

Nov/Dec Newsletter

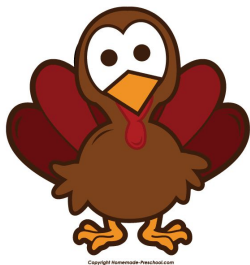
Month-At-A-Glance

November

- 6th – No School (Except for Toddler Class, they will be in session)
- 8th – 7 pm General Membership Meeting (Mandatory for 3 and 4 year class parents)
- 14th – 6:30 pm classroom cleaning
- 19th – 4 Year class Thanksgiving party
- 20th – 3 Year class Thanksgiving party
Toddler class Thanksgiving party
- 21st - 23rd - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

December

- 14th – Holiday Concert/ Auction
- 16th – Wreath fundraiser ends
- 18th – Toddler Class Holiday Party
- 20th – 3 Year Class Holiday Party
- 21st – 4 Year Class Holiday Party
- 24-31 – NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS



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Note from Mrs. B.-

I want to thank all parents for contributing to their child's Halloween party! The parties were wonderful and the children had a great time! As the holiday season approaches we will be combining projects and activities that touch on concepts of what Thanksgiving is all about and what it means to be thankful. We will explore with our five senses and further investigate what hibernation means for the animals in the environment as they prepare for the cold weather.

Winter fun and holidays around the world will help support the children's learning of how other boy's and girl's their age celebrate where they live. I will also be incorporating math concepts of basic shapes, one to one correspondence, and number recognition for numbers 1-10 in the 3 year class. We will build on these concepts in the 4 year class by extending numbers to 20. Zoophones letters and characters will continue in the 4 year class as the children will soon be creating their own alphabet book that they will work on throughout the year.

This month we will also be practicing for the Winter concert that will take place on **December 14th**. I will pass out the song lyrics so you too can help your child practice at home. Please take a look at the songs:

Toddler's: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

3 year classes: Jingle Bells

4 year class: Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Another great web site to check out this month is www.havefunteaching.com. The site offers some fun songs and videos you can stream for free, while also offering a variety of items for all subjects that you can buy and download.

Laugh, Love, Learn,

Mrs. B

Note from the President-

As the holidays grow near and the weather starts to turn bad, please ensure that whoever is dropping off your child, comes into the classroom and helps them with all of the extra gear that this time of year requires. We will notify you if we need to cancel school due to the weather. We follow the Livonia Public Schools closings so please watch for this info as well.

November also brings up our next General Membership Meeting, on November 8th, at 7:00 pm in the gym. We will be going over all of the fun activities we have planned for the Holiday Auction and Concert in December and would love to answer any questions that you may have about this event.

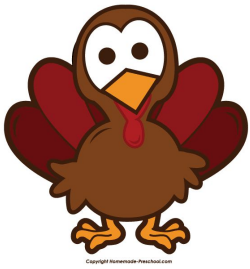
As a friendly reminder, if you are holding a co-op position, please ensure that you are communicating with your board member to make sure that all requirements for the position are being met. If you are unsure of who your Board Member is please contact me and I will let you know who the proper Board Member is for your position.

I'm looking forward to all of the exciting activities that we have in store for the Holiday Concert. Your little ones will be working very hard over the next month to get ready for the show!!

Please contact me or any of the board members with any questions or concerns that you may have,

Mrs. B,
President





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Note from the Treasurer-

By: Chrissy Holtquist

Payment Reminder

- All payments must be made by check or money order. No cash please.
- The **ONLY** exception to this rule will be at Garfield's Holiday Concert & Auction in December. Raffle tickets, auction items, and framed artwork can be purchased with cash or check at this event.
- Separate payments (e.g. field trip fee, tuition, etc.) should be paid with separate checks or money orders.
- Fundraising payments should be placed in the fundraising mailbox located below the parent board (**please do not place these in the locked tuition payment box**).
- Please include your child's name and what the payment is for on the memo line (e.g. Jane Smith Registration Fee).

