

Monthly Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of our PTL members. They have been assisting with various school spirit items and helping to plan upcoming activities. Thank you for your support to our school and childcare center. We are blessed.

Many of our classrooms celebrated Grandparents Day along with a Fall Party on October 28th. We were glad to see that so many of you could join us for our grandparents day luncheon. Our students always look forward to having their family members join us for special occasions during their school day. They spend a lot of time preparing for these events in the classrooms, so you can only imagine the excitement it creates!

Our costume party that evening also went very well, thank you parents!!!! Volleyball has begun for our students from Kindergarten through 7th grade and will continue



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until December 1st.

We are wrapping up our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser and will let you know the top sellers soon. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who worked so diligently to make this fundraiser a success.

Make sure that you check out the enclosed Calendar of Events to see what we have coming up for the month of November.

May you all have a blessed and peaceful Thanks-

Science: Learning about the atmosphere and how it affects our lives. writing and speech presentations are a big part of our daily activities.

PE: Practicing skills in a variety of athletic activities. **Music:** We sing a variety of songs identify the dynamics for balance, expression, and good tone quality. We also practice instruments each week. **Social**

Studies: Studying about a Growing America from 1850-1920. **Class Trip** As part of our American study we will take a trip to Washington D.C. for about \$600 per person less any fundraising this year around the last weeks of school. **Language/grammar:** Working with the parts of speech. Creative writing and speech presentations are a big part of our daily activities.

PE: Practicing skills in a variety of athletic activities.

Music: We sing a variety of songs identify the dynamics for balance, expression, and good tone quality. We also practice and play a variety of instruments each week.

4th-7th Grade News

Religion: We will study how God by grace continues to forgive us our sins through Jesus Christ even though we grumble and rebel against Him just like the children of Israel did on their journey to the promise land.. **Reading:** We will continue to analyze the characters, the conflict, moral lessons, climax, and suspense of a book called "Fire Storm". Don't forget Literature circle happening each Friday. Each student also is required to test on an Accelerated Reader books totaling 6 points or more each month. **Math:** Grade 4 we will be organizing and interpreting data by using tables, diagrams, and plots. In grade 5 we will write estimates and products for decimal factors, including amounts of money. In grade 6 we will be multiplying and dividing fractions. In Pre-Algebra .we will recognizing and constructing plane figures using angle relationships.

Important Dates:

- Nov. 8th Parent Teacher Conf. For K-7
- Nov. 9th PTL Meeting 7pm
- Nov. 12th Volksmarch 6:30pm
- Nov. 15th Chick Fil A 5-9pm
- Nov. 22 Feast Day 11:30am
- Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

Scrip

Our next scrip order will be due Nov.7th by 11am. This is a great way to order gift cards for holiday gift giving or for your own shopping list.

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From Ute's Desk:



It is my hope to clarify a few items. These pertain to certain policies that we must re-enforce. The policies have either been dictated by the state, or our school board wrote them. Please help us by following 'these rules':

1. About Medication: All meds must be stored and signed in at the school office. It must be specifically prescribed for your child. It has to be in its original container. The parent / guardian must give the first dosage to the child. We are not permitted to give any medication 'as needed'. If your child needs Tylenol, for example, you have to write down at what time and how much we are to give. Even medication that has to be taken five days in a row has to be signed in each day. The center is not required by law to administer any medication. We are willing to provide this service as a convenience to the parent. But if we agree to administer the meds, then the law requires us to follow those rules.
2. About Food: LCCC serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. If your child has to miss any meal, because of late arrival, or appointments, please provide a meal to your child outside the center. It does not seem like a big deal to carry in a pop tart, hamburger, or Capri sun, etc., however, please try to look at the big picture: some of our children have severe food allergies and may have a dangerous reaction just being close to certain items; or they may pick-up a leftover piece of something. Also, we are part of the federal food, health and wellness program. Any type of 'junk food' is not permitted at a licensed facility anymore. Besides, it is considered rude to drink a milkshake in front of others who have to be content with a cup of water, right? We totally understand that many children eat, or drink, in the car during the ride to the center. It is difficult to leave it in the car if they are not finished by the

time they arrive. However, because of the reasons mentioned above, please refrain from bringing it inside.

