

# September 2017



*Exciting day for these parents as they send their kids off to their first day of KinderPlus!*

## Welcome

Welcome to all of our new families. We are so happy you chose TLC ELC for your child, and we are looking forward to getting to know you all better.

## SCRIP

If you have not already signed up for PrestoPay to purchase your SCRIP gift cards, now is the time. SCRIP is offering free PrestoPay transactions the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a perfect time to join. For those of you unfamiliar with our SCRIP program, it is our on-going gift card fundraising program. When you hear the word "fundraising," you probably associate it with pestering friends and family to buy from your abundant supply of wrapping paper, tubs of cookie dough, and trinkets galore. The truth is, the majority of fundraisers out there revolve around selling overpriced products that most people could live without. Sure, they bring in money if people are buying from you, but they're never guaranteed to succeed. Scrip, on the other hand, offers big earnings with no selling— it's fundraising while you shop®! Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

There are also 3 ways you can purchase the actual gift cards at TLC:

- 1) You purchase gift cards from the cards that TLC has on hand at face value, and take them with you. (Great Lakes Scrip Company offers these cards at a reduced price. The difference is the profit that is split between the family and the center.
- 2) If you purchase the gift cards by Wednesday they will be ordered and be back to you within 7 days.
- 3) You can order gift cards online from your computer or phone. Some of these gift cards will be available immediately (a e-gift card sent to your phone or email) and plastic gift cards will be ordered and delivered within 7 days. If you choose this option, please enroll in PrestoPay.

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. For more information, please see Renee Gilmore in the Aardvark room.

## Heritage Days

Plan on joining us on Saturday, September 16 for the Bloomington Heritage Days parade. We need as many families to walk and ride with us as we can get. The parade kicks off at 10:30am, and this year we are closer to the front than towards the end. Our actual

number has changed a few times, but it is a low number, which is great for us. We decorate our ELC bus with banners and posters many kids sit in the bus and enjoy waving out of the windows (parents can too) and we have a convertible driven by Matt Thomas (one of our parents) that holds some special people. The rest of us walk the route. 2017 is the 5th year of the parade and will be the 3rd year that we are walking in it. It's a day of fun and we enjoy our participation in it.

### **Staff Training**

All staff attended CPR/Blood Borne Pathogens training on Thursday, September 31. We also had training on a variety of things that apply directly to the center. We also will be having Emergency Planning training before the end of September.

### **Immunizations**

MN state licensing requires that we have up-to-date immunization records for every child in our care. Please be sure that Barb has a copy of your child's most recent immunizations by September 15<sup>th</sup>. You can have your child's doctor fax the records to us at 952-884-2151 attn ELC. We thank you for this cooperation on this.

### **Children's Indoor & Outdoor Pictures**

Barb is doing the children's indoor and outdoor pictures again this year. The indoor pictures will be at TLC on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. You will be given a schedule on which day your child's photos will be taken. Siblings will have their photos together. If you have a TAC child (or children) and would like their photos taken, please see Barb. Time can be arranged for Thursday or Friday morning, before they leave for school, or Thursday afternoon, after school. It's important that you talk with Barb to get this set up.

Classroom outdoor photos are set up as follows:

Penguins and Turtles – please send an outfit you would like their photos taken in. We will grab a nice day the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> of September to go out and take their pictures.

Chipmunks – September 26<sup>th</sup> at Richardson Nature Center

Aardvarks – September 19<sup>th</sup> at Woodlake Nature Center

Duck Tails – September 12<sup>th</sup> at Moir Park

KinderPlus – September 21<sup>st</sup> at Centennial Lakes

### **Openings**

At the time of this newsletter we still have an opening in the Duck Tail room and the Aardvark room. We appreciate how you have supported us by promoting the program. Please continue to do so.

**Come walk with us in the Heritage Day Parade on September 16<sup>th</sup>!!!!**