



# THE GIVING NEST NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## *November Happenings at the Giving Nest... Thanksgiving...*

Halloween is soon to be over and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Holidays are very important to young children. At the Giving Nest, we celebrate all the holidays and try to make each one special and exciting. This month the children will be busy talking about the Mayflower, Pilgrims, Native Americans and remembering all the things for which they are thankful. The children will help the Mrs. Max read a Native American Indian story that uses Indian symbols to tell the story. We will also talk about the special things in our lives that make us feel thankful and how we can share our special talents and our time by helping others.

The Bluebird class will celebrate Corn, make corn bread and learn about corn harvesting. The Cardinal children will dress up as Pilgrims or Native American Indians and have a real Thanksgiving Feast complete with turkey and all the trimmings.

***The local Food Bank is requesting Thanksgiving food: Canned cranberries, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Canned corn or potatoes, Corn Bread Mixes, Canned Gravy or Apple juice among other dried or canned foods. We will host a food drive during each and every Sing time during the month of November.***

### January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Conferences will be held throughout the month of January – there will be school.

Bluebird progress reports go home – **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bluebird Conferences - **January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** -

Chick-a-dees, Ducklings & Cardinal progress reports go home – **January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Chick-a-dees, Ducklings & Cardinal Conferences – **January 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please review the progress report and bring it with you to your child's conference.



### **Throughout the Month of May – All Classes:**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held throughout the month of May and you will receive your child's progress report at the conference.



### ***Box Tops...***

*HOORAY! to all our families who are collecting Box Tops. This is such a simple way to help the school raise some extra money. Please continue to cut and have your child help you.*



**Don't  
Forget!**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES...**

**November 1 – 6** – Halloween Candy Drive *Help us to teach the children the joy of giving. Donate any unwanted or excess Halloween candy. Please remember to bring your sealed only candy to the Giving Nest by Wednesday, November 6th. There will be a decorated box in the hallway of the school. The candy will be donated to several local organizations including Operation Troops.*

- **November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** : Election Day in all the Classrooms!
- **November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** : There is No School!
- **November 12<sup>th</sup>**: Holiday Shopping orders are due.
- **November 21<sup>st</sup>** : Thanksgiving Feast for the Cardinal Classes J & K!
- **November 27<sup>th</sup>: Early Dismissal for ALL CLASSES AT 12:15 p.m. – there will be Early Care BUT NO AFTER CARE**
- **November 28<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>**: No School – HAPPY THANKSGIVING



***Teachers are always learning...***

*The Giving Nest staff from all five locations attended a very informative workshop on October 14<sup>th</sup>, at our North Plainfield school. Elizabeth Kenwell presented the staff with a workshop entitled: “Thinking Outside the Box, Creative Ways to Engage Children”. Fun learning was enjoyed by all!*



### **Warm Clothes for Playground Fun...**

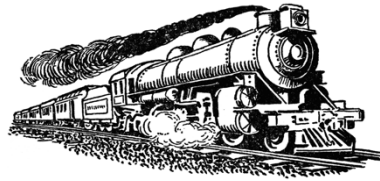
The children will continue to visit the playground as long, as the weather permits it. Please dress your children in appropriate clothing for the colder weather, including sturdy shoes, hats and mittens. The children love to play outdoors, and it is healthy for them to be out in the fresh air. We will keep the children in only if it is raining, snowing, sleeting or the temperature drops below 32° Fahrenheit. Please help us out and label all coats, hats, mittens, etc. with your child's name.

*Thank you...*



*-to all of you who have volunteered for our many committees.  
-For your donations and supporting the Kid's Stuff Coupon Books.  
-For your support of Little Lambs Cookies.*

## Full STEAM Ahead



### What **STEAM** Activities Will Be Happening in November?

#### **STEAM** Challenges:

##### All Classes:

1. Can you build a Turkey using cardboard tubes, construction paper, glue, scissors, tape, feathers and wiggle eyes?
2. Can you build the tallest tower that can hold your turkey?

##### Duckling, Bluebird, Cardinals:

1. Can you build a hideout for your turkey using blocks, paper and cardboard.

##### Bluebirds, Cardinals:

1. Can you create your own turkey automobile and see how far you can make your turkey travel using matchbox cars and tape?

##### Cardinals:

1. Can you build a parachute for your turkey to see how slow he can fall using a coffee filter, string, tape and a hole punch.



## Kids Holiday Shoppe

On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the Giving Nest Center Hall will be transformed into a gift boutique. This is a special shop; they are not gifts for the children but gifts the children can buy for mom, dad, grandparents and/or siblings. The best part is each item is only \$2.00. It is magical time at the Giving Nest when the Kids Holiday Shoppe opens its doors. The children become little adults shopping at six specialty stores; clutching the money in their hands as they examine the items and after much thought and deliberation excitedly choose 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. What will your child pick for you? It is such fun to find out. Parent volunteers are shopkeepers the day of the event. The week of November 4<sup>th</sup> 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 so our buyer can get busy stocking the Kids Holiday Shoppe with many fun surprises. We appreciate you returning your selections and money (all singles please so the children can count out the money) by November 11<sup>th</sup> so we have plenty of time to shop. We will need many volunteers, so please look out for the volunteer email being sent in November if you are able to help and sign up for an available slot.

*Have a warm and safe November and a Happy Thanksgiving!*

