

Dear True Sunshine Families,

It's been great getting to know all of the new families this year. I'd like to let you know that within the next week or so we will have a special mailbox set up where you can leave messages for your child's teacher. We will be checking the mailbox daily so that we can respond to you in a timely manner. This is one step we're taking to create better family/parent communication. Our Head Teacher Wendy also has an email address set up now. You can contact her at [truesunshineheadteacher@gmail.com](mailto:truesunshineheadteacher@gmail.com) should you need to reach her. In addition, we will be having our first Parent Advisory meeting on Wednesday 10/19 from 4:30-5:30. We hope that you can come and participate in shaping our program. We make many programmatic decisions based on the parent feedback we get at these meetings.

This month we are also looking forward to starting music and movement teachers with Glenda Bates. These classes will last for 10 weeks and will conclude with a Parent Demo. In addition, we will be taking the children to Half Moon Bay on 10/24 to visit the Pumpkin Patch. We look forward to building many lasting memories with you all!

Best,

Marianne Lam

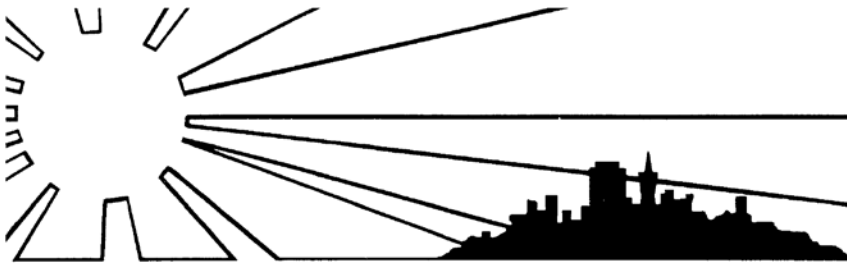
Director

#### Important Dates

10/10	School Closed (Staff Development)
10/11	Vincent's Birthday
10/12	Library (Movie)
10/13	Justin's Birthday
10/24	Victor's Birthday
10/24	Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip
10/25	Performing Arts Workshop
10/29	Jeffrey's Birthday
10/31	Trick or Treating

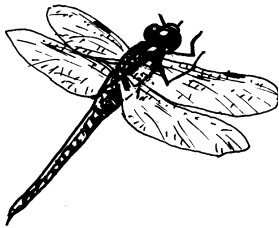
#### Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Jasmine's mom Anna for donating some wonderful books for the children to enjoy.
- Thank you to Jenny's mom Connie for buying egg custard for the teachers to enjoy.
- Thank you to all of the parents who gave the teachers special treats during the Mid Autumn Moon Festival.
- Thank you to Teacher Bao Wen, Teacher Irene, and Teacher Amy for gathering mooncakes and fruit for our Mid-Autumn Moon Festival.
- Thank you to all of the parents for returning the ASQ form to us in time.



### Special Requests and Announcements

- Adults please ask for the bathroom key from any staff member and use the adult bathrooms down the hall. Thank you so much for your cooperation.
- If you haven't brought in a family picture yet, please bring 1-2 in.
- Teacher Anna and Teacher Bao Wen would love donations of recycled food containers to incorporate into our dramatic play area, ones from other cultures would be particularly appreciated.
- We would also love donations of jewelry and accessories.
- For our science area we would love a donation of a small appliance that the children can take apart. Please, no microwaves, televisions, or anything with sharp parts.
- Please remember to bring home your child's bedding every Friday to wash and return it the following Monday.
- Please make sure to send your children to school in comfortable shoes that fit their feet well.



### The Dragonflies

Teacher Julie, Teacher Anna, Teacher May, Teacher Bao Wen

### Learning About Traffic Safety

In September the Dragonflies continued to discuss some of the safety rules that we follow in school and outside of school. One of the safety rules we've been working on is how to cross the street properly. The teachers prepared traffic lights made out of construction paper and presented them to the children during circle time. Teacher Anna also taught the children a song called "Twinkle Twinkle Traffic Light" sung to

the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". In this song, the children opened their hands and fingers to represent blinking traffic lights. The children also learned from this song that red means stop, green means go, and yellow means go very slow. In addition, we played a game called Cross the Street during our English and Cantonese circle times. The children learned how to use their eyes to look at the traffic lights and to watch for cars driving by. Teacher Anna pretended to be a car driving by. Teacher Amy held up the traffic lights, while Teacher Bao Wen helped the children to cross the street.

