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VOICES FROM THE HIVE

Happy Fall, Ya'll!

As we settle into the school year and the busy season ahead, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the care, dedication, and heart you bring to Clever Bee every day. Quality is not just about checklists or ratings; it's in the warm welcome you give a child, the patience you show during a challenging moment, and the little ways you help children feel safe, loved, and ready to learn. Those moments add up, and they matter more than you know!

November is a wonderful reminder of how much we have to be grateful for, especially one another. I am so thankful for the way our teams come together, support each other, and keep showing up for our children and families.

As we head into this season of gratitude, I hope you take a moment to recognize the difference you make every day. Thank you for all you do, and let's keep learning and growing together! Get outside and explore!

Sara Michael
Regional Director of Education



HELLO, NOVEMBER! HELLO, HIVE!

Welcome to the November issue of The Honeycomb Herald! The leaves are turning, the air is getting crisp, and the season of thankfulness has arrived. It's the perfect time to slow down, grab a warm drink, and catch up on everything happening around the Hive.

This month is also a chance to stop and appreciate the people who make our Hive what it is. Every day you show up for our little bees with patience, warmth, and care, whether you're greeting families at the door, comforting a child in tears, or cheering on a little one's first big milestone. Moments like these make Clever Bee Academy feel like home for our families, and they don't go unnoticed.

As the weeks go by, take a moment to thank the bees working beside you. A kind word, a helping hand, or a simple "I appreciate you" can make someone's whole day.

Thank you for all you do. Here's to a cozy, thankful November together! 🧡

WHAT'S BUZZING?

NOVEMBER 2026	
6	Costume Contest entries due! 🎃
11	Veterans Day 🇺🇸
16	Contest winners revealed! 🏆
26	Happy Thanksgiving! 🦃

HIVE SPOTLIGHT

Halloween brought plenty of magic to the Hive this year! Many of our centers had a blast celebrating, and staff and little bees came dressed in their best costumes.

At Harrisburg Pike, our kiddos couldn't wait to show off their costumes. The whole team looked fantastic, and Jill went all out again with a costume that had everyone talking! Thank you, Krystal, for sharing the fun photos with the rest of the Hive.





Over at Cleveland Avenue, the annual Trunk-or-Treat was a huge hit, with goblins and ghouls out in full force just minutes after it started! The event began in 2020, when the center reopened after the COVID closures. The children had already missed out on so much, and the team wanted to give them a safe place to enjoy Halloween and simply be kids.



What started in their parking lot is now a yearly tradition. Community partners join in to give families a welcoming alternative to going house to house. Kids enjoy costumes, candy, and Halloween fun, while parents connect with helpful community resources.



As the team puts it, Trunk-or-Treat is about more than candy. It's about bringing the community together and creating joyful memories for our children. 💛

Moments like these remind us why we love what we do.

A big thank-you to every teacher, staff member, family, and community partner who helped make the celebrations fun, safe, and memorable for our little ones!

SWEET & SAVORY SPOTLIGHT

HONEY PUMPKIN MUFFINS



Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ¾ tsp allspice
- ⅓ cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup canned pumpkin
- 2 cups chopped cranberries (fresh or frozen).

Procedure:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F and line a muffin tin with paper liners.
2. Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and allspice together in a large bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, beat the oil, eggs, and pumpkin until smooth.
4. Pour the pumpkin mixture into the dry ingredients and stir until just moistened, then gently fold in the cranberries.
5. Spoon the batter into the muffin cups and bake for 15–30 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Source: myplate-prod.azureedge.us

BUZZ AHEAD

Halloween may be over, but the spooky fun isn't done yet! Our Buzz...Boo...Bee-Witching Halloween Costume Contest is still open, and we want to see your best looks.

Staff, kids, parents, and even fur-babies can join, so dig through your camera roll for those costume photos. Whether it was a homemade masterpiece, a family theme, or a pet in a tiny costume, every entry is welcome!

This year, there's a category for everyone. Our staff can compete as Bee-Witched Workers, our little ones as Mini Monsters, our furry friends as Creepy Critters, and our parents as Fang-tastic Families.

Each participant can send one entry per category, so feel free to join more than one!

Entries will be judged on creativity, effort and craftsmanship, and overall Halloween spirit. It doesn't need to be fancy or store-bought. A clever idea and a lot of heart can go a long way!
Send in your entries by November 6. Winners will be announced on November 16, and there are cash prizes for the top three in each region. Check the poster below for the full mechanics and how to submit.

Don't miss your chance to win. We can't wait to see what our Hive came up with! 🎃🧡



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The Honeycomb Herald wants YOU! Share your center's events, celebrations, and everyday hive moments with the rest of Clever Bee Academy.

📩 Send your photos to czamora@cleverbeeacademy.com

Your center could be the next big buzz!

GOLDEN MOMENTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1 ---------- Francine Gill
Nov 2 ---------- Chanelle Jackson
Nov 2 ---------- Kyasia Utley
Nov 3 ---------- Cheryl Bonner
Nov 4 ---------- Nicole Harris
Nov 5 ---------- Rondel Spears
Nov 6 ---------- Honesty Woody
Nov 7 ---------- Elizabeth Hill
Nov 7 ---------- Karen Jones
Nov 8 ---------- Rosemary Sullivan
Nov 9 ---------- Mims, Janiyah
Nov 9 ---------- Sullivan, Marquita
Nov 10 ---------- McGinnis, Caren Suzanne
Nov 18 ---------- Latrice Townsell
Nov 18 ---------- Sheray Minter
Nov 20 ---------- Annett Whiteside
Nov 23 ---------- Natalie Ennevor
Nov 23 ---------- Sarah Frey
Nov 23 ---------- Krystal Decker
Nov 25 ---------- Benita Webb
Nov 26 ---------- Katherine MacCagnone
Nov 27 ---------- Patricia Duckworth
Nov 28 ---------- Laura Parker
Nov 29 ---------- Alexis Williams
Nov 30 ---------- Jade Freeman

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Nov 3 ---------- Ashley Thacker
Nov 3 ---------- Vallory Cannon
Nov 12 ---------- Alesa Curry
Nov 13 ---------- Cary Weaver
Nov 14 ---------- Lillie Harper
Nov 14 ---------- Christian Morgan
Nov 20 ---------- Kayvin Person
Nov 21 ---------- Samantha Miller