



Winnie the Pooh Preschool  
A not-for-profit cooperative preschool



# Pooh News

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Ghosts and Ghouls don't forget the Halloween Parade  
October 30th or 31st



## Annual Winnie The Pooh Preschool Family Fall Dance.

Be sure to join us for an afternoon of family fun!! You will find an invitation in your child's class folder. Please return the RSVP form with your check made payable to WTPP by October 22nd, and drop it off in the red "Events Committee" folder. In order to have enough food and crafts for all the families attending, we need an accurate head count from the RSVP slips. So, please be sure to turn yours in by the October 22nd deadline. If you have any questions, please contact either Mary Beth Butler or Kimberly Westberg.

Date: Sunday, October 26th

Time: 2PM - 4PM

Place: Founders Hall - Ashburn Fire Station (20688 Ashburn Road)

Cost: \$15 Per Family

We hope to see everyone there!!



## Dates To Remember

Date	Time	Event
October 20	7:00	<b>MANDATORY General Membership Meeting for all members</b> (Holiday Shopping Event to follow)
October 22 & 23		Great Country Farm Field Trip
October 22		RSVP for Annual Family Fall Dance
October 26	2 to 4 PM	Annual Family Fall Dance—Ashburn Fire Department
October 30 and 31		Halloween Parade (day varies by class)
November 3 -4		<b>Teacher Workdays - No school</b>
November 5		Parent /Teacher Conferences - No school
November 6	5 to 10 PM	Winnie's Night at UNO's
November 26-28		Thanksgiving Holiday—No school



### We want to hear from you!

In an effort to make the Newsletter a great place to find parenting advice, activities and information we are looking for ideas from our membership. Got a great suggestion? Please submit your ideas to [faradjian@gmail.com](mailto:faradjian@gmail.com) regarding:

- Crafts for kids
- Community family events
- Parenting book reviews
- Discipline methods / Coping tactics
- Local Clubs
- Non-copyright humor or original cartoons

## **Teacher Spotlight— Ms. Jefferson**

### **Why did you become a teacher?**

In the late 80's I was a counselor, and wanted to work with children but opportunities were only available working with adults, so I quit my job and started working with children in the child care field.



### **What's your favorite memory as a teacher?**

Having a child I taught, now a teenager, come up to me and recognize me! He started talking all about some of the activities we did, and field trips we took!

### **What is the most challenging part of your day?**

Finally finishing 'potty runs' and still, 15 minutes later, another child needs to go!!!

### **You've taught honeybees, juniors and seniors. What makes each of them unique?**

They are all at such special times of their lives. Honey Bees have just started exploring being in a group. So they are fun to watch as they learn that there are other children in the room too! Juniors are in between being "babies" and "big kids", they want to be big, as long as they don't have to do it without mommy! Seniors are making big academic and social steps. They are perfecting the concepts and get so excited when they get it right all by themselves. They, many times, have specific friends that they seek out each day. Its fun to see these bonds!

**Tell us about your family.** My husband is originally Canadian, and enjoys spelunking (caving) as a 'hobby'. He loves taking others into caves, so let me know if you are interested! My son's keep me always busy. Steve is my college kid, working on bringing safe, legal skateboarding to Loudoun County. Matt is 16, and if you go to Spicy Pickle on the weekends, he's the tall blonde one! Austin, 14, is always somewhere with friends and can work on a 1000 piece puzzle until its done! Chase is 10, going on 15, learning many things good and bad from his bigger brothers. He working on becoming our local football pro!

**How do you juggle working, a husband and four boys?** I have always been a busy person, even in middle school I volunteered constantly. I guess you could say that I don't sit still very well, so I got what I could handle (most days!).

### **Do you have any special hobbies?**

I am passionate about animal rescue, so I enjoy volunteering with a local group and being a foster mommy to kittens! One day I will do scrapbooking of my family pictures, with all of the things I have purchased over the years!

### **What do you want to be when you grow up?!**

Actually, I am hoping next year to slowly finish my masters degree in community counseling and go back into that field working with children and families. Its going to be a very long process, so by the time the boys are out of college, maybe I will be too!

## Fun Fall Activities

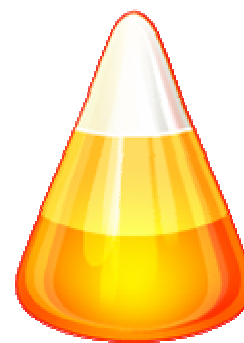
### 4th Annual Air and Scare October 25, 2008

Discover the strange and spooky side of aviation and space at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center's Fourth Annual Air and Scare. Hear stories about bugs in space, flying animals, and androids. Meet your favorite Star Wars and Star Trek characters. Take control of a creepy-crawly robot and a Mars rover. Create a spider finger puppet, a Halloween glider, witch rocket and other items to take home. There will also be face painters, story tellers, free simulator rides and activities just for tots.

**Event Time:** 4-8pm

**Admission Fee/Ticket Price:** Free admission, \$10/car parking

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center  
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### Autumn Apple Festival - October 25, 2008

Autumn Apple Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Heritage Farm Museum in Claude Moore Park. Exhibit tells the story of Hill High Orchards. Browse locally made apple products; meet farmers and learn how to buy fresh, shop locally. Museum admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children.

**Book chat for busy parents**, Tuesdays at 10 a.m., at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Oct. 21, "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman.

As well as an adult book club, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., "Nothing But the Truth" by Avi. Call 703-737-8100.

**Moms Club of Ashburn Village**, and surrounding area, an organization offering fun and support to mothers and children holds meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, which are open to prospective members. The club offers playgroups, field trips, Moms' Night Out and more. The next meeting is Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-noon. E-mail [ashburn-momsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ashburn-momsclub@yahoo.com) or visit <http://www.geocities.com/ashburnmomsclub>.



**MADD Loudoun** announces the new MADD Loudoun Victim Support Groups for families/significant others who have been impacted by a drunk-driving crash. The group is for families, significant others who lost a loved one, for injured survivors and their families. The MADD Loudoun Victim Support Group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at 210 Wirt St., Leesburg.



*A Family Newsletter for Winnie the Pooh Preschool*

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*It is the goal of WTPP to provide each child, according to their own temperament and needs, with supervised play and social and emotional learning experiences with children their own age. The children will have the opportunity to learn to respect and accept the rights and also the differences of others. They will be presented with art, music, books and creative projects that are geared to their age level. Through various activities, the child will learn about the world around him and develop a feeling of be-*

## **We Have Openings**

Be sure to tell your friends, family and neighbors we are still accepting applications! We currently have openings in the following classes:

- Junior (age 3 by Sept. 30)-Morning and Afternoon
- Senior (age 4 by Sept. 30)-Afternoon only
- Pre-Kindergarten (age 5 by Dec. 31)

Applications can be downloaded from our website [www.wtpp.org](http://www.wtpp.org).

## **Substitutes Needed**

As you heard at Orientation, our school needs to have a list of substitutes in place should one of our teachers or parents need to be absent from school. Please consider becoming a substitute; you will be compensated for your time, help our school and have the benefit of working with all our beloved students!!

There are background checks that need to be completed prior to substituting, so please contact Kerin Webb 703-724-7432 or [jwwkaw2@peoplepc.com](mailto:jwwkaw2@peoplepc.com) for the paperwork. I will process all of the documentation and WTPP pays all of the associated fees. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Mount Hope**

Mt. Hope would like to invite you to our monthly Fellowship Dinners. The first Wednesday of every month we serve dinner from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. You can make a "to go" box, or join us for a sit down meal. We'd love to have a chance to get to know you! No cost, but donations are accepted.

