



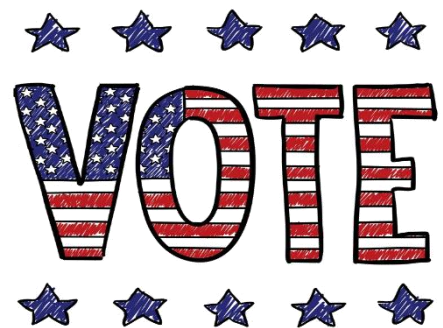
## The Giving Nest Preschool November Newsletter

### Fall Student Updates:

We hope you enjoyed our Back to School Night Presentations. We have lots of fun things planned for November and the coming months. We hope you have been keeping up with our Monthly Newsletters as well as the Class "Tweets" and Calendars. In November we will be sending home a **Fall Student Update** for the Cardinals, Bluebirds Ducklings and Chickadees. This update is to let you know how your child is adjusting to school. A more formal progress report will be sent home in January, and we will be sending sign-ups for individual conferences at that time. Any questions or concerns please email us at [directorsnp@givingnestpreschools.com](mailto:directorsnp@givingnestpreschools.com).

### Red, White & Blue Day

This year in honor of election day we invite our whole school to show their patriotic spirit by dressing up in **Red**, **White**, and **Blue** on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> (check your child's class calendar). On Election Day we will have the children cast their votes. All classes will be able to vote in the Giving Nest voting booth in their classroom just as in previous years. In keeping with the voting spirit, each child will be invited to fill out his/her "Mail In Ballot" and drop his/her ballot in the ballot box in the voting booth. Once all votes are in, the teachers will count the votes and announce who the class has chosen! Each class votes for something different. The children may vote on their favorite candy or favorite mascot, maybe even their favorite pet. Stay tuned for the results and pictures of this patriotic event!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> - Fall Student Updates go home in your child's folder
- November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> - No School-we are following the public-school schedule in our area.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Dismissal - Half Day, All Students, no aftercare
- November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup> - No School - Happy Thanksgiving



## Bluebird, Cardinal and Kindergarten Friendsgiving Fun!

"We are thankful for our family, our friends at school and the food we eat." These are important thoughts as well as the words to one of our November songs. During November the children will spend time talking about the special things in their lives, which make them feel thankful.



The children in the Bluebird, Cardinal and Kindergarten classes are going to have a yummy Friendsgiving Feast with their friends in the large meeting room. In November, the children in these classes will be learning about the Fall Harvest and will come to the feast dressed as tiny turkeys, cute corn on the cobs and delicious pumpkin pie. To celebrate friendships at the feast, they will exchange friendship necklaces with each other and sing Giving Nest November songs.

To help make this meal more festive we will be sending out a sign up for parents to bring in a hearty November meal - Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn, Buttered Rolls, etc... It would be wonderful if your children could help you prepare what you bring in to share with our friends. The teachers will supply the turkey!

## Fall Fundraisers

The children have been hard at work in their classrooms creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces for our "Art to Remember" fundraiser. This company offers an array of keepsake items that can be ordered which will feature your child's original artwork. All fundraising monies raised will be going toward purchasing items for the classrooms.

We will be sending you a link and a code to view your child's artwork and place orders. If you place your order by November 12<sup>th</sup>, you will get free shipping if you select 'ship to school' at checkout. We will also send an email with all the information.

## Looking Ahead to December

**The "Giving Tree"** - November at the Giving Nest marks the start of our "Giving Tree". More information on this program will be sent out the first week in December. Please check your child's folder on that date.

**Holiday Kids Shoppe** - The second week of December the large meeting room will be transformed into a gift boutique. This is a special shop; it is not gifts for the children but gifts the children can buy for mom, dad, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. , each item is only \$3.00. It is a magical time at the Giving Nest when the Holiday Shoppe opens its doors. The children become little adults shopping at specialty 'stores'; clutching the money in their hands as they examine the items. After much thought and deliberation each child excitedly chooses the perfect gift for a special loved one. The children count out two dollars for the shopkeeper. She takes the money and gift wraps the special surprise.

In mid-November you will receive a form asking for whom your child will be buying gifts (limit 5 per child). Please fill this out and return it to the Giving Nest with payment in singles. We will then ask our volunteers to shop the local dollar stores for gift items using the forms we received so that we know how many gifts and what gifts to buy. We will request all forms and payment by November 14<sup>TH</sup>. This year we will be able to have parents in to volunteer and come in to help as personal shoppers. We will be sending the information and requirements for signing up to volunteer soon.

**Adopt-a-Family** - Tis the Season of GIVING at the Giving Nest! Initiated by the HEARTS of WATCHUNG, the Adopt-a-Family is a wonderful program where we have the opportunity to help out a family in need during the holidays. The Hearts of Watchung, led by Cindy Homer, is a non-profit group and through their collaborative relationship with Family and Community Services of Somerset County (FCS) donates to families of need throughout the year. The Giving Nest has been adopting families for over a decade and it really makes a difference for a family experiencing hardships. We learned adopted families in years' past were overwhelmed by the generosity of our donations and called our gifts "a miracle" Hearts with our family's wish list items will be on display in the hallway. Each heart will list specifically who and what is wished for. Please consider taking a heart and fulfilling the family members wish. ALL GIFTS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.



## Flu Shots!

Reminder-Flu Shots are required by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please send in your child's record to the office so we can update your child's immunization file.

## Warm clothes for Playground Fun!

The cold weather will soon be upon us. The children will continue to visit the playground as long as the weather permits. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather including sturdy shoes, hats, scarves, and mittens.



The children love to play outdoors, and it is healthy for them to be out in the fresh air. Remember, the children go outside twice a day. We will keep the children in only if it is raining, snowing, sleeting or the temperature drops below 32° Fahrenheit.

Have a Healthy and  
Happy Thanksgiving!