3. About Toys: It is against the rules to bring in toys from home. It causes conflict within the classroom. For example: Johnny brings in his toy. He directs who may play with it, and who may not ... instant conflict and tears. Personal toys get broken, lost, and are often not appropriate for the center. Please help us to avoid this type of conflict by leaving toys in the car. If you choose to allow your child to bring in a personal toy, the staff member has to put it away. Your child knows that! It is important to teach children that rules apply to everyone!
4. About Outside Time: It seems harmless to suggest leaving your child inside today, because she/he has a cold, etc. However, outside time is part of the program. If your child is unable to 'go with the flow', he/she may not be well enough to be at the center. Please understand, that *someone* has to stay with your child while the rest of the class is outside, including the teacher. There are times when it is impossible to provide one-on-one care. Fresh air is one of the best things for everyone. With appropriate clothing, outside time will only keep us more healthy longer.
5. About a change of clothing: Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothing, including underwear, socks and shoes, shirt and pants appropriate for the weather and place them in a ziplock bag to keep at the center. These items should be replaced when used.

Policies are often developed because of past experiences. They are designed to improve the overall quality of any organization. A policy that is not followed becomes a 'rule without meaning'.

Thank you for all of your help

November Chapel Offering Details:

This month and next we will sponsor families in need for Christmas. A list of items was sent home with your child, if you need a list please call the office.

A big thank you for all your efforts with the backpack program last year, we were able to donate 6 big boxes of food!!!

What's coming up in your child's class...?

2 & 3 year old classrooms

Ms. Kathy's 2 year olds

We will be learning about money and time. We will also discover zoo animals. In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be working on our manners. Our shape of the month will be rectangle and , as always, we will work on our colors, numbers, and ABC's.

Ms. Melanie's 3 year olds

November already! This year is flying by. We were so excited that our Grandparents and Parents joined us for our fall party and lunch. In November, we will learn about Pilgrims and Native Americans. We will take a closer look at the first Thanksgiving. We will prepare a dish for our very own Thanksgiving feast with the school. Thank you to all who have donated items for our school activities already, without you these functions would not be possible.

Ms. Susie's News

4 year old classrooms

In the month of November we will be very busy. We will do a lot of crafts and I will post them on the wall. We will be learning about manners and the meaning of old time Thanksgiving. Be sure to check your child's folder everyday.

Ms. Debi's Class:

October was a fun time, especially when we had our Grandparents Day, and Costume Party "Get Togethers"! November should be a fun month when we discuss many different things. These areas will include reviewing our Manners, talking about Children's Authors, and our holiday - Thanksgiving. We will be going over our traditions, talk about all our Blessings, and doing some craft activities which we will use for our school "Feast" on Tuesday, November 22nd. This is always a fun time for the whole school. More information about this will be forthcoming. God is good. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We are all looking forward to December and all the events that will take place, especially remembering that "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season".

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Happenings

The students are working hard and learning soooo much! I am very proud of them. Each one is making fantastic progress. Now that it is November, it is a special time we set aside to give thanks to God for the wonderful blessings He has given. There are 16 special blessings in my classroom for which I am especially thankful. I thank God for them everyday. I would also like to thank you parents for sharing your child with me. Also thank you for the support you give to me from chaperoning to a

"good morning" in the halls. You are a very important part of what makes our classroom a success. This month we will learn about blessings. The very first Thanksgiving, prepare for a school Thanksgiving Feast. It will be a "Thank Full" month. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you at our first Parent/Teacher conference. Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.



There will be no school on Nov. 8th and Nov. 23, 24, 25. Child care will be closed Nov. 24 and 25.

Feast Day: November 22nd

All the children, 2 yr olds-7th grade

Parent Teacher Conferences is Nov. 8th for students in K-7th grade. Please contact the office if you did not receive a time to meet with your child's teacher

will celebrate in a Thanksgiving feast. Each classroom will make a special dish to share. More info about your child's class will be coming home. Parents are needed to help serve.

Mrs. Knea's 3rd and 4th Grade News

O Give Thanks Unto the Lord! November is the month we take time to think about our many blessings. We sometimes do not realize all the many blessings we have. When we think about the Pilgrims, who thanked God for their blessings on that first Thanksgiving, we see how many more blessings we have. I pray we all take time to stop and think about our many blessings.

This month in religion we are learning about how Jesus brings us salvation. This is great joy for all people. Jesus was born as a humble baby and came to show his love. Then He died and rose again for everyone.

In math this month both the second and third grade are developing skills for using math in their lives.

In reading we are practicing our reading skills and strategies. Second grade is focusing on subtraction of 2-digit number. Third grade is working with time and data and graphing.

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In social studies we are learning about communities and how the geography of their area affects them.

In science we are learning how living things interact.

There are many exciting events during the month of November. We have the Volksmarch and the Thanksgiving feast. We celebrate Thanksgiving. Volleyball will also be this month.

Have a great month.

PTL

Spirit Day

The next PTL meeting is scheduled for Tues. Nov. 9th at 7pm

Please be sure to attend if possible, we will be finalizing plans for the Volksmarch.

11/15 Chick Fil A Spirit Night 5-9pm