



TPCDC Newsletter

November 2014

DEAR TPCDC PARENTS,

We started the new academic year well and we are in the full swing of activities and events for the fall. It is hard to believe that November is already here and it is almost time for Thanksgiving! We would like to extend an invitation to all our parents for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, Nov 21st at noon-1pm. You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert (keep in mind that we are a peanut free center) to share. Please do not send lunch for your children that day. The staff will make a delicious lunch with all the trimmings. Please join us to socialize and celebrate the holiday at TPCDC.

AS TULIP TURNS!

As most of you may already know there has been a serious push to lessen the traffic issues experienced on Tulip Avenue. In an effort to do so we are asking all of our families and visitors to do their part by:



- Entering Tulip from the Carroll Avenue end rather than the Maple Avenue end heading west.



- Refrain from making U-turns on Tulip.



- Treat Tulip Avenue as if it is a one way street.

We are hoping to create a larger impact by diminishing traffic congestion experienced outside of the center. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in regards to this request.

PARENT BOARD

We welcome the new board members who stepped up to the plate this election, and appreciate their efforts to help with the many projects and improvements that are being made to our facility and program. If you are interested in joining the board in a big or a small way, please let me or the board members know. We really appreciate all parent involvement.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Are you handy with a broom, hammer, rake or paint brush? Come spend a couple of useful hours sprucing up the Center on our **Fall Clean-up Day** on Saturday, November 15, from 9 am to noon. **Note: childcare will not be available at this event, however, you may bring your child if you can keep one eye on them and one eye on cleaning.**

TEDDY BEARS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, in the month of October, the Teddy Bears have had a great time experimenting with and learning about colors. For the month of November we look forward to continue to promote color recognition through food. This month we will talk about colorful fruits and vegetables. Our objective is to help the children learn more about colors by providing activities with real fruits and vegetables in different colors. Additionally, we will foster language and math development by encouraging the children to name and count each fruit and/or vegetable. To enhance our topic, we will have a field trip to the Takoma Park Co-Op where we were able to see a larger variety of fruits and vegetable in various colors. We look forward to many great learning opportunities and a Happy Thanksgiving.

MUNCHKINS' NEWSLETTER

The letter "S" and square shape will be the emphasized for the month of November. The children will be practice the "s" letter sound. Our goal is for children to begin to recognize the names of classmates that begin with the letter "s". We will make a point to seek out the letter "s" and squares all throughout our day. Additionally, the children will practice cutting on a straight line. Our cooking projects will also involve the letter "s" and squares. Do not be surprised if you see the Munchkins drawing shapes and letters in the air! This is all done in an effort to prepare their fine motor skills to recreate shapes and letters as the children put pencils, crayons, markers and chalk to paper.

Please remember to check the Show-N-Tell calendar for your child's day to bring in something starting with the letter "s" or in the shape of a square.

RAINBOWS' NEWSLETTER

The study for the month of November is Trees/Autumn. This study builds upon each child's interest in trees and helping them to explore science and social studies. We will focus on naming different types of trees, learn about the characteristics of trees and the part they play in our natural and man-made worlds. In this study we will also use math, literacy, technology and the arts to learn about and show our knowledge of trees.

EXPLORERS' NEWSLETTER

During the month of November, we will study recycling, reducing and reusing. We will explore the concept of waste reduction. The children will have the opportunity to learn more about trash and garbage, where it comes from and why it can become a problem. They will gather information, become more aware of the world around them and solve problems. Our show-n-tell theme is "Creating with Toilet Paper Tubes". We will send a toilet paper tube home with each child. Help your child create something unique to share on his/her show-n-tell day. We will display each creation in the classroom. Please follow the calendar for the theme and your child's show-n-tell day.

We will visit the Division of Solid Waste Services to tour their recycling center on Wednesday, November 12. Wednesday is the only day our bus driver is available. Children who do not attend the center on Wednesdays are welcomed to join the field trip, accompanied by their parent. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Sherri.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY FOR SEASON APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.

SCHOOL AGERS' NEWSLETTER

For the month of November our classes plan on giving back. We are teaching our children that giving back is a part of life. Helping others makes us feel great about ourselves and the people in need feel better about themselves too.

A handful of our School agers have previously participated in our pennies for peace campaign. It was a great success and we look forward to doing it again. A letter will be going home with each child to explain how Pennies for Peace works.

The Shining Stars will be participating in an Undergarment Drive for Miriam's Kitchen. Please bring in newly purchased men's socks and underwear of all sizes. Miriam's Kitchen will be distributing them to the homeless. There will be a special box outside of each of the classrooms where donations can be left.

The Bright Stars will be facilitating a Non-Perishable Food Drive. We will be accepting donations from November 1-December 1, 2014. A collection receptacle (not to be confused with the Undergarment Drive receptacle) will be available outside each of the participating classrooms. There are many opportunities to give back.

Choose one or all of the campaigns to make someone's life a little brighter.

Don't forget about the Thanksgiving Luncheon!

Come and enjoy lunch with us!

Bring a side dish or dessert if you like!

November 21, 2014

12:00 pm



TAKOMA PARK
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Presents

THE THIRD ANNUAL

Story Time Pajama Party

Bright Stars Classroom

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014

7:00 PM

Please join Takoma Park Library's Children and Youth Services Librarian, Kati Nolfi, for a **STORY TIME PAJAMA PARTY!** We will provide snacks and drinks for everyone and Karen will read a story and sing songs with the children and parents. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas and get comfortable for an ALL STAR bedtime story! Our Book Fair will be open and set up for browsing and sales, as well.