

October 3, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Flu season is upon us. I encourage everyone to receive the Flu vaccine if able and medically indicated. Also, remember that hand washing is the best defense against sickness especially after a sneeze. My goal is to keep everyone happy and healthy, especially during this season.

October is the month when we changeover from air conditioning to heat. We look at the forecast closely to schedule the day to changeover. We have a boiler system, so once we change to heat, we do not change back to air conditioning until the spring (May). Usually the heat is on by the second or third week of October.

Jenna Gasper, our clothing coordinator, is in the process of changing over the clothes for the fall season. Warm clothes and capes/jackets will be in the bedrooms and dressers starting next week. If you would like to bring in some warmer clothing for your loved one, please do so, or contact Jenna at extension 3286 for anything special you would need.

We had our annual public health survey. The Illinois Department of Public Health performed their annual survey in early September. We received one minor citation, and the surveyors commented on how dedicated the staff are. I am extremely proud of the compassion and care of our direct care staff. We did hire CNA's and our 3p-11p shift is fully staffed. We are still advertising for our nurse openings.

All is going well with the proposed acquisition of **Little Angels Center for Exceptional Care**. We are working with Little Angels and our attorneys to finish up the schedules and other ancillary documents. It will be called **Marklund Wasmond Center**, after the Wasmond Family who founded Little Angels.

Please see the special events below to share in the Holiday fun that is fast approaching.

Special Events:

- **5K Run, Walk & Roll**
October 23, 2016
8am-10am MHC (Geneva campus)

- **Halloween Party**
October 31, 2016
4pm-6pm MPC (Bloomingdale Campus)

- **RAC/Parent Meeting**
December 10, 2016
10:30am-11am MPC (Bloomingdale Campus)

- **Open House**
December 10, 2016
11am-2pm MPC (Bloomingdale Campus)

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns gpatel@marklund.org.

Sincerely,



Gunjan Patel
Administrator Marklund Philip Center