



Clifton Park Nursery School

"The Little Red Schoolhouse"

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Co-Chair Message

Dear CPNS Families,

We hope your school year is going well. We are excited to have you all with us and want to remind you that if you have any questions or concerns, the members of the Executive Board are here to help.

In the next few months we have many activities scheduled such as the Preschool PTA Adult Program, the Men's Pumpkin Carving, and Pot Luck Dinner with Elections. Please remember to check the bulletin boards and your mailboxes in the cubby room for more information.

Nominations for mid-year executive board positions will also be open starting mid-October. We will be looking for a Co-Treasurer, a Co-Registrar, and a Co-Chair. If anyone is interested or if you know someone

who may be interested, please contact either of the Co-Chairs for more information.

Just a reminder, now that the cold weather is on its way, please check that you have a change of "weather appropriate" clothes in your child's backpack. Also, Mrs. Adams will take the children outside as long as it is not raining. So, don't forget those hats, gloves, etc.!

Once again, we hope your child and you are enjoying CPNS and if you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,
 Tina and Jill



Play and Learn

A cornerstone of the program at Clifton Park Nursery School is a belief that pre-school children learn their most important developmental skills best through play. These are the social and pre-subject area skills that will help them be good learners later in life. Learning through play also helps them to learn to like school-a foundation parents and teachers both appreciate. The following learning connections were taken from an article by Joni Levine.

Circle Games-Large motor skills, creativity, cooperation and spatial concepts.

Pretend Play-Social skills, cooperation, turn taking, sharing, language and vocabulary development, imaginative expression, emotional expression.

Puzzles-Problem solving, abstract reasoning, shapes, spatial concepts.

Block Building-Cooperation, turn taking, sharing, and a foundation for more advanced science comprehension including gravity,

stability, weight, balance.

Sand Box Play-Measuring, problem solving, fine motor skills, sharing.

Coloring/Painting/Crafts-Creativity, emotional and imaginative expression, symbolic representation, fine motor skills.

Finger Play/Songs-Language development, fine motor skills, counting, coordination, self-esteem.

Cooking/Concoctions-Pre-math skills, counting, measuring, nutrition, prediction and cause and effect.

Executive Board

Barbara

Teacher

Jill

Tina

Co-Chairpersons

Jennifer

Vice-Chair

Jennifer

Treasurer

Annemarie

Registrar

Jennifer

Kristi

Fundraising

Tricia

Secretary

WELCOME TO OUR STUDENT TEACHERS:

Caitlin will be in on Tuesdays for the 3 am class and Jayme will be in Fridays for the 4 am class. Both are students in Early Childhood Education at HVCC and will be with us through December.



A HEALTHY SCHOOL

Cold and flu season is upon us. This provides an opportunity to reinforce good hygiene habits when you are Helping Parent as well as at home. Of course, frequent hand washing is key, as is teaching by example. Try to see that the children are using soap and water, and rubbing their hands as to the count of 20. Show children how to sneeze or cough into their elbow. Be sure that you know where tissues are and share them with the children. Have children wash their hands, the table or a toy if they have sneezed or put it in their mouth.

Please be considerate of other children if your child is sick. If a child has a runny nose or cough, s/he should not come to school. Children with a fever should remain home for at least 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal. If your child contracts a communicable disease (strep throat, lice, chicken pox..), contact the teacher or co-chair immediately. The teacher may call parents to take their child home if she feels the child is too sick to be in school.

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Fundraising Thanks

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the Sally Foster/Entertainment Book fundraiser! We raised approximately \$2200. Yippee!

We have about 15 Entertainment Books left to be sold. Contact Kristi or Jen if you would like one.

In the past we have done Family Fun nights a few times a year as a way to build the CPNS community and raise money. These were often at restaurants or family activities. If you have any connections to help with a Family Fun night place, please contact Kristi or Jen.

Remember that it is never too late to start collecting donations for the Auction. October, November and December are busy shopping and dining out times. If you keep a Merchant Letter in your wallet, you can ask about a donation while you are out and about.

Upcoming Elections

Our upcoming Pot Luck Dinner on November 21 is a great social event, and an official General Membership Meeting which all parents are expected to attend. One of the items of business we will take care of is to elect a new Co-chair, Co-Treasurer and 4-year-old Registrar. We are counting on the parents of our 2 and 3 year old children to take these positions as they run for a full year; from December 15, 2009 until December 14, 2010. Being a member of the executive board is a really rewarding experience. Here are some of the things you might gain from taking an executive board position:

- *Making friends with other board members and parents.
- *Letting your children know that their education is important because they witness your involvement first hand.
- *Having a voice in the policies, procedures and events that directly effect your child's education.
- *And, of course, it looks good on your resume.

