

THE SUNBEAMS
November 2007

"Being grateful warms the heart and stirs it to share its possessions, ideas, and ideals with others."

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly
by Mae Carden

During this Thanksgiving season, let us help our children to be grateful and experience the peace that comes from a heart of gratitude.

We would like to thank all the parents for their help and participation in the Hip, Hop, Hooray. The children enjoyed the relay races, hoppy balls, freeze dance, and the bike obstacle course. Your support is appreciated not only by the children, but also by the staff.

A special thank you to Mrs. Grant for organizing and giving the children the wonderful medals and awards. This year's event had such a unity of team spirit and enthusiasm with the children, parents, and staff due to Mrs. Grant's dedication and hard work.

This year's Fall Festival was spectacular. The time and work the parents donated for a very successful event was appreciated by the children, staff and families. We appreciate all the time and diligent work Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Bannerman put into chairing this event. Also, thanks to the parents for their help and support. We could not have such a fun event if it were not for all the enthusiasm and participation of all the parents.

Special Thank You

On behalf of all the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten parents and students, I would like to say a special "THANK YOU" to Denverly Grant for the awesome job she and her volunteers did for this year's Hip, Hop Hooray. The playground looked so patriotic and colorful. The event was so organized and the air was full of excitement. The children were having so much fun and the parents, pom poms and all, were also into the spirit of the event. This is my sixth year as a Pre-School Mom and I must say that this year's event was one of the best! Carden Conejo School is very lucky to have Mrs. Grant as our Pre-School liaison and I want her to know how much we appreciate her volunteer efforts. On that note, I would also like to extend a Thank You to Mr. Grant, who also has to be recognized for all of his consideration and patience and help in this effort.

Sincerely,
An Appreciative Parent

We want to welcome Maddison Penfold in Mrs. Madison's class. We have been waiting for her to arrive from China. The children are happy to have her in their class.

Miss Plantenberg is our new aide in Pre-School and you will also see her in Play Program. We are very happy to have her on our staff.

Events

Friday, November 2nd: CCPA General Meeting in the auditorium at 9:00 am.

Wednesday, November 7th: Used Clothing Drive at drop off (8:00 am).

Friday, November 9th: Make up Picture Day

Monday, November 12th: **Veterans' Day Holiday**

School will be closed on this day in observance of the holiday.

Friday, November 16th: Thanksgiving Assembly and Feast

Our Thanksgiving Assembly will start at 9:45 am in the school auditorium, with the Thanksgiving Feast following in the children's classrooms. The feast will be prepared by the children and shared by all the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classes. Parents are welcome to attend the feast. Look for a note in the upcoming days letting you know what your child should bring.

Wednesday, November 21st: **NO PLAY PROGRAM**

All Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 am in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have an older sibling, you must get back in line after 11:45 am to pick them up for their 12:00 pm dismissal.

November 22nd - 23rd: **NO SCHOOL**

We send our warmest blessing to all our school families this Thanksgiving season.

Monday, November 26th: School reconvenes.

A peanut/nut allergy

We have a few children who have allergies to a peanut/nut. If you send a peanut butter sandwich or any nut snack will you please write on the bag that it is a peanut/nut product? This will be appreciated by our staff as we are very concerned about the health of these children, as this is very serious. Thank you.

Heifer Project

Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten have the privilege of being involved with the Heifer Project this year.

For over half a century, H.P.I. has provided livestock and training to more than four million families around the world. H.P.I. has more than 300 projects in more than 40 countries. They are a non-profit organization that helps hungry people feed themselves, earn income, and care for the environment. More information will follow.

Beams from the Pre-School

The children are working on their social skills and they are growing in this area. They are becoming good friends and are finding such pleasure being together as they paint, sing, color, cut, glue, create, dig in the sand, run, and ride bikes. In the process they are learning manners and respect for one another. It is a joy to watch happy children.

During lessons they are building stamina, comprehension and self-discipline skills as we progress in speech, math concepts and Miss Carden's poetry lessons. In art appreciation, we are finishing "Baby Stuart" by Van Dyke. The children have been enjoying our literature story "Ask Mr. Bear."

Mdme. Carusetta and the children are having an enjoyable time learning new French songs and games. I am sure you will be hearing these new words as the year moves on.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving performance and feast as we gather to give thanks and celebrate with each other.

Mrs. Ellrott, Miss Hendrix, Miss Land and Miss Plantenberg
Mrs. Grodt and Mdme. Carusetta

Beams from the Pre-Kindergarten

The children were very busy stirring their "Witches Brew" for the Fall Festival! A good time was had by all due to the dedication and hard work of all our parents. Our Room Mothers, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Kirkdoffer, Mrs. Grant, and Mrs. McKenna did an outstanding party. Thank you for your cooperative effort and generosity.

Our classrooms have been filled with the signs and scents of autumn. The children have enjoyed carving pumpkins, roasting pumpkin seeds and collecting colorful leaves.

We've had a full schedule during lesson time. The children have begun mastering the playnames, letters and sounds. Their writing skills improve with each letter and number. They have finished writing the eight "c's": c, a, d, g, q, o, e, & s. This month we are starting to print the pairs: lh, ij, and mn. We are using blocks to build math skills. We are reading our next literature book, "Angus and the Ducks." In art appreciation, we have finished "The Helping Hand" by Emile Renouf and we are starting on "The Angelus" by Millet.

Outside on the playground, friendships are in full swing. The teachers enjoy watching the children play and seeing their social skills grow.

Mdme. Carusetta is having a great time teaching the children French games and songs. She is also introducing colors and numbers. The children are enjoying learning a new language.

With October ending and November beginning, our Thanksgiving feast is just around the corner. Parents are invited to attend the feast. Since seating is limited, we would like to invite one parent to sit with their child. The children will serve their parent a plate of food they have prepared, so be sure to bring a hearty appetite!

Mrs. Bashardoust, Miss David, and Mrs. Vess
Mrs. Love, Mrs. Madison, and Mrs. Rosenberg