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EXETER DAY SCHOOL

# September News

## Welcome to School!

### From the Principal



It is so nice to see the return of so many familiar faces along with the new ones. The children are adjusting quite nicely to the school environment and their new classes.

With the exception of Tuesday afternoon's unexpected fire alarm (due to a lightning strike in the area) all sessions went along smoothly.

Our first fire drill is scheduled for Monday, Sept 29th.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out in various areas through our volunteer form. I haven't had a chance to really go through them yet but I do have a few things I could use help with:

-plant some mums along the front entrance

-hang some new brackets in Room #1 to hold our new blinds

-replace several outlet cover plates throughout the school with safety plates. (It involves unscrewing one plate and replacing it with another.)

- Manpower needed.

- We have a large, heavy television that I would like carried to my car to donate to another organization.

If you can help, please give us a call!

If your child is not well, please keep them home. They must be fever, vomiting and diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school. Our goal is to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

### Parents' Center



As you all know, our carpool line is taking a long time to get through. This always happens at the beginning of the year until everyone gets used to the routine. There are some ways we can speed things up:

- Carpool, carpool carpool! If you can find someone to carpool with we can load or unload more than one child in the car, it makes the line shorter and faster
- Walkers- please be at the signpost on the other side of the parking lot by 11:20 or 3:20 so that we can walk

the children over to you before the line starts moving

- We are going to begin loading and unloading three cars at a time. The first car needs to pull up as far as possible while still allowing us to open the car door.

On the subject of carpool, please remember to be courteous and not block the driveways of our neighbors. Also do not leave your cars running while waiting for carpool to begin. This wastes gas and gives off fumes.

If Marlboro Street is full please loop around the block and come back. We cannot block High Street. Police do take notice of our carpools.

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### Wish List

- *Baggies of all sizes*
- *Long life photo AA batteries*
- *Velcro dots*
- *Scrubby sponges*
- *Brown paper grocery bags*



## Out of the Mouths of Babes



The children were having snack and talking to one another. One child said, "Quiet down or you're going to wake the teachers."

A child in the four day class told his teacher, "I can count to ... Google."

I was listening to some children conversing in the sandbox. "I can count to a million!"

"I can count to one million one hundred and one."

"Well, I can count to one million One Hundred and One Dalmatians."



## Piano Lessons

Mr. Lassonde is going to be giving piano lessons on Tuesdays here at the Day School for children 4 and older. (This is not a school activity). They will be 20 minutes in length. There will be a \$20 fee which should be paid at the beginning of each month. There will also be a fee for the book required. There will be no make up days for inclement weather or if your child is unable to make the lesson. If Ray is unable to make the lesson, you will get credit the following month. There are limited spaces available 10:00– 11:35. Please call or email if interested. Classes will begin Tuesday Sept. 23rd.

## Parents' Committee

You were all able to meet a member or two of our Parents' Committee during orientation. They are very busy planning the Fall Harvest Fair that is coming up on September 27th. This is an event you will not want to miss. For a mere \$5.00 per family you will all enjoy a day of good food, games, and entertainment by Martha Dana and Wayne from Maine among others. Please send in your RSVP so that they can plan for the current number of people.

Innisbrook packets went home at orientation. This is our one big fund raiser that helps to pay for field trips and film developing throughout the year along with other events.

## From the Office



Please DO NOT PUT PAYMENTS, FORMS OR NOTES IN BACKPACKS OR BAG DAY BAGS. Hand them to the teacher letting your child out of the car or put them in the child's home-school folder to assure they get to the person they are intended for.

Teachers do not check backpacks or bag day bags.

Extended Day bills will be emailed but they will probably be late this month since the office is quite busy this time of year.

Please let us know if you would like your child to stay for any of our extended care programs. We do accept last minute drop-ins but we still need to know who is coming. If your child is signed up but won't be staying, we need to know

## Happy Birthday!



Mrs. Daigle– Sept. 5th

Mrs. Styles turns 50 on Sept. 26th!

## Red Day

On Thursday, Sept. 25th all of the two day students should wear red to school.

## Board of Directors

Welcome to two new board members; Lori Hirth and Steve Gregoire. Our first board meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 17th.

that as well.

Monthly tuitions are due the first of each month. The next quarterly payment is due October 1st.

We have one opening in the Friday *Rhythm of the World* class and two openings in the Thursday *Cooking* class 1:45-3:15.

## School Photos



Last spring we tried out a new photo company, Photo Play Images. We were very pleased with the photos and turn around time. It worked out very well having them come in the spring. The children were more acclimated and we were able to take them outside the school. We are going to have them come take individual photos and class photos in April.

We are aware that many families look forward to photos in the fall for Christmas gifts. For that reason, on Wednesday October 29th Photo Play Images will be here to take Holiday photos. This will be by appointment only. If your child is at school on that day and you have signed them up, we will take them from class to have their picture taken. If they do not come to school on Wednesdays, you may sign them up and bring them in for the picture. They will be happy to take sibling photos if you want to bring in all of your children. Please call the school to schedule a time. They will also have holiday greeting cards available.



## Field Trips

All of the four and five year olds will be going Apple Picking this month. The three day fours and four day afternoon will be going to Apple Annie's in Brentwood. They will get to see cider made with a hand press and taste it afterward.

The four day afternoon and five day class will be going to Cider Hill Farm in Amesbury for a hay ride and apple picking. They will have fresh apple cider donuts and cider for snack.

## Special Delivery



Congratulations to Marie and Kevin Tobin for the birth of their son William. Big sisters Emily and Jacqueline are in Mrs. Girard's 5, Day Sunshines and Mrs. Anderson's Cardinal's class.

Congratulations to Chris and Barbara Dempsey for the birth of their son Luke. Siblings are Isabella in the Sunshine Class and Ryan in the Bluebird Class.

Congratulations to Bonnie Gearty and Micah McAuliffe for the birth of their daughter Scarlet. Big brother Teagan is in Mrs. Anderson's Goldfinch class.

## Mark Your Calendars



### September



Sept. 8—First day of School  
Sept. 17—Board Meeting  
Sept. 24— Apple Annie's trips for 3 day 4's and 4 day 4's PM  
Sept. 25— Cider Hill Farm trip for 5 day and 4 day AM classes.  
Sept. 25— **RED DAY** for 2 day classes  
Sept. 27— Harvest Fair  
Sept. 29- First Official Fire Drill  
Sept. 30- Curriculum Night for 5-Day class (parents' only) More info to come

### October



Oct. 13— NO SCHOOL Columbus Day  
Oct. 15— Board Meeting  
Oct. 21— Open House for 2 Day Classes  
Oct. 22— Open House for 3 and 4 Day Classes  
Oct. 29- Photo Play Images— Holiday Photos  
Oct. 30— Halloween Parties— 2 Day and 4 Day classes  
Oct. 31— Halloween Parties— 3 day and 5 classes