Our cooperative cannot run without our parents as members of the executive board. It is vital that the parents of children who will be at Clifton Park Nursery School next year take these positions. Please consider this opportunity to contribute to your child's education. A Call for Nominations will be posted on the bulletin. If you would like more information about each position, please contact the current position holder:

Co-Treasurer – Jenny
Co-Registrar – Annemarie
Co-Chair – Tina

News, Reminders and Information

“Little Red School House” tee-shirts and sweatshirts are for sale. We have kids and adult sizes. Contact Co-Chair Tina Mueller if you would like to purchase one.

will consider having only one helping parent in the 3 am class, except when there are special events.

Carle. Find out more about this program at www.readfortherecord.org.

Please check that your child has warmer extra clothes in her backpack and hats & gloves as needed.

Now is a good time to take a look at the Parent Handbook section of your red binder. Be sure to ask Mrs. Adams or the co-chairs if you have any questions.

Does your child keep asking you what Monday is??? Here are the days and foods to Eric Carle’s book *Today is Monday*:

- Monday-String Beans
- Tuesday-Spaghetti
- Wednesday-Zoop
- Thursday-Roast Beef
- Friday-Fresh Fish
- Saturday-Chicken
- Sunday-Ice Cream

Be sure to check your Helping Parent schedule as they may be changing. Come November, we

The 3 am class participated in the Jumpstart Read for the Record program on October 8 by reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric

Read the Calendar on page 4 carefully as it is also full of “News, Reminders and Information”!



Registration Packets for 2010-2011 are available in the Registration section of our website: www.cliftonparknurseryschool.org or in the Registrar box at school. Be sure to submit your complete application to save

A Cooperative Spirit

WORKDAY # 2

The following families are scheduled for our second workday on November 7, 2009 from 9 to noon.

Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions regarding Workdays

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks so very much to Jack Grandma for the *Little Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* puppet! Also, thanks to Tina for all her help getting us new boats!

Housekeeping	Buildings & Grounds
10/10	10/10-10/16
10/17	10/17-10/23
10/24	10/24-10/30
10/31	10/31-11/6
11/7	11/7-11/13
11/14	11/14-11/20
11/21	11/21-11/27
11/28	11/28-12/4

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

OCTOBER

14	Adult Preschool PTA Program: 7:00 pm, Gifted Education; What You Need to Know for Your Preschooler. Free at the Tesago Cafeteria
15	Nominations/Amendments Due: Anyone interested in Co-Chair, Registrar or Treasurer position for December 09 to December 2010 should sign up at the board at school. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws should be given to Jennifer s.
20	School Meeting: 6:30 pm at CPNS. All parents encouraged to attend.
21	Field Trip: 9:30 & 1:00 at the Fire Station on Fire Rd. Look for sign up sheet on the bulletin boards. Meet at the Fire Station. Siblings are welcome.
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24	Men's Pumpkin Carving: 10:30 at the Clifton Parks Elks Club pavilion. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards. Remember your pumpkin!
29	Halloween Costume Parade: 10:30 & 2:00 for 2 & 3 year olds. Families welcome. Look for an invitation to come home with your child. Bring your camera!
30	Halloween Costume Parade: 10:30 & 2:00 for 4 year olds. Families welcome. Look for an invitation to come home with your child. Bring your camera!

NOVEMBER

1	Tuition Due
4	'10- '11 In House Registration: Registration for current 2/3 year olds moving to 3/4 year old classes next year. Go to our website or contact Annemarie for more info.
7	Workday #2: 9 - 12 at CPNS
11	No School : Veterans day.
12	Parent-Teacher Conference,/No School : Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board. Conferences will also take place on December 3.
17	Field Trip: 9:30 & 1:00 with the Robinson's Animal Show at the Shenendahowa United Methodist Church. Look for sign up sheet on the bulletin boards. Meet at the Church. Siblings are welcome, but will need to be paid for separately.
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21	Pot Luck Dinner & Elections: 5-7
23	Thanksgiving Feast: 10:30 & 2:00 for 4 year olds. Families invited. Look for an invitation to come home with your child.
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25	No School: Thanksgiving Recess. School resumes November 30.