

October Curriculum— Harvest Time

As autumn is upon us, it is time for our Harvest Time unit. This unit will address big ideas such as the following:

- How Does Food Grow?
 - Moving Food From Place to Place
- Preparing Food to Eat
 - Taste & Texture
 - Plants & Soil
 - Trees
 - Vegetables
- Places That Sell Food
 - Food Groups

With harvest themes all around us, it would be more difficult to avoid this curriculum topic than to talk about it. Pumpkin patches are springing up over night and the stores

are full of fall colors. Our CCG children will be investigating this time of year through many different activities in the classrooms. Many of the children are already counting down to the



Pumpkin Patch field trips. If you haven't noticed, the recent pumpkin unloading, the patch is located at Moody Methodist Church just around the

corner from us. The classes will be walking (or buggy riding) to the patch to pick out a small pumpkin, read a story, and take a couple of pictures. If you are available, please sign up to chaperone the trips as our CCG policy does require a 1:1 ration of chaperones to children.

For more information about our curriculum, please see you child's classroom teacher.



Parent Newsletter

October 2014

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- Suggested curriculum readings
- Fundraising information
- Website feedback requested
- CCG Staff Changes

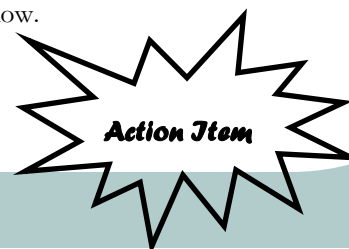
Action Item

Be on the lookout throughout this (and future) editions of the CCG News to see how you can provide feedback for and contribute to the daily running of the center. Many of the action

items require only an e-mail, photo, or comment submission for our publications and events.

As a cooperative, it is this type of parent interaction

that makes us so unique. So please take a minute and peruse each issue for the items indicated by the shape below.



A Parent's Prerogative

We always want to encourage parents to stay involved in the Children's Coalition because our success depends on it. There are many ways to stay involved, and some are really easy! We live in an age where cell phones and cameras are everywhere, most people never leave home without one or the other.

What do we as parents ever do with all of those charming pictures that we take

with these devices? Don't let them spend eternity floating around on some storage device. Put them to good use! We are always in need of photographs and suggestions for content for this section of the newsletter. Please feel free to send any content that you would like to share to Amy Musick at amykmccarthy@gmail.com

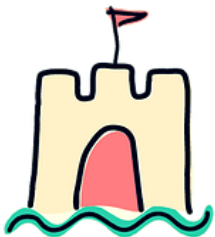
Not only do we need pictures, we want to know what movies your kids are crazy

about, what book you now know by heart because you read it every night, or what activities your kids just can't live without. Do you have a favorite local destination? We want those too! For this month's submission, we would like to thank Christie Shumate. She is a Monkey and a Dragonfly mom as well as the Classroom Committee Chairperson. She's always on the go with her girls and sends us great suggestions.



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-Christie



Please visit the Galveston Children's Museum Website at www.galvestoncm.org

Fun at the Children's Museum of Galveston

The Children's Museum of Galveston is a great place to take kids of all ages. They have some stations that appeal to toddlers, some that appeal to grade school children, and some that sort of appeal to their parents!

Located in the basement of the Moody Mansion (bonus!), the museum offers activities that cover a wide range of interests, from running a pizzeria to fishing on the high seas to testing the laws of physics.

You'll find arts and crafts, a stage to play dress-up and perform ("Let It Go," anyone?), a mock doctor's office, and even a workbench to fix those broken

toys. And best of all, when you try to clean up after your children, the saints that work/volunteer there shoo you away and take care of everything! Sign me up!

The entrance fee is only \$6/person or you can buy a yearly membership for \$20/person (\$75/family)—in my opinion, well worth the hours of fun your kids will have going from exhibit to exhibit as

they please, stimulating their creativity, and burning off all that extra energy.

The Moody Mansion is located at 2618 Broadway in Galveston and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization under the direction of a Board of Directors.

Hours of Operation

Tues-Sat 9am-4pm

Sun 11am-4pm



Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book orders were due on September 30th. Each child's classroom was given a code with which to order books. Your book orders translate into free books for the Children's Coalition!

With the window for ordering being closed, our books should be on their way soon. Hopefully you took advantage of this opportunity for some early holiday shopping. If not, this will not be

our last order!

We are always looking for ways to increase our resources at CCG, so please feel free to send us feedback. If you didn't take advantage of this opportunity, was

there a specific reason? If you really enjoyed the fact that this opportunity was offered, let us know why! Feedback can be sent to amykmccarthy@gmail.com and will be dispersed to the correct people.

Early Childhood

ORDER FROM THIS MONTH'S FLYER ►



Pumpkins are Coming!

With the weather still muggy, rainy, and hot, it is hard to believe that autumn is just around the corner. The CCG has already scheduled field trip dates for the children to have story time at the Moody Methodist Pumpkin Patch. Children will walk from the Coalition to the patch for a short story, pictures, and picking out pumpkins.

