

November 2017



Lou, Helena and the other Penguins had some sensory fun with pumpkins, pumpkin seeds and pumpkin puree!

Family Thanksgiving Lunch

Please plan on joining us on Thursday, November 16 for our annual Thanksgiving Family Lunch. Parents, grandparents and other special guests are welcome. There will be sign-up sheets in the classrooms. It is extremely important that we know exactly how many people will be joining your child(ren) for this special lunch. Seating charts are made up for those in attendance. We welcome all to attend, but we cannot have visitors coming who haven't been signed up ahead of time. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall at noon.

Closings

TLC ELC will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will also be closed on December 25th and January 1st (these are Mondays).

Christmas Dance Recital

Save the date, Friday, December 15 at 11:00 am we will have our Christmas Dance Recital. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc...are invited!

Black Friday and Holiday Shopping

Tis the season to go shopping...AND support TLC ELC. The easiest way to complete both of these tasks is to order SCRIP gift cards! Orders are due every Wednesday by 10am and you will receive your gift cards by the following Monday. In order to receive gift cards for your Black Friday shopping, please place your order by November 15. Consider purchasing Cub, Target, or Walmart gift cards to use to purchase your

Thanksgiving meal. Do you complete a lot of your shopping online? Consider purchasing Amazon.com gift cards to use toward your online purchases. And of course don't forget that gift cards make great gifts, for co-workers, hard to buy for relatives, teachers, those who have helped you in special ways, etc. by ordering your gift cards through our fundraiser you will save yourself the trouble of running to multiple stores.

There are two ways to order gift cards.

- 1-Pick up an order form by the parent bulletin board, fill out the order form and attach a check or cash and place in the wooden box in the office by Wednesday at 10am. Your gift cards will be handed to you by the following Monday.
- 2-Enroll in our Presto Pay program and you will be able to purchase gift cards at ANY time from your computer or phone. Many gift cards will be available to you immediately, and money will be taken out of your checking account. No need to worry about the Wednesday deadline or worry about handing in an order form.

We also have a number of gift cards on hand at TLC for you to purchase. Applebee's, Amazon, AMC, Cub, Chipotle, Kohls, Caribou, Starbucks, Walmart and more are available to purchase any day. For a complete list of gift cards on hand, please see the list on the parent bulletin board.

If you would like more information about this fundraiser or help with enrolling in Presto Pay, please see Renee (Aardvark teacher) or Katie (Duck Tail teacher).

And as always, remember that TLC ELC splits the profits you earn with YOU. You can use this money to pay for your child's field trip costs, put the money towards tuition, or use it to purchase more gift cards.

Parent Testimonial on SCRIP:

I started using SCRIP for basic things (Cub Foods, Target), and then started to plan my budget more so I could purchase SCRIP cards for other things I'd need (Carter's card for new winter jackets, Caribou cards for holiday gifts). I then let Frankie's grandparents know and now that purchases can be made online, that's been a great way for them to get involved!

This past summer, I was able to pay for just about all the field trips just with the money I earned through SCRIP! It's been a great way to fundraise for TLCELC and for us to make some extra money to use for field trips! With the new ability to buy them online, it couldn't be easier. I would highly recommend to give it a try if you haven't yet!

*Ann LaPorte
Chipmunk Room Parent*

Piano Lessons

Rob Meany (parent of two former TLC ELC kids) offers piano lessons here at TLC ELC, and currently has some openings for new students. Lessons are 30 or 60 minutes in length on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rob has over 15 years experience teaching at Schitt Music and enjoys working with students of all ages and skill levels. For more information or to schedule lessons, please contact Rob at rob@robmeany.com or 952-994-8172.

News from the Board

We have started this fall out on a strong financial positive note.

The Playground Committee will be meeting in November to give the board an update and prepare for

information to be given out at the State of the Center meeting in January.

We still need a few more parent volunteers to sit on the upcoming board, please contact Barb (952-884-7955 or bwigstadt@yahoo.com) if you want more information or are interested.

We are still looking to hire another full time teacher and a few high school aides.

Box Tops

The results of the October Vikings vs Packers Box Tops Challenge are in... and the winner is... THE GREEN BAY PACKERS! The Vikings collected a total of 522 Box Tops and the Packers collected a total of 625 for a grand total of 1,147 Box Tops! We will be adding those Box Tops with the other Box Tops collected from March until now and submitting a total of 2,373 Box Tops. This means TLC ELC earned \$237.30 from Box Tops. Thank you to all who clipped Box Tops. Please remember, this is an on-going fundraiser so you can bring in your Box Tops at any time.

Photo Viewing

Barb (with some help) will be showing your child's photos for purchasing the week of November 13th. There will have a sign up sheet. Please make sure you sign up. Her computer will only be here for the one week, which is the only way to view them. Everyone can see a preview on the parent bulletin board. For those of you who will be buying the cd with all the pictures, you can ask for that anytime and it can be made and handed out before the 13th of November.

Cold Weather

The cold weather is approaching, please be sure to send your child a coat, hat and mittens each day as we take the kids outdoors twice a day.

Keep Germs Away

A friendly reminder to please have your child wash their hands each morning before bringing them to their classroom. Cold and Flu season is nearing and this will help us keep the risk down.