



Happy Fall! 🎃

We hope everyone can make time this fall to get outdoors and enjoy the season with your children! Whether you're watching the leaves change colors, taking fall photos, going on a hayride, visiting a pumpkin patch, or attending a fall festival, this is such a wonderful time of year to have fun and make memories together.

🧐 **Cold & Flu Season Reminders**

As colder weather approaches, children tend to get sick more frequently. We would like to take a moment to review our Communicable Disease Policy.

This policy is in place to help reduce the spread of illnesses, infections, and viruses that may be brought into the center by children, parents, or staff. We understand that being called to pick up your child can affect your work or school schedule, and we are always very conscious of everyone involved when making these decisions.

Depending on the symptoms, a child may be “pink slipped” and required to remain out of care until they meet the required symptom-free period or has a doctor’s not approving return.

Examples of symptoms that may require exclusion include:

- A temperature of 100°F with another symptom
- Three loose, unformed stools (diarrhea)
- Other symptoms or illnesses requiring exclusion according to the Communicable Disease Chart

We reference the Communicable Disease Chart when making these decisions. A copy is posted near the infant room window.

Our priority is always the well-being of the child experiencing symptoms while also protecting the other children and staff from additional exposure.

Dropping off and picking up at your child’s classroom door has helped reduce unnecessary exposure inside our classrooms. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! If no one is in the classroom, you are more than welcome to enter and gather your child’s belongings.

📖 **Fall Clothing**

Please bring in an extra change of clothes appropriate for the fall season. We will gladly return any summer clothing we currently have on hand.

Please also make sure your child has a light jacket each day. We spend time outside in the mornings, and temperatures can be chilly.

Friendly Reminders

Fall Picture Day

Friday, October 9th

Lifetouch will be coming to Hilltop to take Fall Pictures!

As the date approaches, classroom teachers will send home additional information. There is no obligation to participate.

CLOSED — Friday, October 16

School-Age Parents

There is no school for Monroe Local Schools on October 15th or 16th.

Hilltop's Teacher In-Service Day is Friday, October 16th. Hilltop and Monroe Local Schools will be CLOSED. Please make alternative childcare arrangements for Friday, October 16th.

Hilltop will provide full-day care for school-age children **ONLY on Thursday, October 15th.**

Amanda and Jessica will be asking families if they need full-day care. It is very important that we know how many children will be attending for staffing and meal-count purposes.

We must have a minimum of 6 children registered to offer the full-day program.

If your child does not attend, there will be no additional fee. For children who attend, the \$30 full-day fee will be posted to your ProCare account.

Late Arrival Reminder

Hilltop requires parents to contact the center between 9:00–9:30 a.m. if their child will be arriving late. This is when we determine staffing patterns and meal counts for the day.

We prefer children to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. unless late arrival has been approved by the Director or your child has a doctor or dentist appointment.

Late arrivals can affect the classroom environment and make transitions more difficult for children. Nap-time drop-offs and pick-ups can be especially disruptive, as children may have difficulty transitioning into the classroom while their classmates are settling down to rest.

Halloween at Hilltop!

 **Trunk or Treat — Friday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m.**

For the past five years, Hilltop has hosted a Trunk or Treat, and we are excited to continue the tradition!

Parents and families are invited to decorate their trunks, dress up, and pass out candy to the children.

 We will have giveaways for:

- Best Decorated Trunk
- Best Parent Costume

Parents participating with a decorated trunk must be in the parking lot, set up, and ready by 5:15 p.m. The event will begin as soon as the center closes.

If it is raining, Trunk or Treat will be canceled.

If your family will not be participating, please plan to pick up your child between 5:00–5:15 p.m.

Please park at the end of the building near the dumpster so participating families have room to set up their trunks.

Hilltop staff will assist their classrooms with Trunk or Treat. Parents are also welcome to walk around with their children.

Infant Parents: You will need to walk with and carry your baby during the event, as we will not have enough staff available to carry infants throughout Trunk or Treat.

Sign-up sheets will be available in each child's classroom for families interested in passing out candy from their cars and/or providing classroom party snacks.

Classroom Halloween Parties

Our classroom Halloween parties will also be held on:

Friday, October 30th at 2:30 p.m.

Please watch for additional information and sign-up sheets from your child's classroom teacher.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Your child's teacher will be meeting with you to discuss your child's progress by the end of October.

Please watch for information from your child's teacher regarding conferences.

Happy October Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to:

Maybelle B. • Levi B. • Gracie M. • Cassidy R. • Bowen G. • Alyivah • Ashley • Ms. Lindsey 🎂

We hope you all have a wonderful birthday month!

🎂 **Happy Work Anniversary!**

A very special Happy Work Anniversary to:

Ms. Ruth — 7 Years! ❤️

OPEN SPOTS: ENROLLING

We have some open spots in some of our classrooms, if you know anyone looking, let them know we have availability. If a family enrolls you will receive a family referral credit of **\$50.00** towards your tuition.

We hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and fun October! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We appreciate our Hilltop families!

Thank you,

Vicki, Kalah & Hilltop Staff 🍁