



# Montessori

## NOVEMBER 2012-2013 News

### NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS



Joan Hayden



Carrie Kile

We want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who attended the Fall Family Festival. It is refreshing to be able to come together as community and simply have a good time.

Thank you, also, for continuing to help with school fundraisers, such as the candy bar sale and Red Robin Day. It is not our intention to overwhelm our families

with fundraisers, at the same time we need to raise enough funds for Peace that we are able to keep tuition increases at a minimum. We appreciate your understanding.

We are looking forward to participating in the spirit of giving this holiday season. Honoring all of our students during the Thanksgiving Feast is a tradition that we enjoy so much. We also ask all families and staff to be especially generous as we collect for Peace's adopted Christmas family. It is a humbling reminder of just how fortunate we are!

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

November 2012



### Picture Re-Take Day November 20!

If you are ordering for the first time this year, be sure to bring in a completed school picture order form. If you are having re-takes done--simply bring in the package that you ordered, and Lifetouch will replace the same package with the new pictures when they are complete.

### International Night!

Mark your calendar now for International Night, **December 21!** Come tour the world with your family, and still make it home to sleep in your own bed!

### Thanksgiving Feast

The Thanksgiving Feast is quickly approaching! **Wednesday, November 21**, all of the students will participate in a meal together, to celebrate how grateful we are for the friends we share here at Peace Montessori! On that Wednesday, lunch will be served to all students at 11:30. Half-day dismissal will be pushed to 12:00 in order to allow our half-day friends to join us for lunch as well--the rest of the school will dismiss at 3:30 per usual. If you would like to donate food, or your time on that morning, please see the sign-up sheets posted outside of your child's classroom. Thank you!

### Christmas Family

It is hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about Christmas--but, ready-or-not, here it comes! This year we have again partnered with the Allen County Christmas Bureau, and adopted a family in need from our community. This is an excellent opportunity to share our blessings with a family who would not otherwise be able to provide their own Christmas celebration. This year we are supporting a family of 6, with four pre-teen girls! I'm sure we will have fun gathering items for the children and household items to really bless this family! Each classroom has been assigned a member of the family, in addition to a few general household/grocery items. All donations need to be turned in before **November 30**. Finally, we will host a gift-wrapping party on **Saturday, Dec 1**. Wear your favorite holiday pajamas, bring in your favorite dish to share for a carry in brunch, we'll supply the Christmas music, and we will all wrap and label Christmas presents for our family! We hope you will be able to join us!

### School Shirt Orders

Order forms for school shirts are now available! Order forms need to be turned in with payment by **Tuesday, Dec 4**. (Additional forms are available at the front desk)



Alicia Purdy



Lisa Magsamen

## TODDLER 1

November is here and with it many things are happening in our classroom. Our themes this month are Turkeys and Harvest. With our Thanksgiving holiday approaching, we have started talking with our children about this upcoming holiday and the different things we do and eat to celebrate this day.

One of our newest and most popular works right now is "Whisking Bubbles". On a stationary table, we have a large bowl, and beside it a basket with a measuring cup, a large whisk, a small bottle of bubbles, and a small towel. The child puts on an apron and takes the measuring cup to the sink to fill with water. The water is carried back to the table and poured into the bowl. The child adds a small amount of soap into the bowl, and then uses the whisk to make bubbles. When finished whisking, the bowl is carefully carried to a sink and the water is poured out. The child returns the bowl to the table, and wipes the bowl dry with the towel. At this time, the child may choose to repeat this process again, or take off the apron for the next friend. This is a great opportunity for the child to work on walking carefully with water, and recognizing spills on the floor to clean up. Large arm movements are used for whisking the bubbles, and fine motor skills used for squeezing the soap from the bottle.

There is a new addition to our daily circle time--a calendar that allows the children to learn about the months of the year, the days of the week, and the weather. The children love helping the teachers put up the day of the week, the numeral for the day's date, and the weather box. We also talk at this time about upcoming events and holidays. It has been a great educational tool and we love to see the excitement from the children.

