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AN ANONYMOUS TEACHER'S LETTER

When I look around my classroom I couldn't tell you who crawled first, who walked before one or spoke in sentences by 15 months. I can't tell you if their parents breastfed or bottle fed. I don't know if they were potty trained at 18 months or 4 years old. I don't know if their mom ever left them to cry it out for a few minutes or if they strapped them to their bodies 24/7. You know what I can tell when I look at my kids? I can tell which families value kindness and manners in their homes. I can tell when a child feels loved and secure at home. I know who has pizza and movies Friday nights and which mom reads in different voices for bedtimes. I see how kids handle scary situations like thunderstorms. I can see who has a solid routine at home and who has chores and responsibilities. I can hear how you speak to your children by how they speak to others. When I look at my little friends I don't see their milestones, I see who they are: their heart, their actions, their inner voice, their struggles and triumphs and I see you; and all the love you pour into them. We are always supposed to talk about testing and benchmarks during parent teacher conferences, and I had a mom last time look at me and say "I don't worry about all the reading and math, she will get there. I want to knowhow is she, as a person? Is she kind? Does she include others?" That took my breath away and is something that will always stick with me. Go easy on yourselves mamas, just love your little ones....it's all they need!

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*"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider."
- Jane Hirshfield*



*"Notice how the trees do not cling to their leaves. Fall is about releasing the old to make way for the new!"
- Author Unknown*



EASY APPLE CAKE RECIPE

Break out this easy apple cake recipe the next time you are craving a no-fuss fall dessert.

With tart apples, warm cinnamon and some walnuts thrown in for good measure, it's a quintessential fall bake!

INGREDIENTS

- * 1-3/4 cups sugar
- * 1 cup canola oil
- * 3 large eggs
- * 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- * 2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1-1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- * 1 teaspoon salt
- * 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- * 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- * 2 cups finely chopped peeled tart apples
- * 1 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

- * Pre-heat the oven to 350°. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla until well blended. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and baking soda; gradually beat into sugar mixture until blended. Fold in apples and walnuts.
- * Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 35-45 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Serve with whipped topping.

YIELD: 20 servings.

THOMSON HARVEST DAYS 2025



Bring your family and friends and join in on a weekend of fun! Carnival Rides & Games, Delicious Food Vendors, Slow Pitch Tournament, Mud Volleyball, Bingo (**Sponsored by the Savanna Rotary Club**), and many more activities for all ages. Mark your calendars and visit Thomson Harvest Days Facebook page for the event schedule.

DATE: September 5 - 7, 2025

LOCATION: Del Curley Memorial Park
(1888 Green St., Thomson, IL)

AUTUMN TRIVIA

- Q: What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
A: Straw-berries!
- Q: Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?
A: It ran out of juice!
- Q: What runs around the farm but never moves?
A: A fence!
- Q: What did the leaf say to autumn?
A: I'm falling for you!
- Q: Why do birds fly south in the fall?
A: Because it's too far to walk!
- Q: Why do trees hate going back to school in the fall?
A: Because they are easily stumped!

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, September 8th
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Carroll Apts. Unit Inspections
Wednesday, September 10th
(Units #1 - #12)
Monday, September 15th
(Units #13 - #24)
* Beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Pest Control (Carroll Apts.)
Wednesday, September 17th
8:30 a.m.
* Outside Pest Spray Only
(Mest Manor & Maple Lane)
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 24th
(Maple Lane Comm. Room)
4:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

Monday, September 1st
(Labor Day)



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Shenel Handel	1
Therese Daniels	3
Patricia Gay	6
Carol Kerkove	13
Juni Jessen	21
Vicki Zink	23
Brooklyn Taylor-Crutchley	28
Priscilla Lopez	29

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Mission Statement

The Housing Authority of the County of Carroll is committed to providing quality, affordable housing that is decent and safe, to eligible families in this community. We endeavor to instill pride and desire for an enhanced quality of life for our residents and their families.

We are committed to serving our residents and this entire community in a manner that demonstrates professional courtesies, respect, and caring.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY PICTURES**

On Thursday, August 14, 2025, our CCHA Annual Back-to-School Pool Party was held at the Savanna Swimming Pool. To kick-off another fantastic school year, CCHA distributed tote bags filled with school supplies and goodies to all the children in attendance. A special thank you to JCE Co-op for donating tote bags, coloring supplies, and hats!

