

# November Newsletter

## A Note From the Office

We hope your children enjoyed their fall lessons, pumpkin themed activities and classroom celebrations last month. Seeing our students enjoy their Halloween costumes and fall attire is one of the highlights of the year for us. We were so impressed with everyone showing up and participating in Trunk or Treat! Thank you for allowing us to be part of these special occasions! This month we are focusing on gratitude and connecting with others. We have many special activities planned for our students and are looking forward to sharing photos with you all on Links 2 Home. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle, Peyton, and Britt

## IMPORTANT DATES



### Closed for Professional Development

Friday, November 12th



### Closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25th  
Friday, November 26th



### Parent Folders Go Home

November 30th

## Parent Survey Reminder

Our enrolled parent survey launched in October. If you have not received the email, please let us know so we can request it be resent. The survey provides the opportunity for you to give us feedback anonymously on our strengths and areas we can work on. Survey closes November 19.

## Classroom Thanksgiving Feasts

To celebrate Thanksgiving, our classrooms will be having a Thanksgiving feast on Thursday, November 18th during their regular lunch time. Due to current Covid protocols, we still cannot have families in the classrooms, but we are keeping our fingers crossed for next year!



If you'd like to participate this year, you may send a Thanksgiving dessert for your child's classroom to enjoy. Please make sure it is store bought and nut-free.

## Community Project with Facing Homelessness Denver

We want everyone to be aware of a community project that is in the works! We are in contact with an organization called Facing Homelessness to find out what their biggest needs are at the moment. Once we have that information, we will share with you all and let you know deadlines and procedures. Please see the following description of Facing Homelessness:

*Facing Homelessness began its journey in 2010, with a belief that we can and will end homelessness when we invite community to be a part of the solution. The power in humanizing homelessness is that it allows all of us to see the beauty of each person living on our streets, rather than fixating on the complexity of an issue that overwhelms us.*

*In 2013, what began as a passion project on social media took shape as a nonprofit organization, powered by three staff and the compassion of community. To this day, Facing Homelessness honors a simple purpose: To invite all of us to come closer, and to contribute our unique passions and skills toward the effort of ending homelessness.*

## Spirit Week (Week of Thanksgiving)



**November 22nd**

Flannel Monday



**November 23rd**

Wear red for Cranberry Day!



**November 24th**

Sweatpants Wednesday!  
Break out your stretchy pants in preparation for Thanksgiving!

**Friday "Fits"**



**November 5th**

Jersey Friday



**November 19th**

Disney Day



## Holiday Cookie(book) Exchange

This holiday season is sneaking up on us like crazy! We need to apologize for the fact that we dropped the ball on the Thanksgiving cookbooks. As of now, we do not think that we'll be able to collect recipes and get the books put together in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you to those of you that sent in recipes! In place of this, we will be doing a Holiday Cookie book instead. Please send your favorite cookie recipe to Michelle or Peyton ASAP (end of the month at the latest)!

## Ways to Celebrate American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month with Your Child

November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. It is a time to honor the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of Native Americans. When children acknowledge and appreciate diverse cultures, they are helping to build a community of belonging and inclusion. Celebrate with your child this month by trying some of our ideas below.



### 1. Read books about American Indian and Alaska Native characters

Books are a wonderful way to expand your child's awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures. A few of our favorites to celebrate American Indians and Alaska Natives include, "Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story" by Kevin Noble Maillard, "We are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom, and "Mama, Do You Love Me?" by Barbara M. Joesse.

### 2. Make a traditional meal

The diet of American Indians and Alaska Natives included vegetables found on the land around them. This month, cook the traditional "three sisters" (corn, squash, beans) soup. Encourage your child to help measure, scoop and pour the ingredients.

### 3. Explore your region's resources

Check your local area for festivals or museums with Native American exhibits. Libraries and schools

Afterwards, ask your child about some of the favorite things they saw.

#### 4. Take a nature walk

Explain to your child that connecting with nature was an important part of Native American culture. November is a great time to get outdoors and take a walk together. Talk about the things you see, hear, and smell around you.

