

Suncoast Kids Place:  
Family Update  
October 2011



**WELCOME BACK!**

What an exciting month September has been! It has been great seeing all the families again around SKP. We have had a great turn-out of families coming back from last year and have been blessed to welcome many new families to the SKP family. Welcome All!

**COMMUNITY ART SHOW—**

**“Expressions of Grief & Hope: Art by Grieving Children & Teens”**

That is what we are naming the November exhibit that will feature the art work from the children and teens at Suncoast Kids Place. Our kids have begun creating their masterpieces that will be on display at this very amazing art show. In groups, we will be working on various mediums of art that display the children’s feelings and emotions as they are working through their grief and towards a place of acceptance and hope for the future.

We are encouraging any child to create their own masterpiece to be submitted for the show. This masterpiece can be any medium of art: sculpture, poetry, musical lyrics, paintings, photography etc. The only requirement is that IT MUST PERTAIN TO THE PAIN AND THE HEALING THAT THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED THROUGH THEIR GRIEF JOURNEY. This may need the help of the caregivers; we are here to answer any questions or help you in anyway that we can. Individual and family art for the art show is due back to SKP by October 27, 2011.

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, November 4th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, for the Grand Opening of your child’s art work and a reception.

**CHILDREN’S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

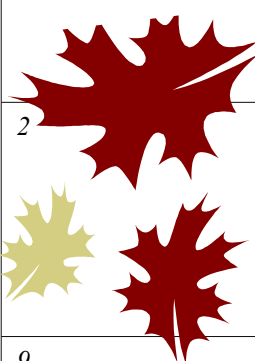
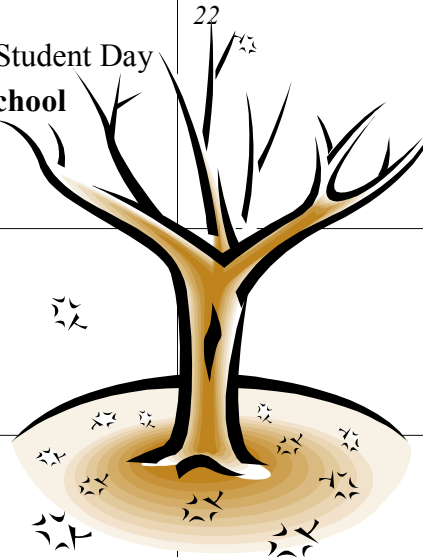
Children’s grief is many times so misunderstood. After a loved one has died, a child can pick up their daily routine and certainly look “normal”. Yet, there is a hole that is left inside; they feel set apart from others, different from their peers who have not experienced the painful feelings that they are feeling inside. Often times, they feel very alone! Children’s Grief Awareness Day is a day in which we support the children in our community that are grieving. It is a day to educate the community, schools and businesses and bring awareness about children and their grief.

Won’t you help us get this special message out into our community! It is as easy as wearing the color blue on Thursday, November, 17th. Have your teachers and students, co-workers and friends wear blue and tell them the reason WHY! If you need additional ideas of how you can help us promote this very special day, please call us at (813) 990-0216. You can get more information about Children’s Grief Awareness Day at [www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org](http://www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org). We need the help of everyone to get this very important message out within the community!

**CHILDCARE —**

Van Dyke United Methodist Church is once again offering Childcare services to all of our families on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 pm until 8:15 pm. Childcare is located in the main church building across the parking lot from the SKP house; a staff member will be happy to escort you to this location on your first visit. **Please make sure that all the children who will be going over to Childcare puts on a SKP nametag when checking in their siblings at the SKP house.** This nametag is required by the Childcare staff.

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