November
“Moovin’ and Groovin’”

Hello Friends!

This November in B.A.S.E. we are focusing on the joys of movement and play. Staff will be providing a daily activity based on this theme. The staff has recently attended trainings on both nutrition and play. We have weaved new ideas and research into an exciting month of fun and exploration. Ask your child this month to teach you about new games and recipes from B.A.S.E. that you can incorporate into family time at home.

- **Please keep staff informed of dietary restrictions and allergies.**

Classroom Update

Have you noticed the new poster up in the classroom this month? Staff has developed an acronym for each letter in the title that coordinates with behavior goals.

B- be respectful
A- awesome attitude
S- safe play
E- explore creativity.

We will be rewarding children for working on these letters. This month we are especially focused on the letter “S” for safe play.

Bob’s News

- B.B.R.C. will be closed November 22nd for Thanksgiving.
- The registration deadline for “Santa’s Calling is November 30th. See the recreation guide for more details.

Nature Wonders Camp & School’s Out at B.A.S.E

Register Early!

Turn off the T.V. and cancel the babysitter, B.A.S.E. is a great way to keep students from catching the fall break boredom blues! Each day is packed with a cornucopia of arts, active play, and learning.

- November 12th Cooking Project, Basketball Mini Camp, and Art
- November 19th Autumn Hike, Jewelry Making, Explosion of Science Project, and Team Games
- November 20th Library Field Trip and Swimming
- November 21st Stone Soup, (Please bring your favorite soup ingredient to share.), and Skate City Field Trip!

Changing Faces

- Our beloved Mr. Ben is saying goodbye to BASE for now. Though we hope to see him next year, he has some very exciting endeavors coming his way this holiday season!
- Please welcome our newest member to the BASE staff, Ms. Katie! She is making her way back to the states from overseas, so please join us in welcoming her to the family. We are all very happy to have her!

"Stranger Awareness"

What every parent or guardian should know!

1. Define for your child who is a "stranger." Each family may have different people to warn a child against.
   Many people look friendly, but if you don't know them personally they are strangers.
   Strangers can be men, women or even other children. They can be tall or short, old or young, big or little.
2. Keep a recent photo of your child, a copy of your child's fingerprints, and an updated record of his or her height and weight . Also, make a mental note of what your child is wearing every day.
3. Never mark your child's clothing, toys, book bag, etc. with his or her first name.
4. Carefully check all baby-sitter references.
5. Never leave small children home alone or unattended in a car or in public.
6. If you must go out without your child, designate a neighbor's house or apartment as a "safe house" where your child can go in the event of a problem. Tell the neighbor when you're leaving and when you plan to return.
7. Be sure your child knows his or her name, address, city, state and phone number (including area code). Show him or her how to dial 911 in case of an emergency.
8. Encourage your child to respect his or her body and mind. Explain that he or she has a right to safety and self - respect.
9. Show your child love and attention to help him or her not to be easily swayed by a stranger's interest. One way of doing this is by taking the time to listen to your child and help him or her feel comfortable discussing sensitive matters with you.
10. If your child is old enough to visit friends on his or her own, be sure that you tell him or her to let you know, "WHERE they are going, WHO they are playing with and WHEN they will return."
11. Stay involved with your child's life. The more actively you participate in what your child does, the better chance he or she will have of avoiding strangers, as well as situations involving drugs and gangs.
12. Rehearse possible "stranger" situations with your child so he or she will know how to say "No," should the real situation ever occur.

Important safety facts that children should know!

Never tell anyone on the phone when you are home alone. Say your parents are busy and you will take a message.

If someone comes to the door, always ask who it is before opening the door. Never open the door for anyone you do not know.

Internet safety is important. Never give out your name, address or personal information to anyone over the internet. Never agree to meet anyone who has contacted you online.

If a stranger offers you a ride you should run away and tell someone, i.e. your parents, your babysitter, the police. Never go near the car. Teach your child a secret code word for emergencies. If the person picking them up does not know the code, do not go with them!

Never wander away from your parents when you are out in public. Try not to panic if you become lost.

If you are out shopping with your parents and become lost, go to the nearest checkout counter and tell the clerk. Do not leave the store. He/she will help you find your parents. If you are lost and see a police officer you can ask them for help. It is important to know your name, address, and telephone number.

Never take anything from a stranger! Say "NO!"

Never go near a stranger who is offering you candy or money.

Never go with a stranger who says they are looking for a lost pet. These are tricks to get you close to the stranger. Say "NO!" RUNAWAY! Tell your parent or guardian and the police right away.

It is okay to tell someone if they make you feel uncomfortable. Loudly tell them NO!

It is safer to be with a friend or group when you are out in public. Stay near your parent or guardian when you are out.

Never wander away alone.

Lafayette
RECREATION

NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Disco Balls	2 Wii	3
4	5 Acorn Hunt	6 Musical Squares	7 Turkey Sand-wich	8 Pilgrim Hats	9 Wii	10
11	12 Full Day	13 Red Light Green Light	14 Turkey Apples	15 Thankful for Art	16 Wii	17
18	19 Full Day Fall Camp	20 Full Day Fall Camp	21 Full Day Fall Camp	22 Closed 	23 No B.A.S.E.	24
25	26 Tornado Science	27 Everybody's It Tag	28 Bean Bag Salad	29 Friendship Bracelets	30 Wii	