

Southborough Village Preschool Newsletter

November 2018

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 2019-2020 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 Tuesday, November 13th, at 8:00 AM, so if you wish to register, or make changes to your registration, please let us know before then. We are grateful for the opportunity to spend another year with your amazing children! Thank you for always being so supportive of Southborough Village Preschool.

Cold Weather Gear: Yes, the cold weather is upon us! Please help us out with the following, as it makes it so much easier and quicker for us as we work to get our students dressed for outside play.

- **Gloves or mittens?** Please only send gloves in for your child if he/she can put them on themselves. Mittens are best when trying to get a class ready for recess.
- **Boots and slipper time!** If you will be sending your child to school in boots (snow or rain), please send slippers, or sneakers for inside, so we can keep our classrooms clean and dry.
- **Labels, labels, labels!!!!** Please be sure that all items have your child's name clearly visible. Many children don't easily recognize their own hats and mittens, boots or even coats.
- **Scarves:** While they certainly are adorable, scarves are not allowed on the playground, as they pose a safety concern.

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.

- We account for each student every day. **If your child will not be coming to school, please be sure to call the office to let us know.** Teachers are unable to check email during the day, so it is best to call us at 508-485-3109. If you get our voicemail, don't worry, we check regularly!
- **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** (this is key).
- **IMPORTANT:** While your child may simply have a cold, if he/she is uncomfortable, coughing heavily, has a very runny nose, or has had a bad night's sleep, 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.

- **Infectious Diseases:** Most preschoolers will come down with several viruses each year, this is normal, and the way that children develop strong, healthy immune systems. **Sometimes children come down with more serious illnesses that are highly contagious.** If your child contracts an illness such as Influenza, Conjunctivitis, Strep Throat, RSV, Fifth Disease, Hand Foot Mouth, Gastroenteritis (Norovirus, etc.), Impetigo, etc., please keep your child at home until your pediatrician has cleared him/her to return to school. It's also not uncommon for young children to come down with things such as head lice as well (This doesn't fall under dangerous category, but it certainly is a nuisance and spreads easily!).
- **Reporting of Illness:** We are required by the State to alert parents if any of these such serious illnesses are circulating at school, so we ask that you notify us as soon as possible so that we can take precautions and so that we can let parents know what they should be on the "look-out" for. Don't ever be embarrassed, this is part of being a child! We will always maintain your child's confidentiality, while doing the best we can to keep our students, your families (including infants, pregnant moms and elderly), and our staff as healthy as possible.

Veterans Day: School will be closed this coming Monday, November 12th, 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 you may know, we support the local Southborough Food Pantry by collecting a few different items each month, based on their greatest needs. This month, the Food Pantry has requested that we ask families to consider supporting the **Scouting for Food Drive that will be held on Saturday, November 10th.** Please see their flyer below for details. Southborough residents should find bags left on their mailboxes this week, but if you don't, you can use any bag. We will be collecting at the preschool too, so if you are interested, just bring your food to us and we will deliver it to the food pantry.

Southborough Scouting for Food 2018

is the largest yearly food drive for the *Southborough Food Pantry*. These donations restock the Food Pantry in time for the holidays and keep food on shelves through the winter and spring. Please make this your first gift of the holiday season. Commonly needed items are listed below, but all donations are greatly appreciated.

Check expiration dates! Please, no expired food!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cookies & crackers | <input type="checkbox"/> tomato products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> canned meats | <input type="checkbox"/> (pasta sauce, diced, stewed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> solid white tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> peanut butter & jelly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soups & beef stew | <input type="checkbox"/> coffee, tea, juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> canned fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> cake/muffin/brownie mix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> canned vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> paper products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> (towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baked beans | <input type="checkbox"/> personal products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rices | <input type="checkbox"/> (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> household cleaning products |

Please leave filled bags or boxes near your mailbox by **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10th.**

Scouts will bring your donation to the food pantry.



**The Southborough Food Pantry
and the Scouts**
Thank You for your support!



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 Thursday, November 8th.** This will enable us to get the books to you before Thanksgiving.

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.

Important Dates to Note in November:

- **Monday/Tuesday, November 5th and 6th:** Music with Miss Shannon
- **Thursday, November 8th:** Scholastic Book orders are due.
- **Monday, November 12th:** School closed for Veteran’s Day
- **Tuesday, November 13th:** First day of registration for new families.
- **Monday/Tuesday, November 19th and 20th:** Music with Miss Shannon
- **Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th:** Our Classroom Feasts. Students will be preparing and sharing in a feast together on these days. More news to come!
- **Wednesday, November 21st:** Half-day of school (12:00 dismissal). No PM classes.
- **Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd:** Thanksgiving Break. Classes resume on Monday, November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Important Dates to Note in December:

- **Monday/Tuesday, December 10th and 11th:** Gingerbread Houses and Holiday Trees
- **Tuesday/Wednesday, December 11th and 12th:** Music with Miss Shannon
- **Monday/Tuesday, December 17th and 18th:** Holiday Parties
- **Tuesday, December 18th:** Last Day of Classes before Winter Vacation
- **Wednesday, 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!

~Gretchen, Laura and all of our Teachers at SVP