

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Can you believe that October is over and the holiday season is right around the corner. We want to thank everyone who has come to volunteer in the classrooms and also for the Halloween parties. We love seeing our families being able to participate in all of our activities. The costumes this year were great and they loved wearing them to school.

November is a very busy month for our students. The 2- and 3-year-olds will be visiting Pete the Cat and our four-year-olds will be visiting the Mayflower. We will be collecting food for the Brighton Center, and information regarding Christmas Camp will be coming out.

Pick up and drop off are going great. Please have your window numbers up for the 4-year-old pick and for the 2- and 3-year-old pick up have your car tags with you. If you do have someone new picking up your child, please let your teacher know or you can send a ProCare message to me and I will make sure that the teacher receives the information. If they are someone that is new picking up your child, please make sure that they bring their ID with them. I do check ProCare messages each day prior to drop off and pick up in case there are any changes.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

If your child stays for lunch bunch, please make sure that everything in their lunch is peanut and tree nut free as we do have a number of peanut allergies this year. Just a reminder, if your child is staying for lunch bunch, they will be picked up upstairs in the car line at the end of the day.

TWO DAY CHRISTMAS CAMP

We are very excited to be able to offer a 2 day "Elves in Training" camp. Lakeside is closed from December 18 through January 2 coming back January 3. We are going to offer a camp to students in our three-year-old and four-year programs from 9:00-1:00 on Monday, December 18 and December 19 from 9-1. They will bring their lunch and have 2 days full of fun Christmas activities to get their elf's license. There are limited spaces so sign up soon. Below is a link to a sign up for you to use. Please let me know if you have any questions. The cost is \$60 for the two days.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AAFAD22A5FA7-45725224-elves>

WEATHER CHANGES

Even though we are going into the winter season, we still have days that the children can go outside and play. Please send a coat with your child each day so if weather permits, we can go outside. As long as the temperature is above 32 degrees and it is nice outside, we try to get the children out as much as possible.

ILLNESSES

Unfortunately, there are still a lot of illnesses going around at this time. If your child has a fever, stomach virus, etc. they must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication to return to school. We are trying to keep everyone as healthy as possible during the winter months. Thank you again for all of your support and cooperation.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thanksgiving Break - November 22 - 24
Christmas Break - December 18 - Jan. 2
Martin Luther King Day (closed) - January 15

HOLIDAY SEASON FOOD DONATION

The Community Resource Center's Food Pantry at Brighton Center serves over 480 families each month. Food donations are greatly needed throughout the entire year and are an asset to families especially during the holiday season. Your generosity provides support to families accessing programs at Brighton Center!

Lakeside Preschool is partnering with Lakeside Presbyterian collecting food items for these families. Below is a list by age groups if you would like to contribute. Please send in your donations by November 16 so that there is time to distribution them to the families. Again, thank you for all of your support and your generosity during the holiday season.

2-Year-Old - Instant Mashing Potatoes and Cranberry Sauce

3-Year-Old - Stuffing and Corn

4-year-Old - Green Beans and Gravy

Five Day a Week 4-Year-Old - Corn Bread Mix

Again, thank you for any donations and support.