



# THE SCHOOL SHED

NOVEMBER 2008

## Director's Message

Wow! What a busy month! It is currently Thursday, Oct. 30th and we just completed our 5th "Trick or Treat on Parade." What a blast. All the costumes and precious little faces remind me what my passion really is. Thank you all for your help and all of the wonderful contributions. Your support is not overlooked. We appreciate each and everyone of you.

Even with the two week break the children accomplished a lot! To summarize just a few of the activities; Ms. Julie and Ms. Sharon taught some amazing Fall Fingerplays, songs and skits. The action always gets the kids excited for the changing season. They sorted pumpkin seeds and made some beautiful black cats with wet chalk. Pumpkin pancakes seemed to be just one of the highlights in Ms. Jeri and Ms. Jen's class. The children learned about the parts of a pumpkin, made pumpkins that showed true creativity and spiced up their playdough to smell like pumpkin pie. Ms. Jules, Ms. Laurie and Ms. Kiyoo also made pancakes for snack and allowed the children to make faces on them with fruit cocktail. Watching the children make footprint ghosts and fingerprint trees showed off the true meaning of "hands - on" learning. Ms. Alison and Ms. Olivia made some adorable scarecrows that showed realistic detail, they ate pumpkin pie for snack and implemented a new out door game with the hula-hoops that the kids just flipped over. Those are just some of the wonderful activities October brought.

November is here and we just get busier. Our theme for the month is "I Am Thankful." We will include lessons on what we are thankful for and manners. This month is also the time that we learn about Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Our annual family feast takes place in November which is a big part of our November Curriculum. The kids will sing songs, present skits and dress in costumes. Read on for more details.

# THANK YOU

I want to extend my appreciation to all the parents that helped out this month. We had donations of food, candy and other items for our parties, your time in the classroom. I want to say thank you to Shane and Jennifer Glass for providing the tractor and conducting our hayrides again this year. Peggy McCoy has worked many hours putting together the "Original Arts" fund raiser, thank you. And thank you to those of you that placed an order. Carrie Ter Horst is our Scholastic Book Order Coordinator and a big thank you to her. I want to express my appreciation for those of you that helped out financially with the pumpkins for our hayrides. I would also like to thank my staff for all their hard work, time, dedication and enthusiasm.

Thanks to all of you!



## WINTER DAYS

We have seen a taste of winter this month. We want to remind you that we sometimes will take the children outside if the wind is not too fierce. So please don't forget the warm clothes!!

## Need a Babysitter?

A few parents brought up the idea of putting together a babysitter list. If you would like to submit a name and number of a sitter it would be a great resource for our families.



## DON'T FORGET!!

TOWN AND COUNTRY PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY AND THE DAY AFTER!! ENJOY!!



## Thanksgiving Feast

Each classroom will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with a family feast. Last year this was such an amazing gathering we have decided to make it an annual event. Please keep your eyes open for details. Due to space limitations we are asking that that guests be limited to immediate family only.

Room #1 MWFam Wed. Nov. 19th 6-7pm MWFpm Wed. Nov. 19th 7:30-8:30pm

Room #1 TTHam Thurs. Nov. 20th 6-7pm TTHpm Thurs. Nov. 20th 7:30 - 8:30pm

Room #2 MWFam Mon. Nov. 17th 6-7pm MWFpm Mon. Nov. 17th 7:30 - 8:30pm

Room #2 TTHam Tues. Nov. 18th 6-7pm TTHpm Tues. Nov. 18th 7:30-8:30pm

Room #3 All Families Wed. Nov. 12th 6:30-7:30pm

## So Long Ms. Jen

As many of you know, Ms. Jen has decided to leave Town and Country Preschool. Ms. Jen has been with our program since the very first day and we will miss her dearly. Ms. Jen has decided to take time off to be with her family, however, she has agreed to stay on as a substitute with us. Ms. Jen's last day will Friday, Nov. 7th.

## Notice of Tuition Correction for January 2009

Please note that in the payment schedule it shows a tuition charge for only three weeks in January 2009. Because we return from break on January 5th, there will still be a total of four weeks in the month. The tuition amount for January, 2009 is \$120 for preschool and \$180 for pre-k. There are no changes to extended care.

## Snow Closure Policy



We have designed two separate snow closure policies due to the different needs of our families. Our policies are as follows:

If District 49 closes due to inclement weather, we will close the two preschool classrooms. The extended care class will remain open UNLESS Town and Country Preschool determines the need to close. If a delay is announced by the district, Town and Country Preschool will run classes as scheduled unless otherwise determined. There are several ways to learn about closures for Town and Country Preschool.

- ◆ Call the office @ 719-494-0758. There will be a recorded message by 6:00am.
- ◆ Watch your local news stations.
- ◆ Check the web site. Closures will be posted by 6:30am on the home page.
- ◆ Sign up for automatic email notification at flashalert.net.

Please don't hesitate to ask for details.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

A big Happy Birthday to the following:

Colin 11-4	Lauren K 11 - 12
Carleigh 11 - 7	Cameron 11 - 23
Caiden S. 11 - 10	Halle 11 - 29
Leah A. 11 - 10	

*Just A Reminder*

Please keep in mind that our preschool and pre-k hours are as follows:

AM classes begin at 8:45 and end at 11:30

PM classes begin at 12:30 and end at 3:15

We cannot accommodate early arrivals or late pick ups without prior arrangements. Teachers utilize the time before and after class for planning, lunch and clean up.

## Welcome!

Ms. Kiyoo, our opening teacher in room #3 has expressed a desire to work more hours. She will be replacing Ms. Jen in room #2. We have hired a new opener for room #3, Ms. Marina. Please welcome both teachers to their new positions. We apologize for the recent changes and hope you understand.

## Silly Sayings

- While making pancakes in Ms. Jeri's room, Lake exclaimed when it was his turn to mix, "this is the best ever."
- While in the dress up area, Joe was wearing a dress. Jessica said to him, "you look so cute." Joe replied, "yes, but when I put the shoes on, I'm still a boy."
- Josh was carving pumpkins at home when his mom asked, "what do you think is inside?" Josh replied with a quizzical expression, "pumpkin pie."