonable cost.

Victory Village is governed by a Board of Directors (“Board”) with a full-time Executive Director. The Board is comprised of representatives from UNC-Chapel Hill (5), UNC Hospitals (5), parents at the Center (3), and the Executive Director. The Board’s primary responsibilities are as follows:

- Employing a full-time Executive Director pursuant to personnel policies adopted by the Board.
- Conducting an annual evaluation of the Executive Director, by the Board Chair with input from the entire Board, parents, staff, and others as needed.
- Establishing financial, operational and personnel policies for Victory Village in consultation with the Executive Director.
- Approving an annual budget each fiscal year.
- Establishing all tuition rates and fees each fiscal year.
- Entering into any contract or executing and delivering any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- Appointing members to the standing Committees listed below. Each such Committee shall have at least one appointee who is a member of the Board:

Executive Committee

Finance

Personnel

The Board Chair may also create other ad hoc committees and appoint members to these



committees and designate a Chair for each committee. Committees serve in an advisory capacity to the Board.

Doing all things necessary or convenient, allowed by law, to further the activities and the affairs of Victory Village, including making, prescribing, and enforcing all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation and for the control and management of its property.

Second, this year we are looking forward to increasing the visibility of the Center and Board in a variety of ways; raising funds to support health, wellness, and outdoor activity for the children; examining the status of our building, grounds, and equipment; regularly assessing our personnel and finances; and supporting our staff in developing their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The Board meets each month, and we have parent time set aside at every meeting. Please feel free to join us to share any concerns, ideas, or appreciation. You may also feel free to contact any Board member as well ---we have set up the "Board board" in the entryway of the Center so that you can more easily place names with faces. You can also contact me at [joanna@alumni.unc.edu](mailto:joanna@alumni.unc.edu).

Finally, I am fortunate to have a talented and committed group to work with on the Board, and I am looking forward to benefiting from their enthusiasm (and yours) to make this a great year at the Center for our children, our staff, and our parents. In this process, I will continue to update you on Board activity and accomplishments throughout the year and I hope to get to know many of you as well!

Appreciatively,

Joanna Carey Cleveland



### Board Meetings

Our Board meets every month, alternating between the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m., and the fourth Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. The schedule for the next two meetings is:

Thursday, October 28th—6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 22nd—11:30 a.m.

Parents and Staff are invited to attend.



### New Board Members

Please join us in welcoming our new Board members:

**HOSPITAL APPOINTEE**

- Katie McMahon

**PARENT MEMBERS**

- Mattias Jonsson
- Keri Monda

**OFFICERS:**

- Joanna Cleveland—Board Chair
- Katie McMahon—Vice Chair
- Keri Monda—Treasurer
- Jo Ellen Rodgers —Secretary



# From Our Fundraising Committee

By Jo Ellen Rodgers

## **IMPORTANT: Quick and Easy Steps to Support VVDC Fundraising Efforts** **Box Tops for Education**

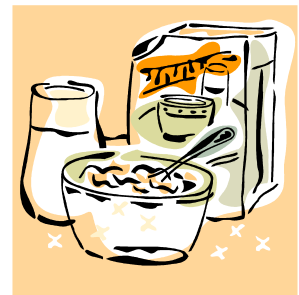
“Hurricane Katrina wiped out our school playground, but with Box Tops for Education we were **able to raise more than \$6,800** to replace it.”

–David M., PTO President, North Bay Elementary School

How can VVDC do the same? Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios<sup>®</sup>, Hamburger Helper<sup>®</sup> and Kleenex<sup>®</sup>, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and place them in your school’s Box Tops collection box - **each one is worth 10¢ for your school.**

To find a list of products carrying the Box Tops logo, go to:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878&WT.ac=FMA ParticipatingProd 08012010>



Some common products include but are not limited to:

Product Type	Examples
Baby/Childcare	HUGGIES <sup>®</sup> diapers/wipes, GOODNITES <sup>®</sup> , PULL-UPS <sup>®</sup> ,
Paper Products	Kleenex <sup>®</sup> tissue/dinner napkins, SCOTT <sup>®</sup> bath tissue/paper towels,
Baking	Bisquick <sup>®</sup> , Betty Crocker <sup>®</sup> , Gold Medal <sup>®</sup> flour, Fiber One <sup>®</sup> pan-cake/muffin mix, Hersey's <sup>®</sup> brownie mix, Reese's <sup>®</sup> dessert bar mix
Refrigerated/Dairy	Pillsbury <sup>®</sup> (cookies, rolls), Alpine Lace <sup>®</sup> sliced cheese, LAND O LAKES <sup>®</sup>
Frozen	Tortino's <sup>®</sup> pizza, Pillsbury <sup>®</sup> toaster strudel, Green Giant <sup>®</sup> vegetables
Beverages	Nestle Juicy Juice <sup>®</sup>
Meals/Sides	Hamburger Helper <sup>®</sup> , Old El Paso <sup>®</sup> refried beans/taco shells, Progresso <sup>®</sup>
Storage	Ziploc <sup>®</sup> , Hefty <sup>®</sup>
Snacks	Fiber One <sup>®</sup> bars, Chex Mix <sup>®</sup> , Fruit Flavored Shapes/Snacks (eg. Batman <sup>®</sup> , Care Bears <sup>®</sup> , etc), Fruit Roll-Ups <sup>®</sup> , Nature Valley <sup>®</sup> bars
Cereal	Cheerios <sup>®</sup> , Fiber One <sup>®</sup> , Total <sup>®</sup> , Wheaties <sup>®</sup> , Raisin Nut Bran <sup>®</sup> , Oatmeal Crisp <sup>®</sup> , Lucky Charms <sup>®</sup> , Kix <sup>®</sup> , Chex <sup>®</sup> , Golden Grahams <sup>®</sup>
Jelly/Jams/Spreads	Welch's <sup>®</sup>
Disposable Tableware/ Cookware/Waste Bags	Hefty <sup>®</sup>
Office Products	Avery <sup>®</sup> , Hi-liter <sup>®</sup>

## **Online Shopping**

As the holidays shopping season approaches, consider shopping on-line at <http://www.furtal.com/school/Victory-Village-Day-Care-Center> which has links to the great retailers where you already shop for clothes, music, electronics, school supplies, sporting goods and other products. When you start your online shopping at our Furtal, VVDCC earns a percentage of cash back from those purchases. The program is free to the school and there is no additional cost or obligation to you. You get the same great products and services, and our school gets cash back! You can invite your family, friends and business associates to shop through our Furtal as well. If we all participate, it can truly make a difference.

## **Sync Your Harris Teeter VIC Card**

If you have not already done so, please consider linking your VIC card online at [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com), using the Victory Village Together in Education **code 3293**, or give the code to the cashier the next time you shop at your local Harris Teeter. Or, you may stop by the front desk and give us your VIC card number, and we'll link it for you. Right now we have almost 75% of our families linked to Victory Village!

## **Take Home Dinners**

Did you know that until 1995, our Center's chef, Marina, was president and manager of Ambrosia Restaurant in Durham; she continues to offer her specialty dishes through her catering service. Born in Lebanon, her specialty is Middle Eastern and Mediterranean food, including Greek, Italian and French cuisine, as well as kosher food preparation.

You have the opportunity to partake of Marina's cooking *and* help support the programs at VVDCC by ordering meals from the Take-Home Menu. Order one week at a time, or for the entire month; orders for each Wednesday must be received by the morning of the meal. You may download an order form from our website at [www.victoryvillage.org](http://www.victoryvillage.org), under "Fundraising".

