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EXETER DAY SCHOOL

November News

Happy Thanksgiving

From the Principal



All of the children looked absolutely adorable for Halloween.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Halloween celebrations.

Every year we notice that the time change affects children in different ways. You combine this with the excitement of Halloween and some may be hyper while others are drowsy. We all keep this in mind as they go through this time change.

We are also receiving calls already that the cold season has begun. If your child is not well please keep them home. We want to keep the children as healthy as possible. Coughs and runny noses spread very quickly with children this age.



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It is quite chilly on the playground these days. It is time to start sending your children with hats and mittens—not gloves (labeled, please!!!).

Thank you to everyone who sent in items from our Giving Tree. You were all so generous. We will leave the tree out during Pot Luck and parent/teacher conferences.

If you bring your child in late or pick them up early you must sign in or out at the office. The sign in/out book is outside the office door. If you drop off, write the sign-in time and if you pick up write in the sign-out time.

I have received reports that there are cars waiting on High Street at carpool time. This can create a very dangerous situation. You must loop around if you cannot get into Marlboro Street.

Parent Center

Next week the teachers will begin their parent/teacher conferences. The school will be closed for students on Monday, Nov. 10th. Some teachers have several classes and will need to conference on an additional day. There *will be* school for students on the other days with substitutes in the classrooms.

Additional conference days:

Ms. A: Nov. 18th afternoon

Mrs. Anderson: Nov 12th– all day

Registration will open on Dec. 3rd for next year's 3-Day four year old morning classes. All other classes are open now. You may

register your four year old for a 3-day afternoon class to hold a spot and then switch to mornings on Dec. 3rd if you want to secure a spot in the school.

If your child meets the age cut-off and you are considering a 4 day or 5 day class please let me know so that I can hold a spot for you. You can talk to your child's teacher during conferences if you need guidance in making the decision. This is most helpful if you are considering giving your child an extra year before kindergarten.

If your child meets

the age cut-off and you know this is what you would like to do, you can just send in the registration before meeting with his/her teacher.

Proofs for the Holiday photos will be here Friday, Nov. 7.

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The Giving Tree

- Inexpensive square lunch napkins
- Clorox Anywhere disinfectant
- Dish detergent
- Libman dishwashing wand
- sponge refills
- Toilet tissue





Out of the Mouths of Babes

A child was looking up at the sky and said, "Wow, the sky is moving!"

I brought a boy up to the music room to have his picture taken. He asked, "Is Mr. Lassonde going to take my picture?"

"He pushed me!" a child exclaimed.

"What do you think you should tell him? the teacher asked.
"No thank you!" he replied

Some children poured sand from the sand table into the play kitchen. Mrs. McColley asked them, "How do you think I am going to get the sand out?" "Call Cinderella!" a child replied.

There is a girl in Mrs. Anderson's class named Isabella Giacamoni. A classmate calls her Misabella Guacamole.

We have several staff members celebrating birthdays this month.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Moreau

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Harden

Mrs. Al-Hashmi

Parents Committee

The Innisbrook fundraiser was very successful as usual. Thank you to all who participated. If you have any questions about your order please call Kirsten Lord at 772-3647

T-shirts/sweatshirts should be here shortly.

The first Parent Get Together was very successful as well. They will meet the third Thursday of each month. Kim Kady is hosting these meetings. She will forward any questions that she can't answer to me and I will respond in time for her to bring the answers to the next meeting. These meetings are a nice way for parents to get to know one another and meet the parents of their child's friends. It is a nice social network of friends for you and your child.

Board of Directors

The Board is hosting our annual pot luck dinner on Thursday, November 6th. It is not too late to sign up if you'd like to come. This is for parents only. This is a very enjoyable evening here at the Day School. We have over 100 people attending.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE PHOTO SHOW!

From the Office

The extracurricular programs for Rhythm of the World classes are Friday Dec. 12th and Monday Dec. 15th at 12:00 p.m.

Keep in mind that extended care is available during this busy time of year. You may sign your child up for a day or two to free yourself up for holiday shopping, cooking etc. Give us a call to sign them up. All ages may attend the extended care programs.

We still have a few openings in the

Babes on Stage class and Cooking class that begins in January. Please contact the school if you would like to enroll your child.

A pair of brown wire rimmed reading glasses were found on the playground.



Some parents have inquired about fresh fruit for snack. I do purchase fruit but it is difficult to keep fruit in bulk and not have it go to waste. Many fruits are also very time consuming to prepare for a large number of children. If any parent would like to send in fruit for snack it would be fine. The fruit would have to arrive peeled, diced, cored, etc and ready to eat with their fingers. We also ask that you call ahead so that the teachers don't have several snacks for the same day.

Please do not send in cakes for birthday celebrations. Cakes are very time consuming to cut up and serve. Anything in individual serving sizes is best.

Special Events

Special Delivery



Speech & Hearing Screenings



Wednesday, November 19th

If you would like your child screened for speech or hearing please send in your forms ASAP. I will begin scheduling them this week. It is fine to wait until after your parent/teacher conference.



Holiday music programs with Mr. Lassonde are going to be Dec. 18th for our day classes and Dec. 19th for 3 and 5 day classes. They will be during their regular school day. Specific times will go home later.

2-Day classes will have Holiday Receptions in the classrooms on Dec. 18th.



Slipper Days

As our kick off to the winter season we will be having "Slipper Days" on Nov. 13 and 14. Children should bring slippers to wear to school that day and leave here for the winter to wear when they take their boots off. Please send in slippers that are easy for the children to get on and off themselves and easy to walk around in.



CONGRATULATIONS to Greta and Bill Gauthier for the birth of their third child, Benjamin. Big brother Sam is in the Explorers class.

Mark Your Calendars



November



Nov. 6– Pot Luck Dinner
Nov. 10– Parent/Teacher Conferences
(No school for students)
Nov. 11– NO SCHOOL-Veteran's Day
Nov. 13 & 14– Slipper Days
Nov. 26-28– Thanksgiving Break

December



Dec. 3— Registration for 4 year old morning classes for current families.
Dec. 12– Rhythm of the World program for Friday class.
Dec. 15- Rhythm of the World program for Monday class.
Dec. 18 - 4– Day Program, receptions for 2– day classes
Dec. 19– 3 and 5 Day Holiday programs
Dec. 23-Jan 2– Winter Break

Parents, siblings, and grandparents are welcome. Everyone is invited back to the classroom for punch and cookies.