



# Fall is here ! October 2007

## It's Pumpkin Time !



October is a busy month at the family center !

We will be celebrating Fire Prevention week the first week in October, and ending with a visit from the South Hadley Fire Department.

Next we are planning a field trip to McCray's Farm for pumpkin picking and a hayride.

Last will be enjoying family time at our annual Halloween Party, I can't wait !

We are currently starting a Road Race Committee, if anyone is interested in helping out, see Corinne.



### *From the President's Desk...*

Hello and welcome to a great new year at the South Hadley Family Center. My name is Sonya Elliott and I am the newly elected president of the Parent Advisory Council or P.A.C. You might be asking yourself "What is a P.A.C.?"

The Parent Advisory Council is a governing team of parents and caregivers. We meet to plan programs and discuss ways to make the SHFC the best it can be. We want the center to be reflective of the needs of its members.

We meet on the first Monday of the month during playgroup hours (9:30 - 11:30). I like the meetings to move as swiftly and productively as possible for the sake of everyone's schedules. Please come and see what we are all about. The meetings are open to all and there is no obligation to join. Also, because we do meet in the Third Room please do not usher your child away from it. Everyone is welcome to come and play and get snacks.

One of our major goals for this year is to establish a fundraising committee. You do not have to join the PAC to become a committee member. Because of budget cuts, our grants are less than in previous years. Fundraising has become necessary to ensure that we continue to give the community our services. If anyone is at all interested in being part of our fundraising committee, please let Corinne or myself know. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved and looks great on a resume, too. Maybe you have some experience from other groups or jobs you work for or maybe you want to gain a little experience and are looking for ways you can make a difference. Either way we would love to have you!

## Field Trip To McCray's Farm

On Thursday, Oct. 11, we will be going to McCray's Farm in South Hadley. We will be going on a hayride

and picking pumpkins. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. in McCray's parking lot. The cost is \$2.50 per person



(babies are free) and \$1.00 per pumpkin. The center will be closed on this day.

## South Hadley Family Center

The next PAC Meeting is Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

### Events:

- ☺ Oct. 8—Closed for Columbus Day
- ☺ Oct. 9—South Hadley Fire Department is coming at 10:00 a.m.
- ☺ Oct. 11—Field Trip to McCray's Farm
- ☺ Oct. 18—Road Race Committee Meeting
- Oct. 26—Halloween Party

### A Great BIG Thank You!

To all those volunteers who helped make opening the Center including the Book Fair and Open House a huge success!

### Halloween Party



Our Annual Halloween Party will be on Oct. 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Kidder Hall.

Wear your best costume and bring the family. See Bulletin Board for details.