You may have heard your child singing a new song or two about turkeys. One of our turkey songs is "Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you?" This song has produced many laughs from our young ones. This is sung to the tune, "If you're happy, and you know it".

Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you? Gobble, gobble, gobble!

Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you? Gobble, gobble, gobble!

Mr. Turkey gobble gobbles, and his feet go wobble, wobble.

Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you? Gobble, gobble, gobble!

Thank you to all our VIP's who attended our VIP Day! The children had a wonderful time showing the classroom to his/her VIP, and the works he/she uses every day.

Please remember with our weather getting colder to bring heavier coats, hats, and mittens for your child. Weather permitting, we go outside every day.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday. And as always, thank you for sharing your child with us. We are truly thankful!



Jodie Zehner

## TODDLER 2

We would like to welcome Jacob to our class. We are so happy to have him here!

VIP day was a lot of fun! We loved seeing the joy the children had for showing off the works in the classroom. We enjoyed meeting all of the VIP's and we hope that they enjoyed their time here.



Carrie Johnson

Where has the time gone? We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Feast next week. Thank you in advance to all of our volunteers!

The children are busy making Thanksgiving place mats this week. They are turning tracings of their hands into turkeys and decorating them for use at our Thanksgiving Feast. We have been singing our Thanksgiving songs and the children are starting to sing along!

### Mr. Turkey

(to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

Gobble-gobble, gobble-gobble, says the bird.

Gobble-gobble, gobble-gobble, says the bird.

Mr. Turkey gobble-gobbles and his feet go wobble-wobble

Gobble-gobble, gobble-gobble, says the bird.

### Thanksgiving Day

(to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

Sweet cranberries, apple cider, pumpkin pie, pumpkin pie.

Turkey's in the oven. Company is coming. Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Day.

### I'm a Little Turkey

(to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little turkey, look at me. Fat and plump as I can be

Don't you try to catch me 'cause you see, I'll hide behind this old oak tree.

Happy Thanksgiving!



## PRIMARY 1

Months are flying by so fast. In October the children enjoyed the food prep. activity of butter spreading

on bread and crackers. It seemed to be everyone's favorite. This month we are cutting dill and sweet pickles. The children continue to learn more about grace and courtesy as they offer their cut pieces of pickles to other classmates. At lunch we are learning about politely asking for the water pitcher to be passed from one friend to another. All the children are modeling wonderful manners and patience with each other.

Please remember to have your child wear a warm coat, hat, and gloves as the weather is cooling off quickly. A few other reminders; to update your information in the office with any changes to work, home or phone and to send warm changes of clothes to keep in the classroom.

All About Me Week:

Nov. 12 to 16 is Grayson

Dec. 3 to 7 is Sophia

If you have not chosen a week for your child let me know when you would like to schedule it.

We will have the feast on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> more info will follow later.

Our theme for International night is Japan. (Dec. 21) I welcome any and all info you have on Japan.

Thank you for all the support you give Peace Montessori and our classroom. We had a wonderful turnout for VIP day. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did. Thank you to all the extra drivers for field trips and swimming. If you can volunteer to drive on Thursday mornings to and from the pool please let me know. Swimming for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students will continue for the next several weeks.

### Nutrition Note

*Go-to-snacks*...Peanut butter or almond butter on whole wheat toast, crackers or rice cakes...Apple slices and a mozzarella cheese stick...Hummus with baby carrots and whole wheat pita wedges...turkey and cheese cubes with whole wheat crackers...berries with Greek yogurt...Popcorn and milk.



## PRIMARY 2

October was such a busy month. We want to thank all of you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come in and meet with us for conferences. We enjoyed our talks and sharing our experiences and stories of your children. It was great to see all of you at the Fall Family Festival. The day was beautiful and we loved sharing all of our special talents with you as we performed to get released from the Incarceration Station!



