

Southborough Village Preschool

October 2021 Newsletter

What an amazing few weeks we have had at SVP! As the weather is cooling and the leaves are turning, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks at the Preschool and want to fill you in on a few things that might be helpful for you to know. As usual, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about anything. We are always happy to hear from you!

Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year: It's hard to believe that it's here already! It is time for us to begin the registration process for our next school year. Please note these important dates as we approach the first day of the registration process.

- **Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 2nd, for current students and their families, siblings and alumni families.**
- **Registration for new families will begin at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 15th.**

Please keep this date in mind, as we would like you all to have the opportunity to register for the class that you would like. You will be receiving these documents in your child's backpack in the next few weeks, and they will be available on our website as well. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions as to what might be the best class for your child for next year.

Daily Screenings and Symptoms: We want to take a moment to thank you all for the support and diligence you have offered to us as we navigate another school year during the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize that it's incredibly frustrating to not be able to send your child to school with mild cold symptoms this year, and we are so grateful to you all for your patience and understanding with this policy. As a reminder, as you are preparing your child for school each day, we ask that you review the Daily Screening Questionnaire, focusing primarily on the following:

- Today or in the past 14 days, has your child had a **cough, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, headache, fatigue, body aches, fever of 100.0 or higher, gastrointestinal issues** (diarrhea, nausea or vomiting), or contact with a COVID-19 positive person?
- If so, your child may not attend school and must obtain a negative PCR test and a documented alternative diagnosis from a medical professional.
- Please communicate with your child's teachers as well as the Directors if your child has symptoms on the screening list or is awaiting a test result.

Halloween is upon us!!! We love this exciting time of the year and so do our students. Each class will be having a fun Halloween party on either Thursday, 10/28 or Friday, 10/29. Your child's teacher will let you know what is needed if you are interested in sending in a snack or paper goods. While it is fun to have some sweets at our parties, we work hard to make sure that our small treats are balanced with healthy fruits and vegetables.

- Note: At SVP, **we do not allow children to wear costumes to school.** Costumes can be overwhelming for our younger students, and there is always the risk that costume pieces could become lost/misplaced. Thank you for your understanding.

A Reminder About Class Times: In order to create the safest drop-off and pick-up routines possible this year, we slightly staggered our start and stop times for school. We thought it might be helpful to review the class times below. For those of you who have a child in more than one class, please note that his/her classes may have slightly different start/stop times.

- Toddler Class: 8:45-11:30 AM
- Tues/Thurs AM Class: 9:00-12:00 Noon
- Tues/Thurs PM Class: 12:00-3:00 PM
- Mon/Wed/Fri AM Class: 8:45-11:45 AM
- Mon/Wed/Fri PM Class: 11:45-2:45 PM
- Tues/Thurs Full Day Class: 9:00-3:00 PM
- Mon/Wed/Fri Full Day Pre-K Classes: 9:00-3:00 PM
- For any class, you are always welcome to drop off anytime in the 10-15 minutes **after the start time**.
- For any class, you are always welcome to pick up anytime in the 10-15 minutes **before the end time**.
- Early Drop-off is available every morning from 8:00-9:00 AM.
- Extended Playschool time is available every day from 3:00-3:30 PM.
- Please let us know if you have any questions at all!

Important Dates to Note in October and November

*As a reminder, we always follow the holiday/professional development/snow cancellation schedule that Southborough Public Schools follow. Please be sure to note the following dates on your calendar.

- **Monday, October 11th:** School closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Wednesday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th:** Classroom Halloween Parties
- **Monday, November 1st:** School closed for town-wide Professional Development Day.
- **Tuesday, November 2nd:** First day of Registration for the 2022-2023 school year (8:00 AM).
- **Thursday, November 11th:** School closed for Veterans Day.
- **Monday, November 15th:** Registration opens for new families for the 2022-23 school year.
- **Wednesday, November 24th:** Half-day (school closes at 12:00 noon-no PM session). School will remain closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for Thanksgiving break.
- **Monday, November 29th:** School reopens after Thanksgiving break.

We are grateful to you all for your support on these, and all school matters. We have the best parents and families in the world, and we appreciate your attention and thoughtfulness every day! We hope that you and your families find plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy the wonderful fresh air and beautiful colors in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

Gretchen, Laura and the Entire Staff at Southborough Village Preschool