Are you interested in chaperoning? Every year we are in need of parent volunteers to chaperone the walking trip and ensure the safety of our young friends. If you can help on any of the following dates, please let Robin know.

In addition to these trips, classes will be celebrating the Harvest Time with their friends. Be on the lookout for classroom needs and sign up sheets to make classroom celebrations a success.

Pumpkin Patch

Schedule:

**Bumble Bees &
Sea Turtles**
October 16 @ 9:30

Monkeys
October 16 @ 10:00

Dolphins
October 16 @ 10:30

Dragonflies
October 17 @ 9:00

*"A fallen leaf
is nothing
more than a
summer's wave
goodbye."*

**Available to
Chaperone?**



North Pole Update

By Lauren Scott

We still need some help on sponsorships for our inaugural North Pole Winter Festival– either cash, in-kind provision of station supplies for arts and crafts or decorations!

We are so excited to announce the generous support of the following awesome, confirmed sponsors! (We still have some sponsors pending, so if you don't see your name here and/or you are interested, please contact me via cell: 832-860-3703 or [email](#):

Stay tuned for a special North Pole edition of the newsletter!



President Lauren Scott and her youngest daughter Lola (Dragonfly Room). Lauren's oldest daughter Georgia is in the Dolphin Room.



Our Title Sponsor

Orthopedic Clinic of
Galveston County
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Event Sponsorships

Nautical Antiques & Décor
(Adrienne & Michael
Culpepper)

Station Sponsors

PattyCakes Bakery : The
PattyCakes Cookie Shop
(decorate your own
cookie)

The Dusek Family
(grandparents)

The Dusek Family
(CCG)

Oak Farms Dairy: Oak
Farms Milk Stop (grab
your milk & stir)

The Low Family (CCG)

The Scott Family (CCG)

Galveston Historical
Foundation: Oliver's
Alley (Letters to the
North Pole)

Kathy & Jeff
Modzelewski
(grandparents)

The Booth Family: Chil-
dren's Coalition Stop:
Cookie Plate Handprint
Keepsake

Westminster
Presbyterian

Special Thanks

[WillThing](#)
(graphic designer)

How can I help?

We need: white lights- twinkle lights, snowflakes, any holiday decorations, volunteers to wrap boxes like presents and snowmen, and other various supplies – ask me!

We also need the Remaining Sponsor Stations:

- Meet Santa Claus (we have a Santa & donated books for each child!)
- Stories with Mrs. Claus (we have a Mrs. Claus!)

Photo Booth – take your own fun holiday picture (backdrop with fun holiday props)

The Kitchen Chick: The
Chick's Reindeer Bar
(mix & make magic rein-
deer food)

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Get Involved!
 E-mail any board member or committee chair for
 information about volunteering.

Monkeying Around

During a busy day surrounded by little friends, it can be quite the feat to snap some photos. Our Monkey teachers have been really good at not only taking the time to take some candid shots, but also sharing them for this month's newsletter. Check out how our Monkey Friends have been enjoying the August and September curriculum!





Mixed Bag Designs has been a very successful fundraiser in the past for CCG. Keep up the momentum this year!

Mixed Bag Designs

You may have noticed the display of bags in the Fellowship Hall when you pick up and drop off your children. It's time for CCG's fall fundraiser, Mixed Bag Designs.

As you know, the nature of our non-profit co-op frequently leaves us in need of some extra funds to keep the center functioning as usual. Each CCG family has been tasked with selling 5 items from the Mixed Bag Designs

catalog. This is a great opportunity to get some holiday shopping in before the rush.

Orders can be placed on the order form that you received with the catalog or your out of town family and friends can order via their website, www.mixedbagdesigns.com. Our fundraiser ID number is 53882.

Please remember that we do have to charge tax with this fundraiser. A "cheat sheet"

of sorts was also included in your packet to make these calculations a little easier.

Mixed Bag orders will arrive at the Coalition in time for the holidays. If you have any questions about ordering or our fundraising processes, please feel free to contact our fundraising committee co-chairs, [Jennifer Prochaska](#) and [Amber Booth](#).

Changes in CCG Staff

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

-Socrates

Do you remember the first time that you saw one of your teachers at the grocery store or somewhere else in the community? It was shocking that they were allowed to exist outside of the schoolyard boundaries. We sometimes forget that our very own CCG teachers are the same way. We know them as the stable force that guide our children in our stead as we move on about our own work lives.

As much as we hate to see it, sometimes staff changes at

CCG will happen. We have recently had to say goodbye to one of our beloved teachers, Miss Amber. She was sad to leave us as well, but she is moving on to bigger and better things and we wish her the best.

With the departure of one, we gained two more! Miss Mary has returned in the Dragonfly room with a complete recovery from a recent joint surgery. All of the dragonflies (and other CCG members) were excited to see her back and are looking

forward to all the creativity that she brings to the classroom. If you haven't already, please swing by and tell her hello! We are overjoyed to have her back.

