

Dear Touchstone Families,

As we finish our first month of school, I love to walk around and take in all the learning and fun taking place in each classroom. The students and teachers are all working so hard and having a great time. I am looking forward to seeing what each class will be doing next!

During the month of October, we have an exciting event planned! Fall Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an annual event full of fun for the whole family. Students and family members go from class to class participating in various activities and making different crafts with their friends and teachers. We ask that students do not wear their costumes and save them for the Halloween Parade taking place in the school at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31. Please send them with a change of clothes or have clothes under their costumes on that day. We do not want costumes getting accidentally ruined!

We still have spots left in Tumble Bus and Soccer in the aftercare program! If you would like to sign your child up, please see one of the Admin team for a form. Soccer goes until the end of October. Tumble Bus goes the entire school year, though you can cancel at any time.

As a reminder, please be sure you are signing your child in and out using the iPad in the lobby of the school. You must tap on your child's photo, not just enter in the PIN! We still have many families not doing this consistently. This is required by state licensing, and is also what is used to bill for hourly care charges. If you have not given us a PIN for your use, please see Glenda as soon as possible.

Please welcome Ms. Katie to our school. She will be my assistant and will be closing the school each night by working the front desk. Please be patient as we train her on how our school works! We are very excited to have her join our team!

I will be out of town for our company's annual Principal's Conference from October 23 to 27. Glenda and my new assistant Katie will be running the school while I am gone and will be available to help answer your questions. I will be available via email during this time if you need to reach me directly but I will only be able to answer emails sporadically.

As always, I am here to help answer any questions you may have or work through any concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,

Elise West; Principal

Important Dates

Friday, October 13th: **No School**- Staff Development

Thursday, October 19th: **Fall Family Fun Night** 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, October 20th: **Pre-K 1 & 2 Field Trip to Lee Farms** 9 a.m. (info to come)

Tuesday, October 31st: **Halloween Parade and Parties** 9:00 a.m.