

# Southborough Village Preschool Newsletter

## November 2021

Dear Southborough Village Preschool Families,

How is it possible that we are cruising into November already! We've had a wonderful first few months of school and we are really enjoying all of your wonderful children. We have enjoyed seeing our new classroom communities come together and new friendships being formed every day. We are grateful to be off to such terrific start at SVP.

We want to take a moment to thank you all for your diligence and support regarding our sick policy this Fall. We know it's frustrating to have to bring your children in for COVID-19 tests for all cold symptoms, but we feel good knowing that we are working together as a team to keep our school community as safe and healthy as possible this year, as all of our students remain unvaccinated. Below you will find some information regarding upcoming events at the Preschool. Please let us know if you have any questions at all.

**Registration:** As you know, registration for the 2022-2023 school year will begin next week, Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM, for current families and alumni. We do encourage you to register early, as classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM, so if you wish to register, or make changes to your registration, please let us know before then. We thank you for your continued support at SVP.

**Tuition Due Date:** Are you on the four payment tuition plan? If so, the second payment will be due on November 1<sup>st</sup> (or November 2<sup>nd</sup>). You will receive an email reminder in the coming week.

**Happy Halloween!** We are looking forward to our classroom Halloween parties, this Thursday and Friday. Thank you in advance for your donations, we always appreciate your support and thoughtfulness. Please remember that all items must be store bought with an ingredient label attached, and must be made in a facility that is entirely nut-free (not made on shared equipment).

While we know the kids are excited about their costumes, we don't allow them to wear them to school, as they can be a bit overwhelming for our young students. **We do invite you, though, to drive by the preschool at some point this weekend, to see our jack-o-lantern display in the front of the school.** Each class will be digging into a pumpkin, learning all about the parts and then carving a jack-o-lantern together.

**Flu Shots:** As a reminder, the DEEC, the Department of Health and the Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommend that all children receive an influenza vaccine this year. Please contact your child's pediatrician if you have any questions about the influenza vaccine.

**Veteran's Day:** School will be closed on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of Veterans 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!

**Travel Restrictions and COVID-19 Precautions for the Holidays:** It's hard to believe that we are already talking about the holidays! We know that we are all excited to gather with friends and family for a much deserved Thanksgiving feast. We do ask though that all members of our SVP community take precautions while traveling and gathering indoors with unvaccinated individuals outside of your immediate household, so that we can all return to school as safely as possible after the Thanksgiving and Winter/New Year's Break. Thank you for your support and consideration. When making your plans, and returning to school after the holiday, please remember the following, according to our SVP COVID-19 Policy.

- When traveling outside of Massachusetts, unvaccinated individuals (all of our students) may return to school but you are required to
  - Notify the Directors of travel.
  - Have a PCR test on or after Day 5 after return (Day 0 is date of arrival in MA).
  - Monitor for symptoms.
  - Students may not return to school if they have had any contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, or suspected positive individual.
- If your child **has, or had at any time over the break, any of the symptoms** on the COVID-19 symptom list, he/she may not return to school until:
  - you have obtained a negative PCR test result.
  - symptoms are improving.
  - your child is feeling energetic.

**Winter Wishes Giving Program:** Southborough Village Preschool is delighted once again this year to be partnering with Southborough Youth and Family Services for their Winter Wishes Program, to support local families throughout the winter months. This year, SYFS will be inviting people to support the program by either purchasing gift cards or making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission. While this program is completely optional, **if you would like to participate, you will find information posted by the front door beginning Monday.** We thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness during this holiday season.

**School Closures:** Don't forget, school will be closed this coming Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (town-wide professional development day) as well as Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veteran's Day.

## **Important Dates to Note in November:**

- **NO SCHOOL on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021:** Town-wide Professional Development Day
- **Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Registration for current families and alumni begins at 8:00 AM for the 2022-23 school year.
- **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for Veterans Day
- **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> :** First day of registration for new families.
- **Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Classroom Feasts. Students will be preparing and sharing in feasts on these days (in our own classrooms). More news to come!
- **Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>:** Half-day of school (12:00 dismissal). No PM classes.
- **Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Break. Classes resume on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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! We will be sending out another Newsletter in a few weeks with more details regarding our upcoming December events. Stay tuned!

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 thankful for that, as well as for the opportunity to spend our days with your delightful children. We are also grateful to you all for choosing to send your children to us this year. We wish you all a most wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

~Gretchen, Laura and all of our Teachers at SVP