

Southborough Village Preschool Newsletter

November 2024

Dear Southborough Village Preschool Families,

How is it possible that it's November already! We've had a wonderful first few months of school and we are really having fun with all of your amazing children. It's exciting for us to see our new classroom communities coming together and new friendships being formed every day. We're certainly grateful to be off to such a terrific start at SVP, and thank you for all that you have done to help us.

Below you will find some information regarding upcoming events at the Preschool. We ask that you make note of the calendar at the end of the newsletter, in particular, the registration dates as well as dates that the school will be closed. Please let us know if you have any questions at all.

Registration: As you know, registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins this week, on **Monday, November 4th at 8:00 AM**, for current families and alumni. We 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 18th, 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.

Tuition Due Date: Are you on the four payment tuition plan? If so, the second payment is due on November 1st. Please reach out to Laura Eppen if you have any questions regarding tuition.

Veterans Day: We will be closed on Monday, November 11th, in observance 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.

Winter Wishes Giving Program: Southborough Village Preschool is delighted once again this year to be partnering with Southborough Youth and Family Services, along with Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission, for their **Winter Wishes Program**, to support local families throughout the winter months. We are awaiting details and instructions for this year's program and will pass this along to you as soon as we receive word from SYFS and FSYC. Please note that this program is completely optional. We are aware that our preschool families support the community in a variety of ways. As always, we thank you for your kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness during this holiday season and throughout the year.

Illness Reminders: If your child has any illness symptoms, please let us know before school. For any symptoms on the COVID symptom list (fever, sore throat, congestion, coughing, fatigue, etc.), please use a rapid COVID test. If negative, and the symptoms are manageable (not excessive coughing or congestion), and no fever for 24 hours without medication, he/she may come to school, but it is suggested that you repeat the test in a few days. Was your child exposed to COVID? He/she is allowed to come to school as long as they remain symptom free and are testing negative. If your child has another illness, such as influenza, norovirus, an ear infection, etc., please follow the same guidelines as listed above when deciding whether or not he/she can come to school. Please let us know if your child has a highly contagious illness such as COVID, influenza, Strep Throat, Conjunctivitis, etc. Thank you!

Flu Shots: As a reminder, the DEEC, the Department of Health and also the Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommend that all children receive an influenza vaccine as well as an updated COVID-19

vaccine, to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of these illnesses this fall and winter. We appreciate your continued commitment to keeping our preschool students, teachers and families as healthy as possible. Please see your pediatrician for further questions regarding vaccines.

SVP Book Swap Nook: If you haven't visited the Book Swap Nook yet, take a few minutes this week, you'll find this cute, red cabinet to the right of our front door, and it's full of fun books of all genres, free for your children. We encourage the kids to take a few books, and you are also welcome to leave a few books that you are ready to pass along. There is not a limit to the number of books that you can take, and you do not need to return the books if you would like to keep them. We hope you and your kids enjoy the Book Swap Nook.

Important Dates to Note in November:

- **Monday, November 4th:** Registration begins at 8:00 AM, for current families and alumni, for the 2025-26 school year.
- **Tuesday, November 5th:** NO SCHOOL due to town-wide professional development day.
- **Monday, November 11th:** NO SCHOOL in observance of Veterans Day.
- **Monday, November 18th:** Registration begins at 8:00 AM, for new families, for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Monday, November 25th and Tuesday, November 26th:** Classroom Feasts. Students will be preparing and sharing in feasts on these days. There's no need to send anything in for the feasts!
- **Wednesday, November 27th:** HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL (12:00 dismissal). No PM class.
- **Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th:** SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break. Classes resume on Monday, December 2nd. Happy Thanksgiving!!!
- **Monday, December 9th and Tuesday December 10th:** Gingerbread Houses and Holiday Trees. Volunteers will be needed for these special days, stay tuned for details!
- **Monday, December 16th and Tuesday, December 17th:** Holiday Parties. Stay tuned for details.
- **Wednesday, December 18th through Wednesday, January 1st:** SCHOOL CLOSED for winter vacation.
- **Thursday, January 2nd:** SCHOOL RE-OPENS. Happy New Year to you all!

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