

PARENTS COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
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#### **DIRECTORS CORNER**

# **Give Thanks for Giving**

When we think of Thanksgiving, we frequently turn to thoughts of autumn, food, friends and family, all of which bring us comfort and feelings of gratitude. As parents, we try to teach our children about the true meaning of being thankful and help them to internalize our family values.

One of those values is often that of community service. Teaching your child how to care for their community at an early age will help them to develop empathy for others, appreciation for life and leadership skills. Here are just a few ways to get your children involved:

- Take part in a family run/walk before your Thanksgiving festivities begin. The money collected for those typically goes towards a great cause. Talk to your child about how the money will be used.
- If your child loves animals, why not encourage him or her to make a donation to the Humane Society at this time? Children as young as 13 can even volunteer their time.
- Coats for Kids is a great way for your child to understand what it means to be thankful for the necessary items in life. Help your child donate warm winter clothing this season.
- Younger children can do something as simple as making art to take to a local nursing home or bringing some food to an elderly neighbor.
- Have your child help you pick out some healthy food items to donate to a local food bank.
- The most effective way to get your child involved in doing something good is to be a positive role model yourself. Let your child see you volunteering your time and resources this Thanksgiving.

### **COFFEE SALE FORMS ARE DUE MONDAY!!!**

This is the second of our three "Family Five Fundraisers" this year. There is only one more time this year you will be asked to sell for the school. Please help us reach our goal of 5 bags of coffee per family. We all know that coffee makes a great holiday gift, so we can expect our orders to be in by December 16th. Checks can be made out to PCP. Thank you for your support!

The Very Hungry Caterpiller Field Trip forms are due by **Tuesday, December 3**<sup>rd</sup>. Remember, tickets for this one are limited, so turn it in right away if you know you'd like to go.



As the weather turns colder, this is just a reminder that we follow the Fort Atkinson school district when it comes to school closings. If you see that the district will be having a snow day, PCP will also be closed. If the school district will be closing early, we will have no PM program.

### **DONTATIONS/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

\*We are looking for people to donate Holiday wrapping paper for wrapping books at our Scholastic Book Fair

\*I am in need of one (or two) volunteers who can be this year's elf at our Holiday Sing-A-Long! The elf will help Santa hand out the gifts. I will need the elf on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am. Know of anyone interested???

### **OUR FAVORITE BOOKS THIS WEEK:**

The Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Trapani
Thanks for Thanksgiving by Margaret
Sutherland
Pete the Cat: The First Thanksgiving by
James Dean
Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano

# **Upcoming Dates:**

**November 25,** Coffee Orders Due **November 25, 26** Taste-giving Feasts (check family board calendar for your child's date)

November 27-28, No School-<u>Happy</u> Thanksgiving!

December 9-12, Scholastic Book Fair

## **Birthdays:**

11/26 Eli B.

11/28 Bradyn W.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to PCP! You will be able to visit the book fair:

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

10:45-11:30am <u>Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup></u> 7:45-8:30am

10:45-12:30pm

Wednesday, December 11th

7:45-8:30am

10:45-12:30pm

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

7:45-8:30am

11:45-12:30pm

Don't forget: This is an opportunity for you to purchase your child's book from Santa for the Holiday Sing-A-Long. We will gift wrap!



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TO THE BALDRY FAMILY,
THE BAUMGARTNER FAMILY
AND THE EVENSON FAMILY!
THEY WERE OUR TOP SELLERS FOR OUR
RAFFLE AND WILL BE RECEIVING A GIFT CARD
TO A PLACE OF THEIR CHOICE. THANK YOU
FOR YOUR EFFORTS!!!