

# Welcome to School

2009-2010

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EXETER DAY SCHOOL

# September News

## 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. We have had a few tears but they were short lived.

Our first fire drill is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 30th.

We are having our first field trips of the year this week. We don't usually start quite this early but if we want the children to have apples to pick off the trees we had to get there early.

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## Parents' Center

Rhythm of the World and Cooking classes are underway.

Monday and Friday Rhythm classes are from 12-1:00. Morning children stay for lunch and then go to class. Afternoon students should be signed in and walked to the music room at 12:00. Mr. Lassonde will bring the morning students out to carpool at 1:00. Afternoon students will join their classes on the playground.



Cooking class is Thursdays from 1:45-3:15. If you use wrap around care on Thursdays Mrs. Girard will go to extended day and pick them up. If not, please sign them in and bring them to the kitchen at 1:45. Mrs. Girard will bring them out to carpool at 3:15.

You will see flyers from various organizations and events in your child's folders/bags. We are not promoting any of these programs. We send them home as a courtesy so that you know what is happening in the community. Many of them will also be on the Community Events section of our web site.

We will continue to collect Boxtops for Education that come on various products. The school receives 10 cents for each box top collected. More information will go home separately.

Curriculum Night for parents for the 5-Day pre-K class will be next Wednesday Sept. 30th at 6:00. This event is for parents only.

Open House for all remaining classes will be in October.

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### Wish List

- AA batteries
- Paper Towels
- Brown paper grocery bags



## Out of the Mouths of Babes



Mrs. Daigle asked one of her students how to pronounce her name. The girl started to spell it. So she asked again, "What does your family call you?" "I'm my father's daughter," she replied.

## Happy Birthday!



Mrs. Daigle– Sept. 5th

Mrs. Styles— Sept. 26th



## Piano Lessons

Mr. Lassonde is 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 is a \$20 fee per lesson which should be paid at the beginning of each month. There will also be a fee for the books 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. Spaces available are 10-10:20, 10:50-11:10, 11:15- 11:35, 11:40-12:00 and 1:15-1:35.

## Lose a cell phone?

I received a call from the Exeter Police Department that someone turned in a Sony Erickson cell phone that was found on our playground over the weekend. If you lost a phone please contact the police department.

## Parents' Committee

You were all able to meet a member or two of our Parents' Committee during orientation. 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. We have had some feedback from parents that they were not able to get onto the website to place their orders. Jess Morgado is leading this fundraiser and has extended the deadline to Friday, September 25th. If you cannot get onto the site please send your order to school and we will enter it for you. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Parents' Committee will host a Room Mother's Social on October 1st at 6:00. Everyone who signed up to be a room mother for their child's class has been invited. If you have any questions about the responsibilities please ask them at this meeting.

## 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.

We still have a few openings in our Friday Rhythm of the World class and our Thursday Cooking class 1:45-

3:15. If interested please call the office.

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 that as well.

Mrs. McColley has taken over our mid-morning drop off program this year and has changed the format a little. She is doing theme based stories and art

projects on a daily basis. Last week they took a nature walk. She is enjoying this new position and encourages any of our three day afternoon students to join them at 10:00.

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

## School Photos



We are going to continue to have our school wide photo days and class photos in the Spring.

We are aware that many families look forward to photos in the fall for Christmas gifts. For that reason, on Wednesday Nov. 4th 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.

## H1N1 Flu



As you know there are several cases of the H1N1 flu in the Exeter area. This flu is said to be milder than the regular flu but spreads more rapidly.

We have had many children out for various reasons- sore throat, fever, cold, cough etc. Thank you to everyone for your consideration in keeping your child home with these symptoms. The handout that I sent home last week from the Center for Disease Control states that your child needs to stay home for *at least* 24 hours after their fever is gone without the aid of fever-reducing medicine. It also says that a sick person can spread the flu from 1 day before getting sick to 5 to 7 days after. Due to the ages of the children involved at our school we ask that you keep them out for one week from the start of flu like symptoms.

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## Happy 70th Birthday, EDS

The Exeter Day School has been incorporated and serving the Exeter community since 1939. We would like you to join us in the celebration of our 70th birthday in various ways throughout the year.

Parents Committee will be offering Exeter Day School t-shirts with a new design and 70th anniversary. Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner (Nov. 7th) will be a celebration as well. We always have a good turnout for this event but hope this year is bigger and better than usual. The Exeter Newsletter is going to do an article featuring the school. I know that we have some parents and grandparents that are Exeter Day School alumni. We would like to mention this in the article. If you are an alumna or know of someone who is, please let us know.

## Mark Your Calendars

### September



Sept. 1 Board Meeting  
Sept. 14 —First day of School  
Sept. 17—Board Meeting  
Sept. 23– Apple Annie's trips for 3 day 4's and 4 day 4's PM, Cider Hill trip for 5-day and 4 day 4's AM  
Sept. 30- First Official Fire Drill  
Sept. 30- Curriculum Night for 5-Day class (parents' only) More info to come

### October



Oct. 1– Room Mother's Social  
Oct. 12– NO SCHOOL Columbus Day  
Oct. 13– Board Meeting  
Oct. 14– Visit from Exeter Fire Dept.  
Oct. 21– Open House for 3 Day Classes  
Oct. 22– Open House for 2 and 4 Day Classes  
Oct. 29– Halloween Parties– 2 Day and 4 Day classes  
Oct. 30– Halloween Parties– 3 day and 5 classes

