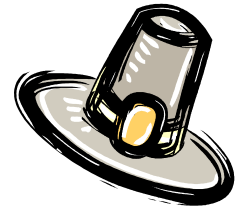


The Children's Center News

November 2010



Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Children's Center is offering parent teacher conferences for all families during the month of November. The purpose of the conference is threefold. It is a time for the teachers to share information about your child's development. It is also a time for you to tell us more about your child. And together it is a time to set goals and plan to maximize your child's experiences here.

For the conference, the teachers will be ready to discuss your child's development in the following domains: social/emotional, cognitive, physical, and language.

The instrument we use is the developmental continuum from the Creative Curriculum. The information gathered is used to help us in planning appropriate activities. It is confidential and not diagnostic in nature. Teachers and parents complete the written summary together at the conference.

Conference sign ups will be located in each classroom. We are hoping for 100% participation. Strong family-center communication is key to your child's success!

Important Dates To Remember

November 11 & 12
Portrait Days

November 18
Family Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 19
Pie Orders Due

November 22-24
Parent Conferences

November 25
Thanksgiving Day
Center Closed

Thanksgiving

November 26
Center Closed

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual center-wide Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 18th. Chef Faith is planning a traditional Thanksgiving feast complete with all the trimmings. Please join us in Fellowship Hall (the muscle room) and Bell Dining Room at 11:30 a.m. as we celebrate the bounty of the season. If you would like to volunteer, serve and/or eat with your child(ren) on this day, please list your name on the sheet in the Center Office or by the sign/in out tables.

This tradition continues to be a highly



anticipated event. The Center is truly thankful and blessed for all the children, families and staff that are part of our family. We look forward to spending this time with you!

ECO Healthy Practices

We are continuing our work to become endorsed as an Eco-Healthy Child Care Center. This month the topic is indoor painting and the danger of lead.

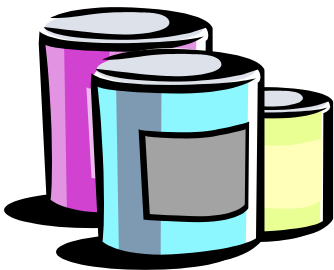
Children's growing bodies absorb more lead than adult bodies. Their brains and nervous systems are still developing, so they are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead. Young children often put their hands and objects into their mouths-these objects can have lead dust on them. Children can be exposed to lead by eating old paint chips (from 1978 and before) or inhaling old paint particles/dust.

When we freshen up classrooms and hallways by painting we pay attention to the amount of wall surface that might be disturbed and when necessary hire a lead-certified painter to do our work. At home you can prevent flaking and peeling paint by washing all areas around doors and windows. Paint over flaking paint with low-VOC paint. More eco-healthy information can be found at www.oeconline.org/resources/livinggreen.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale



To answer many families' questions.....YES! There will be Thanksgiving pies for sale this year. Chef Faith, ably assisted by Miss Mary, will provide four types of pies. Varieties available include Pumpkin, Dutch Apple, Sweet Potato and French Silk. Orders are due by Friday, Nov. 19th and will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd & Wednesday, Nov. 24th. All pies are \$7.00. Enjoy! Order forms are available in the office and were electronically sent with this newsletter.



Canned Food Drive

It's time for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Helping those in need during the holidays is a Children's Center tradition. Helping and caring are also traits we want to encourage in young children and it is a great opportunity to talk with your child about how we help people in need.





Please bring donations of non-perishable food items through November 19th. Collection boxes will be located outside of each classroom. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children and families in need.

Also, be on the lookout if you are doing holiday shopping this month. The Center is once again planning a gift drive for children in Cleveland. We will select a "sister" center to bless with \$10 gift donations for boys and girls. The next newsletter will contain more details on Christmas giving opportunities.

November Lunch Menu



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR PIES!

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	COOK'S CHOICE	KIELBASA AND KRAUT, CARROTS AND FRUIT	SPAGHETTI, SALAD AND FRUIT	BEEF STROGANOFF, GREEN BEANS, & FRUIT	MAC AND CHEESE, TOSSED SALAD AND FRUIT	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	GRILLED CHESSE, TOMATO SOUP, FRUIT	DIRTY RICE, VEGGIE AND FRUIT	HAM WITH SCALLOPED POTATOES, VEGGIE AND FRUIT	PORCUPINE MEATBALLS, ROLL, CORN AND FRUIT	TURKEY CHEESE ROLL-UP, VEGGIE AND FRUIT	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	FISH AND FRIES, VEGGIE AND FRUIT	PIZZA, TOSSED SALAD AND FRUIT	TEDDY BEAR LUNCHEON	THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON! DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!	COOK'S CHOICE	
						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	BBQ SANDWICH VEGGIE AND FRUIT	MEATBALL SUBS, CARROTS AND FRUIT	CHICKEN SANDWICH, VEGGIE AND FRUIT	HAPPY TURKEY DAY	SHOPPING DAY	DOWNTOWN FUN
						
28	29	30				
	PERIOGIES, TURKEY SAUSAGE, APPLE SAUCE AND FRUIT	SOUP/ SANDWICH FRUIT	<i>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</i>			

Art & Music by Miss Rebecca

October was a busy and creative month and November will be just as fun! In music, we will focus on the String family of instruments and our composer will be Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943). In art, our artist will be Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528) and I will feature his painting *The House by the Pond*. Some of our projects will include painting with spaghetti, corn cobs, and pudding. We will also work on cinnamon rubbings and build a mobile out of glue. As always, it's a pleasure to work with your talented children.

Holiday Portraits

Photography Warehouse has been contracted to take pictures for The Children's Center. Portrait days are Thursday, November 11th and Friday, November 12th. Siblings will be photographed individually and together. The children on the first floor will be photographed on Thursday and the second floor on Friday.

Proofs, located on the back of the order form, will be sent home on the day of the shoot.

Photography Warehouse can also create

Christmas cards with the portraits. The order forms are due to the office on November 19th and the finished portraits returned no later than December 10th in time for the holidays!



Spanish by Señora Mónica

¡Hola Amigos!

The children and I have been having fun with colors during the month of October. One highlight this month was decorating the calabaza. Using our felt board, we had 5 different pumpkins and we put different colored facial features. Then we sang "Five Little PumPkins" in Spanish and English.

Next month we will focus on food and manners. Por favor and gracias are words I'd like to hear the children use more often. We will practice by feeding many of my hungry puppets this month! Some of our food words will be manzana/apple, pan/bread, queso/cheese, leche/milk and agua/water. ¡Gracias!



Parking Lot Etiquette

Several concerns have been expressed about cars speeding through the parking lot. This is a problem at drop off and pick up. It is also stressful for the people working on outdoor projects around the church property. Some of the offenders are parents of children at the center. Be extremely cautious throughout the parking lot. Children can be unpredictable and their safety is at risk when cars zoom through the parking lot. Thanks for driving with care.