

TPCDC Newsletter

November 2016



Dear Parents,

We are in the full swing of activities and events for the fall. It is hard to believe that it is almost time for Thanksgiving! We would like to extend an invitation to all our parents to attend our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, Nov 18th, from 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.

Did you know that Montgomery County is the only county in the State with a Health Nurse dedicated to supporting the childcare programs throughout the state? Hilda Richards is a great resource to families and care providers in making sure that new information and health alerts are shared, answering health questions, and even training teachers in new health trends. Most recently, she alerted the community that Epi-Pens[®] are to be used for 3 seconds, rather than the previous 10 seconds. ChildLink is also an information and referral service for families with young children. Callers may receive simple referrals, consultation on child development or parenting issues, or linkages and follow up for families presenting more complex or at-risk situations which require early intervention services. ChildLink also assists families and providers in accessing mental health consultation on-site in child care programs. For more information about children's health and other county programs, go to: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=CYF/CYFchildlink-p216.html>

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 7 – Public Schools Closed – TPCDC Open

Nov. 8 – Public Schools Closed for election day- TPCDC Open; School-age Full Day Care Available

Nov. 10 & 11 – Public School Early Release; School-age Half-Day Care Available

Nov. 18 – TPCDC Thanksgiving Luncheon 12 -1pm Parents are welcome to attend

Nov. 23 – Public School Early Release – School-age Half-Day Care Available until 3pm closing

Nov. 24 & 25 – TPCDC Closed for Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Luncheon

Come and enjoy the feast at TPCDC's Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, November 18th from 12pm-1pm. In order to make the feast as deliciously diverse as possible, please consider bringing in a dessert or side dish to add to the wonderful celebration. (The School Ageders will be having their own Thanksgiving celebration as part of their PM snack).

TEDDY BEARS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Ana

Dear parents, the Teddy Bears have enjoyed learning about fall. They had fun riding the Center Bus for first time as well as exploring around the farm. For the month of November, we look forward to continuing exciting learning experiences. We will learn about Fruits and Vegetables; the children will continue to be encouraged in developing their vocabulary by playing with and naming the real and pretend fruits and vegetables. We will have artistic activities using fine motor skills to print with real fruits and veggies. They will taste a variety of veggies like celery, broccoli, cucumbers, tomatoes and bell peppers. This promotes cognitive skills as they practice the names and colors of the items. Also, they will be able to use their gross motor and cognitive skills when mimicking songs and dancing to songs about fruits and vegetables.

To enhance our theme, we will have a field trip to the TPSS Coop where the children will have the opportunity to see and learn about the variety of fruits and vegetables and their colors. We hope you all have a great Thanksgiving!

MUNCHKINS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Yanira

During the month of November, we introduce the Munchkins to the concept of healthy foods and how to live a healthier lifestyle. The Munchkins will play guessing games of tasting different fruits and vegetables and trying to identify them. We will also sort fruits and vegetables by color, discuss their differences and do many art activities. We will have a field trip to the local grocery store on November 9th and to the Smithsonian Discovery Theater November 17th. Finally, during the Thanksgiving week on November 21st, we will have a Munchkins' class Healthy Foods potluck! Happy Thanksgiving!

RAINBOWS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Teresa

Hello, November! It is the last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure for Rainbows. For the month of November, our unit is going to be about Roads. As we know, roads are all around us and take us to school, stores, parks and beaches, as well as lead us to friends and families in other areas. The children will learn how roads are made, repaired and how to stay safe on the roads. The children will also practice working together as a team by building roads inside the classroom as well as on the playground. During our neighborhood walks, we will focus on investigating what roads are made of, look for safety signs and explore road maintenance & repair construction sites. Friendly reminders: Please make sure to check your child's cubby to see that he/she has an extra change of weather-appropriate clothes. Cold days are coming so please dress your child warmly for the many outdoor activities we have planned. Let's begin our great voyage exploring Roads!

EXPLORERS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Selvi

In the month of November, the Explorers will be studying the various types of Pets around the world. We will talk about which animals make the best pets and why some animals aren't usually pets. To learn about pet care, we will visit a pet shop where we will learn about pet food, shelters, and other necessary accessories for various pets. A Veterinarian will be visiting our classroom to talk about common pet illnesses and teach us how to keep our pets safe and healthy. To enhance our vocabulary, we will learn many pet vocabulary words using books, presentations, and artwork. For show and share, the children will create a picture of their pets and what they mean to us, along with a fact they didn't know about their pet before our unit. If the child does not have a pet they can create a picture of any pet they think will be the best fit for them. We will use our math skills by making a pet graph of all our own pets to show the diversity of our classroom pets. Last but not least, we will research the different roles pets play all around the world and find out about unique pets in other parts of the world.

BRIGHT STARS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Brenda

During the month November, the Bright Stars will celebrate books and reading, with lots of different activities throughout the month. The Bright Stars will write and illustrate their own story books and then donate the books to the preschool classrooms. We will also read some of our favorite stories and have reflections of the books we read expressed through art posted around the classroom. The Bright Stars will be making Story Bags. Each Bright Star will take home a brown paper bag that they will need to fill with 5 items that represent things about themselves (ex. hobbies, vacations, food, family, pets etc.). If you send in pictures please make sure that they are copies and not originals. During the week of November 28th -30th, the Bright Stars will take turns sharing their Story Bags.

We all know that the election is this month, and the Bright Stars will have their very own Election Day. We will make a ballot box and tally up the votes to see who wins our election. MCPS will be closed November 7th and 8th, but TPCDC will be open. Please make sure you check the parent information board in the classroom for field trip information. MCPS will have early release days on November 10th and 11th. The Bright Stars will continue to collect children sized socks, t-shirts and underwear to donate to UCAP. The donation box is located inside the classroom.

Friendly reminder: Please make sure you call the office or send an email to inform us if your child will not be attending before/aftercare. FYI-We have had a couple of cases of head lice. Please inform the classroom teachers about any cases of lice. Thank you for all the support.

SHINING STARS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Rosa

November is the perfect month of the year to talk about gratitude, charity and giving. Shining Stars will be focusing on practicing these values and giving thanks for the good things we have, as well as the importance of helping people in need. We will be collecting canned food to give to those people in need, from November 1st until December 1st. We also have planned fun indoor and outdoor activities, field trips, art projects and much more. Please remember, there will be no school on November 7th and 8th and early releases on November 10th and 11th. Our Thanksgiving luncheon will be November 18th when the children come for aftercare. Lastly, we want to thank all the parents who donated goodies for our Harvest Party. Happy Thanksgiving from the Shining Stars team.

SCHOOL AGERS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Dorothy

The School-agers will be talking about what we are thankful for and how we can help others, including starting our annual canned food drive. We have planned some great art projects, outdoor and indoor games, nature walks and will be whipping up some tasty creations. We will hold our own classroom election. November 7th and 8th there is no school for Montgomery County. On Monday November 7th, we will be going roller skating and Tuesday November 8th, we have a visitor, Mad Science. November 10th and 11th are both early school release days. November 23rd is also an early release day, but the children will have care up only until 3pm as TPCDC closes early, and we will be closed on the 24th and 25th. Enjoy your Thanksgiving.