Through this game, the children learned that we should first stop at the curb while holding hands with one or two friends. They also learned that their eyes should be on the traffic lights and that they should then turn their heads to the left and right, and then back to the left. They should walk across the street, rather than running, jumping, or skipping. It is also important to listen to the teachers' directions and for adults to focus on crossing the street rather than playing with their phones. Lastly, Hao Yang, Ben, Jason, Tony, Raina, Constance, Rhyon, Jasmine, Jenny, Vivian, and Victor mentioned that it is not safe to talk or play with our friends while crossing the street.



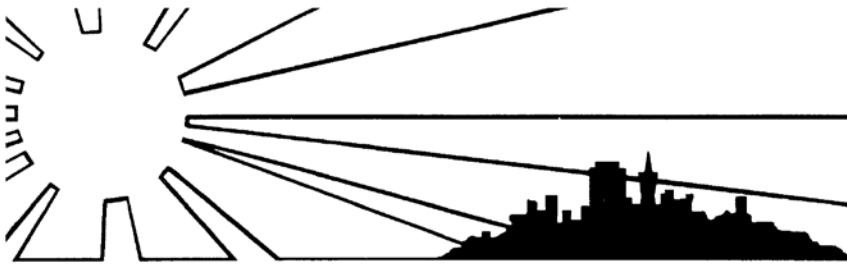
### The Butterflies:

Teacher Wendy, Teacher Mei Yi, Teacher Ming, Teacher Irene

### Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is one of the traditional Chinese holidays. In order for the students to understand the history of the holiday, the teachers prepared different activities to help the children learn about it. There were a total of 3 activities. The first activity was making lanterns. The second activity was making pretend mooncakes out of playdough. The last activity was a party in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Many of the students enjoyed the cultural activities which enriched their understanding of why we celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival.

In the lantern creating activity the students were separated into 3 groups. Each group chose a cardboard box to work on. The students were given many different art materials to decorate their lanterns. They were also given paint to color their lanterns. After the



decorating was done, each group had to come up with a way to hang their lantern. This activity utilized the children's creativity, color recognition, problem solving, language, and team work abilities.

In the activity of creating moon cakes, the teacher showed a real moon cake to the class. Each student was then given a ball of play dough and was able to shape and design the top of their mooncake. This activity helped to develop the children's fine motor skills through manipulating the play dough. It also taught them to recognize shapes and colors, and to utilize their creative thinking process.

For the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival party, the teacher prepared two different kinds of traditional mooncakes. One had red bean paste filling and the other one had lotus-seed paste filling with an egg yolk inside. The teacher also prepared festival foods such as water caltrops which are similar to water chestnuts, taro, tangerines, pears, bananas, plums, and apricots. The students were given a chance to touch, smell, and taste the foods. It was through the use of their senses that they were able to decide which items they liked and which ones they disliked. Through this party, the children learned that the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is a time when family and loved ones gather together.

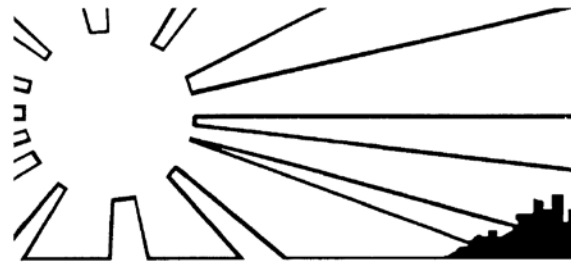
### Fundraising

#### **Schools**

- Please start collecting used children's and women's clothing valued at \$30 or more for our clothing drive the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. To purchase children's and women's clothing do a search for clothing that benefits True Sunshine using the following link: [www.scuola.com/coachdelise](http://www.scuola.com/coachdelise). True Sunshine will receive 40% of the purchase price.

#### **Amazon**

- When making Amazon purchases use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2242733>. True Sunshine will receive 0.5% of all of your purchases. **Thanks!**



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