

Southborough Village Preschool Newsletter

November 2017

Dear Southborough Village Preschool Families,

We had so much fun at our Family Open House and hope that you did too! We love to see your wonderful families and we enjoy watching your children show you around their classrooms! Thank you for taking the time to make this event so special for us all!

Below you will find some information regarding upcoming events at the Preschool. Please let us know if you need any clarification or have any further questions.

REGISTRATION: As you know, registration for the 2017-2018 school year began this week, for current families and alumni. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding your child's class for next year. Please keep in mind that registration for new families will begin on Monday, November 13th, at 8:00 AM, so if you wish to register, or make changes to your registration, you will want to do so before then.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS: This past week, your child brought home some catalogs for Scholastic Book Clubs. Ordering from Scholastic Book Clubs is entirely optional, but if you are interested, please visit Scholastic.com for easy ordering.

- **Shop Online: scholastic.com/readingclub.** Under the parent order section, you will just need to enter this one-time **class activation code: K3CFL**
- Please note: **The deadline for ordering from these catalogs is Tuesday, November 7th.** This will enable us to get the books to you before Thanksgiving.

VETERAN'S DAY: School will be closed this coming Friday, November 10th, in recognition of Veteran's Day. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the veterans in our community for their service and dedication to our country. Please let us know if you have any veterans or current service members in your family or friend/work circles, who might like to receive some cards from our preschool. We would love that!

FOOD PANTRY DONATION PROGRAM: As we mentioned in the October Newsletter, in the past, we have participated in a Thanksgiving Food Basket program for this wonderful organization, but this year, we will instead be supporting their efforts to serve the community through a monthly donation program. Each month, we will be collecting a few particular items that the Food Pantry tells us they are most in need of. There will be a collection box outside of the front door and we encourage you to drop the requested items in there, if you are interested in donating.

The Food Pantry items requested for the month of October are:

- Ground Coffee
- Laundry Soap

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE...Southborough Village Preschool is delighted once again this year to be able to participate in the Southborough Youth and Family Services "Holiday Giving Program". While this program is completely optional, **if you would like to participate in the Giving Program, please select a gift ID tag (or tags) and directions, at the entrance to the school, during Thanksgiving week.** We will be sending out more information for this program in the coming weeks. We thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness during this holiday season.

IS YOUR CHILD SICK? Please be certain to call the office if your child will be out sick, as we account for each child, every day. It is very difficult for our teachers to check emails during the school day, therefore, it is always best to call the office to report an illness. Don't hesitate to leave a voicemail. We always check the messages when we arrive in the morning and will be certain to let your child's teacher know if he/she will be out for the day. **(508) 485-3109.**

STAYING HEALTHY AT SVP: Of course the health of our students and teachers at SVP is always a big concern for us. As we are heading into the cooler months and "cold and flu" season, here are just a few things that we ask you to keep in mind...

- **Does your child have a cold?** As you know, colds are common throughout the school year. Children are allowed to attend school with a cold, but not a fever! Children must be fever free for at least 24 hours **without the use of any fever-reducing medication.**
- **IMPORTANT:** While your child may simply have a cold, if he/she is uncomfortable, coughing heavily, has a very runny nose, is lethargic, or has had a bad night's sleep, please, please keep him/her home. Preschool is not fun when you feel horrible. Also, this is the best way for us to keep our students (and teachers) as healthy as possible. Thank you for your help with this. We do appreciate it!
- **If your child has been vomiting,** you may not send him/her to school **for at least 24 hours** after the vomiting has stopped.
- **Highly Contagious Illnesses:** If your child has Conjunctivitis, Strep Throat, RSV, Fifth Disease, Hand Foot Mouth, Influenza, Gastroenteritis (Norovirus, etc.), Impetigo, Roseola, etc., please keep your child at home until your pediatrician has cleared him/her to return to school. We are required to alert parents if any of these illnesses are circulating at school, so we ask that you notify us as soon as possible so that we can take precautions to prevent the spreading of illness, and so that we can let parents know what they should be on the "look-out" for. We will always maintain your child's confidentiality, while doing the best we can to keep our students, your families, and our teachers healthy. Thank you!
- **Head Lice:** Unfortunately, Head lice do exist in all communities and can be found in any school! While we don't have any reported cases of head lice yet this year, we know there have been reported cases in the surrounding schools. If your child has head lice, you will need to treat your child's hair before he/she can return to school. Please be sure to let us know if your child has been treated for head lice, as this is the only way we can attempt to halt the spread, at SVP. Don't be embarrassed if your child has had head lice. It can happen to anyone! Head lice are spread through head-to-head contact, and as you know, young children love to play closely to each other. **As teachers, we strongly suggest that you pull your child's hair back in a pony-tail or braids during the school day. This is one easy way to reduce your child's chances of exposure to head lice.**

Important Dates to Note in November:

- **Tuesday, November 7th:** Scholastic Book orders are due.
- **Friday, November 10th:** School closed for Veteran's Day
- **Monday, November 13th:** First day of registration for new families.
- **Tuesday/Wednesday, November 14th and 15th:** Music with Miss Shannon
- **Thursday/Friday, November 16th and 17th:** Special Native American presentations by Ray La Chance, former SVP Grandparent and Southborough teacher.
- **Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st:** Our Classroom Feasts. As a school, the students will be preparing and sharing in a feast together on these days.
- **Wednesday, November 22nd:** Half-day of school (12:00 dismissal). No PM classes.
- **Thursday, November 23rd through Monday, November 27th:** Thanksgiving Break
Classes resume on Tuesday, November 28th. Happy Thanksgiving!!!
- **Monday, November 27th:** Please note that school is closed this day due to a town-wide Professional Development day. See you on Tuesday!
- **Tuesday/Wednesday, November 28th and 29th:** Music with Miss Shannon

Important Dates to Note in December:

- **Monday/Tuesday, December 11th and 12th:** Gingerbread Houses and Holiday Trees
- **Tuesday/Wednesday, December 12th and 13th:** Music with Miss Shannon
- **Monday/Tuesday, December 18th and 19th:** Holiday Parties
- **Tuesday, December 19th:** Last Day of Classes before Winter Vacation
- **Tuesday, January 2nd:** School Re-opens. Happy New Year!

Please let us know if you have any questions at all, regarding anything in this newsletter, or any upcoming events at SVP. We are always happy to hear from you!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we would like to thank you all for all that you do for us at the Preschool. We have the best parents in the entire world and we are grateful for that, as well as for the opportunity to spend our days with your delightful children. We truly appreciate all of our SVP families and wish you all a most wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Most Sincerely,

Your Thankful Staff at SVP