

November 2014

Washington University Nursery School



Halloween was a hit

The Nursery School welcomed witches, princesses, butterflies, firefighters, puppy dogs, at least ten Elsa's from Frozen, a Storm Cloud with a "silver lining" and many more to our annual Halloween celebration and parade. The excitement of Halloween and dressing up can sometimes overwhelm a child. We hope your son or daughter enjoyed their day with friends and teachers. Thank you for taking time to help your

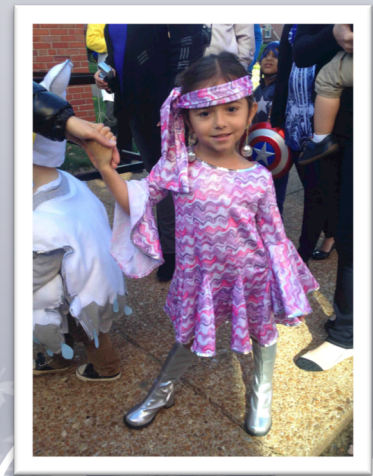


child feel comfortable during the celebration and participating in our parade. Also, an extra thank you to families that shared a spooky snack or drink with our classes. They were enjoyed by all!



Watercolor note cards on sale now

The teachers have collected watercolor artwork from each student. As a school fundraiser, we are offering your child's artwork on a set of 10 prepackaged note cards and envelopes for \$15. They make great holiday gifts for family and friends and wonderful thank you cards. To place your order, you can visit the school website, www.nurseryschool.wustl.edu and click on the Note Card announcement, it links to an on-line order form (similar to the Pumpkin order form). You can pay via check or credit card. Orders should be placed by **Wednesday, November 19th**. The note cards will be ready December 12th.





Emergency Procedures

Keeping our children safe is a top priority for all staff at Washington University Nursery School. We have comprehensive plans and procedures in place for severe weather and other emergency situations.

Routinely, we practice fire, natural disaster and lock-down (intruder) drills with our students and staff. The Washington University's Emergency Alert System is used to transmit information about any weather alert or campus emergency. If alerted by this system, we will take appropriate measures to protect the children or announce dismissal. We can gather and relocate the children to a secure, underground storage room within the building. If an early dismissal is warranted, the school will issue the announcement through a school-wide email.

If circumstances occur that warrant the closure of our school, the Washington University Danforth announcement will air on local media outlets – KSDK-TV Channel 5, KTVI-TV Channel 2, KMOV-TV Channel 4, WSIE-FM (88.7) and KMOX-AM (1120). An announcement will also be posted on the university's homepage, wustl.edu.

Please discuss these matters with your family and share the procedures with any other adults you have designated to pick up your child from school in the event you are not able to do so. Please also ensure we have your latest contact information.



Teacher Appreciation

Our teachers and staff have really been enjoying the delicious lunches provided by the talented parent/chefs. Bear Cub parents provided tasty soups, salads and desserts this week. The lunches give us the opportunity to savor a scrumptious meal and a rare time to enjoy each other's company during the "noon break" in our day. We send a very appreciative "THANK YOU".



Parent-Teacher Conferences

October ended with Parent Conferences. Thank you for your time and attendance. It is an opportunity to discuss your child's initial experience to a new school or classroom and goals for the year. The teachers appreciate your time and gain helpful information through this get together.

School Reminders

School Photos

School photo proof sheets were given to parents during conference time. Hopefully you were pleased with the results – we loved looking at all the adorable smiles and poses! Orders can be placed online via LifeTouch Preschool Portraits website, over the phone or you can return your order in the envelope provided and we will send it in.



Cooler Weather

Fresh air and time to run and play outside is part of your child's daily routine even when the weather is cool. Please send your child in a warm coat, hat and mittens if the weather is cold. We play outside during the winter season and we want to be sure your child is comfortable in cooler temperatures. Thank you ☺

Thanksgiving Break

The Nursery School will be closed for Thanksgiving Break beginning Wednesday, November 26. Classes will resume the following Monday, December 1st. We hope your family has a wonderful and restful time together. We look forward to the time we can share with our own families.



Dads, Grand-Dads and Friends

Dads, grandfathers and special friends are invited to visit our school on Friday, November 21. Classes will be sending home invitations in the next week or so. On this special day, children enjoy sharing playtime with their loved one, reading a book, singing songs and eating a special snack. Morning visits will begin at 10:45 am and afternoon visits will start at 2:15 pm. We hope to see you there!