Tuition Reminder

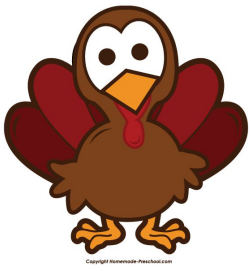
- Tuition is due on the first of every month, and is paid a month in advance (e.g. December's tuition is due on November 1st).
- Please include your child's name and the month in which you are paying (e.g. John Smith November Tuition) on the memo line of your check or money order and place your payment in the tuition payment box located below the parent board in the classroom. Alternatively, you can mail your payment directly to the school (Attn: Treasurer's Assistant).
- If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be assessed.

Reimbursement Reminder

- Please complete and attach a reimbursement form to all corresponding receipts submit for reimbursement. A reimbursement check cannot be issued until all proper paperwork is submitted.
- There are blank reimbursement forms in the file folder below the parent board in the classroom or one can be sent electronically by submitting a request to treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com

Bank Balances

- Current checking account balance: \$18,935.89
- Current savings account balance: \$15,028.71



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Note from Social Chair

Hi Everyone! The holidays are around the corner, and with that comes the holiday auction! If you are part of my committee, look for an email this weekend with dates of our upcoming meetings for the month of November and December. If you would like to help out anyway, please contact me. I will be looking for donated boxes to be made into "presents" as decorations. Save those big boxes you have that could be wrapped. We will supply the wrapping paper!

Kristen Boehm
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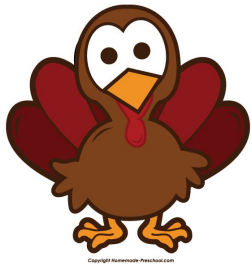
Note from the Health and Records Chair-

Healthy Eating Heading into the Holiday Season:

Having a hard time getting your little one to eat his or her vegetables and fruit? Here are a few tips taken from www.pbs.org on how to get your kids to chow down on healthier choices, especially during the holiday season.

1. **Get them involved:** If you involve kids in planning meals, going grocery shopping, and preparing food, they will become invested in the process and more likely to eat.
2. **Go to the source:** Teach kids where their food comes from. Head to the local farmer's market and meet people who grow food. Try picking berries from a vine or visiting a local dairy farmer. Grow your own tomatoes in the spring.
3. **Make healthy snacks available (even on the run):** If you stock the kitchen (or car) exclusively with healthy treats, children will eat them. As your children grow, stock good snacks in cabinets and shelves that they can reach.
4. **Be a role model:** Letting your child see you make healthy food choices may encourage him or her to do the same.
5. **Don't give up:** Most children need multiple exposures (between 5 and 10) to try new foods. Even if a child rejects a food the first couple times, offer it again!

~Marisa Benke



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Note from the Fundraising Chair-

It's already November! This year is flying by! Hopefully you have been able to start some of your holiday shopping with our Original works fundraiser. Please remember that all orders are due Nov 2nd. If you are using more than one work of art, please use separate order forms.

Next up on the fundraising front is our Holiday concert and silent auction. Our solicitors were hard at work last month and many donations are starting to come in! Attached to our weekly emails is a current list of donations.

There is still time to earn some fundraising credit from the holiday event. We are looking for families to help by donating a gift or gift basket to auction off in the silent auction. Past donations have included, but not limited to, bikes, game night baskets, homemade knitted items, Jamberry baskets, and 31 bags.

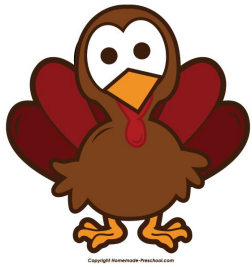
One last thing, don't forget about the Lynch Creek Farm wreath fundraiser. 20% of sales will go towards your fundraising credit.

Amanda Paulson

If you have any questions regarding fundraising, please contact Amanda Paulson at Fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com



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