



DSECC News



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DIAMOND STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Dear Parents,

During November, all classrooms at Diamond Street offer parent teacher conferences. This is an excellent opportunity to share your insights about your child's development with his/her teacher. She can discuss his/her latest assessment and her classroom observations. To quote Laura Ramirez, author of Keeper of the Children, "When parents and teachers work together, a child has a team of adults committed to bring out his best." This is a team we can all cheer for!

Happy Thanksgiving to all the Diamond Street families.

Cathy Stephens

Site Director



Parent Appreciation Days!

Thanks for all you do for your children! Be sure to stop by the kitchen for a cup of coffee and a pastry when you drop off your child:

Wednesday, November 9th DSECC main campus

Thursday, November 10th DSECC on 11th

Community Food Drive

Until November 18th, we will be collecting food for Ephrata Area Social Services. There is a particular need for the following items:

Tuna, canned meats (beef stew, spam, etc.), rice, mixed vegetables, jelly, and pancake mix.

(Please **no glass containers!**)

Please place items in the designated box in the office! *Thank you for your support and for helping to fill their shelves!*



November Calendar

Nov. 4	Bookmobile
Nov. 7 – 18	Community Food Drive
Nov. 9	Main Campus Parent Appreciation Day
Nov. 10	11th Street Parent Appreciation Day
Nov. 10 & 11	Full Day Eagles No PreK/Orioles - Conferences
Nov. 24 & 25	DSECC Closed Happy Thanksgiving!

Warbler Room (Infants)

Can it really be November already? Soon it will be too cold to stay outside for very long, so the Warblers are enjoying the sunny days of fall while they last.

During the month of November we will be talking and learning about turkeys and Thanksgiving. Keep your eyes open for our turkey bulletin board and other art projects throughout the month.

Please make sure your child has a seasonal change of clothes with them every day. Thanks for keeping us posted on the changing needs of your child.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ms. Kelly M, Ms. Mindy & Ms. Ruthie

Bluebird Room (Older Infant)

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for sharing their children with us.

During the month of November the Bluebirds will focus on learning through Our Five Senses. Our activities will include a tasting week (more information to come soon), texture collages, and coloring with cinnamon sticks on sand paper.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Amy, Ms. Michelle & Ms. Joanne S.

Robin Room (Toddlers)

Crisp, cool days and thoughts of the holidays make the Robins and their teachers a happy bunch! We love playing outside and going for walks on nice fall days, so please remember warm coats and hats!

This month will find us focusing on some old familiar nursery rhymes which will lead us to farms, turkeys, and then Thanksgiving.

Please do not forget a set of seasonal clothes in your child's hall box in case of accidents or spills. Let us know of your potty training practices at home, or any other concerns you may have, so we can all be on the same page.

Thanks for your support at our open house and also for your contributions to our classroom fall festival party. Happy November!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Joanne, Ms. Barb, Ms. Sue & Ms. Dolly

Hummingbird Room

It's turkey time already! The holidays are beginning. November is here!

The beginning of the month we will spend time talking about numbers. We will concentrate on recognizing numbers 1 – 5 for the younger ones and numbers 1-10 (or more) for the older ones. We will also be counting objects.

After that, we will travel back in time with the pilgrims as we learn all about the first Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful.

The last week we will learn about what goes on inside our bodies. Our hearts, muscles, bones and more will be investigated.

Thank you, parents, for working with us on potty training your child. As always we strive to make it a positive, exciting milestone. Let us know how it is

going at home and how we can work together on this.

Special Days:

Bike Days – Nov. 4 & 16

Show and Tell – Nov. 8 & 17

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Suzy

Cardinal Room

The Cardinals have had a nature-filled last few weeks as we learned about the life cycles of an oak tree, dissected a bean to identify the parts inside, and even planted our own bean seeds. We will be observing and recording the growth in the next few weeks.

The Cardinals will be beginning the month of November with a unit on Space. As the weather is getting colder outside, please remember to dress your children with the appropriate winter gear. Also, please remember to sign up for a Fall conference on the sheet outside the Cardinal Room.

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Nicole & Ms. Pat

Orioles

Fall is upon us and the Orioles are busy learning about pumpkins, gourds, and goblins! Thank you to all who participated in our field trip to Brook Lawn Farms. All of the children had a really good time. Field trips are such a wonderful way to bring learning to life and provide real, authentic experiences for your children.

Also, thank you to all who donated our “wish list” items. We are well stocked with Twistables, markers, stickers, pencils, duct tape, and our prize box is full!

I want to remind all of you that our Parent meeting/night will be held at the Ephrata Public Library on November 3. Attendance at these meetings is required. You may choose between two different times for your convenience. Meetings are held from 2-3 PM or from 6-7 PM. I will be attending the evening meeting so I will look for you there. Please sign up outside the

classroom so I know whom to look for!

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 10 and 11. Please sign up to schedule your conference.

November brings Thanksgiving and we are reminded of all of the wonderful things we are to be thankful for that day and every day. I am truly thankful to you for sharing your children with us. I am blessed to be their teacher and Ms. Sumathi and I love them as our own. Enjoy these next few weeks of Autumn weather and gazing at the beautiful colored leaves!

Ms. Lori & Ms. Sumathi

Preschool

Gobble, Gobble! Turkeys will be invading our classroom this month when we talk about Thanksgiving. We look forward to sharing the holidays with your children. November's literacy theme is Markets & Food. The new author for November and December is Donald Crews. Be sure to check his books out at the library when you go. Parent/Teacher conferences are on the 10th and 11th. Be sure to check out the sign-up sheet that will be posted to schedule your conference.

We also welcomed a few new friends to our class. **Wynona** joined our PM class, and we are thrilled to add a girl to our class. Bella (bird) and our new little Roborovski Hamster joined us as well. Bella may not be staying (will visit frequently), because the temperature is a little too chilly for her on the weekends, but the hamster will be staying.

Ms. Dede & Ms. Joanne S.

Kindergarten

I can't believe it is November, and we are 3 months into Kindergarten already! The kindergarteners have been doing a great job with the transition to a full day of school.

This month we will continue to talk about our letters, letter sounds, and sight words. We have also begun reading books that contain many of our learned sight words. The children LOVE reading, especially when they recognize the words on their own! Learning to read is a very exciting time for your child - I encourage you to read with your child on a daily basis. In math we will discuss ordering numbers and graphing. We will focus our meeting time and art projects around scarecrows, the five senses, and Thanksgiving.

I would like to remind you to send in a drink and all utensils needed for your child's lunch every day. Have a wonderful month, and enjoy spending time with your family as the holiday season approaches!

Miss Molly

Eagles

As I change the clothes in my closets to my warmer attire, I think of the up and coming holiday season. We kicked off the season with the annual Fall Festival. Many of the Eagles still talk about the balloon man, the magician, and “conking the crow”! Thanks for making the festival a success.

With the approaching holiday we also will have a change in seasons. Please be sure that your child has the proper clothing for walking in cold and wet weather.

Teacher conferences and in-service days are coming up in November. Akron and Brownstown will have several early dismissals and days off this month. Our Eagle program will run as usual with fun and educational activities for those “special” days.

Thank you for your continued support of the new center. I hope you have noticed that an in-house dehumidifier system has been installed which has improved the air quality of our center.

Ms. Sandi, Ms. Tina, Ms. Nami & Ms. Dolly