We have also added Miss Tess to our rotation. Tess is actually Westminster Presbyterian's Pastor Melissa's daughter. We are excited to have her working with our young friends. Please extend a warm welcome when you see her in the building.



Harvest Time—Suggested Reading

- *Jamberry* by Bruce Degen
- *Supermarket!* by Kathleen Krull & Melanie Hope Greenburg
- *Busy Garden* by Rebecca Finn
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- *Going to a Restaurant* by Melinda Beth Radabaugh
- *Strega Nona's Harvest* by Tomie dePaola
- *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert



Website Launch!

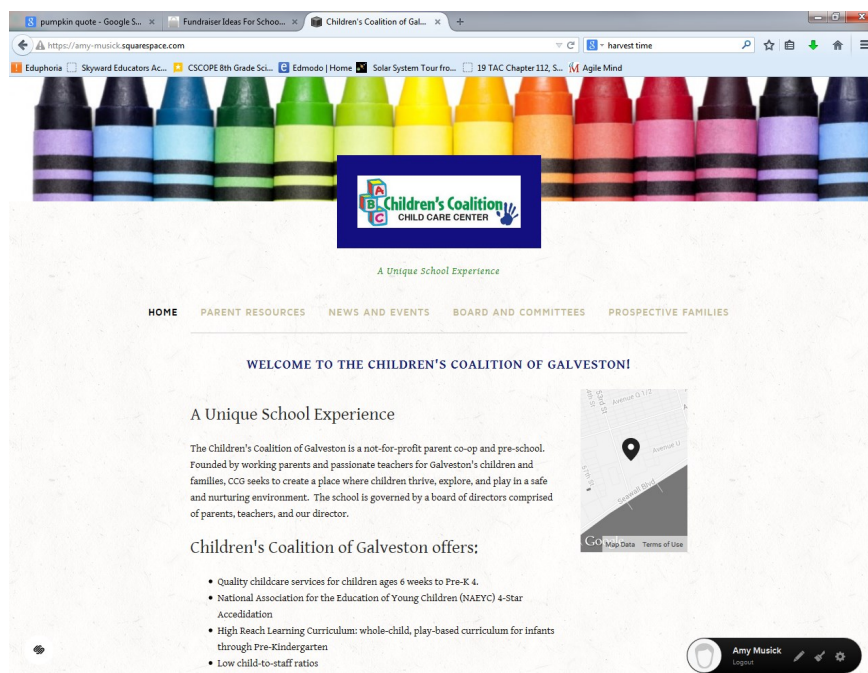
It has been a work in progress for quite some time now. We are very proud to announce the launch of our new and improved CCG website!

While we have launched the new look, it is still a work in

progress. We are still open to any feedback or corrections that you might have. Our overall goal is to improve the functionality of the site. The website should be a “go-to” place for information. In streamlining the communication process, we

are VERY open to feedback and suggestions. Please e-mail [Amy](mailto:Amy@ccgalveston.org) with any comments, concerns, or praise.

Check it out!
www.ccgaltveston.org



Greetings From the Director



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Director

The year is more than half way over and summer has come to an end. Although we had to say good bye to many of our older friends we know that they will return for a visit. Our BIG transition went very smooth and all the children have adjusted well in their new classrooms. We have four new tiny infants, Kathryn Booth (Thomas's sister), Henry Roberts (Liam's brother), Ava Shaffner, and Davis McDermott. Welcome to the Coalition!

Though summer is over it is still very hot outside, please remember to apply the sunscreen and mosquito spray each morning.

The sun shade has been installed and was unveiled at our Open House on

September 25th. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

The BIG move has come to an end and everyone including parents did great! The children have adjusted well in their new classroom. Each classroom will have plenty of activities to keep them busy during the day. Please be sure that you check your email for lesson plans from your classroom parent. You may have some items at home that we could use. Be sure to look over the list of supplies needed on the lesson plan. We will be visiting the pumpkin patch at Moody church in October, if you would like to come with us please see the teacher for dates and times.

Kathryn, Henry, Davis, and Ava are doing great in the Butterfly room. Soon we will have four more friends join us within the year as they are spending time with their mommies at home. If you have not had a chance to meet our new friends please stop by to say hello.

We have a new part time staff member, Tess Cannon who will work with us short term. If you see her in the classroom or hallway be sure to say hello. She moved to be closer to her family (she is the daughter of Pastor Melissa). You may see lots of new faces around the Coalition so be sure the introduce yourself.

Kroger

Click [here](#) to register your Kroger card to donate with every purchase. Our account number is 90924.



Randall's

Click [here](#) for information about connection to our Randall's account #12549



Important Dates

Tuition Due	Oct 1
Mixed Bag Orders Due	Oct 10
Pumpkin Patch Field Trips	Oct 16-17
Board Meeting	Oct 22

As holiday shopping approaches, don't forget to use our [Amazon Smile](#) account when doing your online shopping!