Linda Vandemark Amy Becker

We want to welcome three new people to our classroom. Sarang and Harper are two new students in our classroom--we would also like to welcome our new afternoon classroom assistant--Kelly Whitehead! We are so glad to have these new friends in the classroom!

November is in full swing and proving to be just as busy. VIP Day was amazing! All of us felt a little like proud parents as we stood by and watched the children share our classroom with their special guest.

International Night is fast approaching and will be held on Friday, December 21. All of the classrooms have chosen a country to do an in-depth study of all aspects of the area including culture, history, climate, agriculture, exports, food, music, language etc. Our class has selected Egypt this year. We are really excited to learn about and share this country with our children. As always, we look to you parents and families for help as well. If you, or anyone you know has ever traveled to Egypt and has anything to share we would be so grateful. We are looking for money, pictures, clothing, books, artifacts or trinkets, menus, music etc. Let the Egyptian journey begin!

With the changing seasons please remember to send in warmer clothes to keep at school in case of spills or toileting accidents. Many of the children still have shorts in their bag of extra clothes.

Show and Tell letters for the next few weeks are:

Nov 12-16 Ff

Nov 19-21 Rr

Nov 26-30 Gg

Dec 3-7 Hh

Dec 10-14 Ii

Dec 17-21 Ll

Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and feeling so blessed to spend our days with your children. Thank you!

# ELEMENTARY



Carrie Kile



Neysa Hess

The elementary class would like to thank all of our V.I.P.'s that showed up last week. The kids were very excited to make gifts and show off their class. We are pleased to announce that we have a new student who has joined our community. We welcome Elliot and look forward to getting to know her better.



Rachel Thompson



Keri Wysong

The elementary class is studying Ancient Greece this year for our International Day celebration in December. Be sure to ask your child about Ancient Greece in the coming weeks. We look forward to learning all about this ancient civilization.

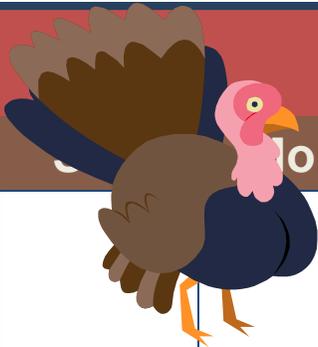
The Upper Elementary is working hard to finish their hikes for the Allen County Trailblazers program. We would like to thank Christine and Stacy for volunteering your time to come with us.

As the weather changes, please remember to send in extra clothes. We go outside as much as we can and often times return with wet or dirty clothes.

As always, we thank you for the opportunity to spend our days with your children.

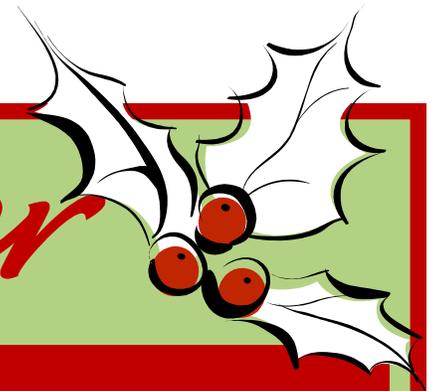
## UP-COMING EVENT CALENDARS

### November



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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4	5	6	8	9 <b>VIP Day</b> <i>All-school 11:30 dismissal</i>	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	
18	19	20 <b>Picture Re-Take Day!</b> <i>8:45 a.m.</i>	21 <b>Thanksgiving Feast</b> <i>11:30 a.m.</i>	22 <b>No school</b> <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	23 <b>No School</b> <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Christmas Family donations due</i>	Dec 1 <i>Gift Wrapping Party</i>

# December



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*Christmas Family Gift Wrapping Party*  
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*School Shirt Orders Due*

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*International Night*  
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*Winter Break*

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*Jan 1*

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*Winter Break*