

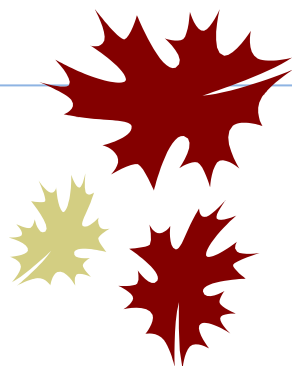
# Academy News

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## Parent Survey Results

Thank you all very much for taking the time to complete our Satisfaction Survey. We feel your feedback to us is very important because then we know what we are doing well, and learn of ways that we may need to do some things better.

Overall, we received the highest rating for what we do at The Academy. This includes our office staff, teachers, education, and more. You are extremely pleased with our Academic Program and the Specials we offer, as well as the safe environment we have for our students. We love what we do and enjoy being a part of your child's life to give them a strong foundation in their education.

Because your responses are very important to us, we learned that there are a few areas of in which we can do better.

1. **Communication** – You asked for more communication from the teachers, not just what is written in our weekly newsletter. The teachers all have a Blog that is or will be available through our website. We are still in the process of getting the all of the Blogs up there and working properly, but that will be a great way for you to check what learning is taking place in your child's classroom. I have asked the teachers to update their Blogs at least twice a week.
2. **Lunch Program** – Because many of you are not satisfied with our lunch program, we will no longer be offering Hot Lunch. However we have decided we will offer "Special Lunch" every Friday, and students will then need to bring their lunches Monday-Thursday. This will be effective starting Thursday, December 1.
3. **PowerSchool** – This is something very new to all of us, as the teachers are still getting used to posting grades and attendance online. We are hoping to host a Parent Training after we return from Christmas Break.

If you have not yet returned your survey, you may do so, and we will incorporate your responses. Thank you again for completing the surveys in such a timely manner.

## Upcoming Events:

Nov. 18	End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
Nov. 22	Pot-Luck Thanksgiving Luncheon 12:00pm
Nov. 23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 24	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Day
No. 25	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	Book Fair
Dec. 2	Girl Scout Movie Night – all invited

## Thanksgiving Luncheon – Tuesday, November 22

The Thanksgiving Pot-Luck luncheon has become a wonderful tradition at The Academy. We ask our families to each contribute an item for our luncheon. We have a sign-up sheet of the suggested items. We make this event special for our families and our students for us all to show our thanks for what we have. The sign-up sheet will be available by Ms. Angie's desk, and I am also attaching a sign-up sheet to this week's email to give you an idea of the items we still need. Some parents have already signed up from some items, so please do not duplicate unless indicated. The luncheon begins at 12:00pm, and following the luncheon, the students are dismissed to go home with their families. **There will be NO EDP on Tuesday.**

### Spirit Wear

We received more Spirit Wear this week, but several orders have not yet been filled. We are apologize for this inconvenience and are working to resolve the issue. Please DO NOT order any more Spirit Wear from our website at this time. We are in the process of looking for a new vendor.

### Walk-a-thon Results

We are happy to share that with your help, we raised over \$2100 with our Walk-a-thon. With this money, we are looking into purchasing an iPad or two for the school. At the Technology Conference, we learned all of the great things that we can do with iPads with the students and how well they work for all students. We can even use them for activities to project onto the SMART Boards. We will keep you updated.

### Scrip Program

Have you already started your Christmas shopping? Let us help! Order gift cards through our Scrip Program and you will have the perfect gifts! Updated order forms will be going home this week. It's an easy way to shop, get gifts, and earn money for you and the school!! Want your order in time for Christmas? **Order by: Dec. 15**



### Due Dates and Order Forms

Please be sure to return order forms on the day they are due. We need to count and order lunches or other things often in advance, so please be mindful of the due dates. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## Songs and Stories with Santa and Craft Fair



The Academy is hosting our Songs and Stories with Santa and Craft Fair on Sunday, December 18 from 9-3pm. We will also have a cookie workshop, face painting, food, raffles and more! Mrs. Hodge talked to Santa about the dates, and he will not be coming on December 16, but instead on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

# Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

## Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

What's happening in Ms. Margaret's Class? Well the students are getting ready for Thanksgiving by discussing whom they have Thanksgiving with and what or whom they are thankful for.

The children have listened to *Will I Have a Friend* by Miriam Henkes, *Little Blue and Little Yellow* by Leo Lionni, *How To Be A Friend: A Guide to Making Friends and Keeping Them* by Laurie Krasny Brown, and *Thanksgiving is Here* by Diane Goode.

The children finished the letter Ff and have begun working on the letter Gg.

For Science the children have been studying corn. They are observing it, using a scale to compare weight of different items in class and making observations about corn kernels.

For Math, the children are measuring the length of corn to their hand, counting items and making estimations for the estimation jar.

## Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

This week we have been practicing for our Thanksgiving play. The children are very excited about performing and we even made our own props! We can't wait for everyone to see what we have been working so hard on. Information will be going out shortly.

Our November story is La Tortuga. It is a story about a turtle that lives in Mexico. We have been busy learning the color yellow, the shape circle, and even the musical instrument that is used in the story, a flute.

Today, we made turkey hands on paper plates and made our very own corn on the cobb using dotters. In math, we are learning about patterns and numbers 1-10. We are still working on our first names and after the holiday break, we will begin practicing our last names. We have been working very hard with self-help skills. Almost everyone can put their own jackets, hats, and gloves on all by themselves as well as cleaning up after themselves. :)

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. I hope you all enjoy the extra time with your families.

Looking Ahead.....

- The twelve days of Christmas
- Our new story-The Elves and the Shoemaker
- Santa's Workshop

Looking ahead...

- The Story of the Pilgrims
- Wobble Until You Gobble
- As yellow as the sun

## Ms. Kim's Kindergarten

The kindergarteners have been busy this week learning how to blend sounds. The students are also working on a class book. In math we have been working on putting numbers in order as well as ordinal numbers, such as first, second, third. The second graders are working hard on learning the Act of Contrition and identifying what is and is not a sin.

## Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

This week was full of fun learning opportunities. First grade students read Scrub-a-matic and Fiddlesticks. Both are great stories. Ask your child which he/she liked best. Second grade students have been learning about autobiographies. Students had to figure out facts about Mrs. Sibick by the clues. Next, students created a list of clues to describe themselves. Soon, they will be writing their own autobiographies. In math, first graders learned how to find the missing part of a number sentence. For example,  $3 + \_ = 7$  ( $3+4=7$ ). The students drew a picture or used a ten frame to solve. (A ten frame is a rectangle with ten boxes to put counters in). Second graders recognized how addition and subtraction are related to help them solve a problem. In social studies, students felt the inside of a pumpkin. They took out the pumpkin seeds. Then, everyone created a book called, "The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin." Each student added it to their farm folder. These folders will go home with them at the end of the unit. The students had fun learning this week!