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Director's Corner

"As we head into fall, let us pause to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. This year we have many more gifts for which to thank Him; safe passage through the hurricane season for our area, our families, and our friends and of course His undying love for us. We thank Him for each and every one of you and for the incredible gift you are to all of us."

Amen



Every year I think it is too bad that Thanksgiving comes only one day, and I wonder how to encourage that spirit of thankfulness beyond the fourth Thursday in November. Holidays offer us opportunities to teach children the values of sharing and caring for others. Raising a thankful child has never been more challenging, because parents want to make their children happy, they tend to give them everything they want. As a result they grow up feeling empty and dissatisfied. They look to others to fulfill personal needs and believe that happiness is getting more stuff. The good news is that teaching gratitude isn't that hard. Youngsters can be taught to say thank you and please as soon as they are able to speak. By adolescence they should be able to understand the benefits of give and take. Thankfulness is the core of our faith. As we acknowledge God as the giver of all good things, we are also able to appreciate our own lives and those we come in contact with. An attitude of thankfulness prepares us to act in charity towards one another. Encourage your child to appreciate others in their life's that are blessings to them, and prompt them to express their appreciation of each other.

Let's take time to say "Thank you". As you look around this Thanksgiving season, you may see those who are less fortunate than you... but I hope your foremost thought will be that every breath, every blessing, every enjoyment is a gift of Gods grace.

The staff and I wish all our families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

God Bless,
Nancy



Yellow Room Super Stars

We had another exciting month in the yellow room! We had a visit from the Tarpon Springs Fire department and started off the month learning about fire safety. We talked about fall and how the leaves change colors. We had a lot of fun learning about Halloween and all of the fun things that go along with it such as pumpkins, ghosts, spiders, and bats. Thank you to our room mom for planning such a great Halloween party for the children and to all of the parents who donated to the party to make it a huge success. We hope you all of you enjoyed it.

Next month we will be learning about pilgrims, Native Americans, turkeys, and the farm! We hope you all have a happy November!

God Bless,

Miss Becky and Miss Beth

Blue Room Bulletin

All the children enjoyed the book of *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*. I hope they will tell you the story many times.

In November we will learn about Native Americans, Pilgrims and Thanksgiving. Please watch your calendar for the exciting events we have planned. There will be a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on November 11th at 11:30. Please plan to get your child from the classroom and take them to the service. We will be closed the week of November 23.

Workjobs are a favorite for many of the children. Several of them are on their fourth set of 10. The next time you visit the classroom ask your child to see the Workjob Book. They will proudly show it to you. We will continue to introduce new workjobs until all 100 have been introduced. We usually finish the workjobs at the end of April. Please do not reward your child for doing workjobs. They should do them for the sheer pleasure of doing what they are supposed to do in school. As I said at Open House children become interested at different times.

We always need BINGO prizes.

Thank you for keeping your children home if they are sick. We will continue to wash hands and sanitize our classrooms.

Miss Carol & Miss Trish

Orange Room Chatter

October was such a fun month in the Orange room! We started off with our apple unit and were amazed at how much the children enjoyed apple tasting. Fire safety week was very informative and everyone enjoyed the visit from the Tarpon Springs Fire Department, especially the fire hats. It was a creepy, crawly good time learning about spiders and creating some eight-legged friends. Our favorite color (orange) was highlighted in our pumpkin unit. It was really neat to explore the squishy inside of a pumpkin and find so many seeds. We really enjoyed getting ready for Halloween. Thank you to our room moms who helped to make our parties such a success! Next month we will be learning about pilgrims, Native Americans, turkeys, and harvesting; and talking about the many things we are thankful for.

May God bless you!

Miss Sharon & Miss Tamie



Purple Room Peeps

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is almost here, it seems as though we just started school! The children have really adjusted well to our routine and are doing great! We are in full swing with our letter of the week, the kids really enjoy using our Handwriting Without Tears program and have so much fun making food for Jake the Snake! November will be a busy month learning about pumpkins, harvest time, pilgrims and Indians and of course Thanksgiving. Santa's workshop will be busy working away on special projects before we know it! Thank you to all who helped out with the Halloween party.. it was spooktacular! God Bless and enjoy the calm before the holiday storm!!

Miss Lisa and Miss Nina

Rocking in the Red Room

Thank you to our red room party committee that helped make our Halloween party a huge success! We appreciate all of our red room families and we are very grateful for your support!

As we move into November, we will focus on Pilgrims, Native Americans and, of course, Thanksgiving and giving Thanks! We set a tee-pee up for the children to enjoy in the classroom which they just love. We make our really cool Native American t-shirts and teach the children the importance of being thankful! We all have a lot to be thankful for!

The children are doing fantastic in the red room and enjoying the responsibilities of their daily jobs. Each day in the Red Room we begin our day with a prayer! It goes like this, "We thank you dear Jesus, this day is for You. We ask that You bless all we think, say and do. Amen". Ask your child if they can recite this prayer for you! We are teaching the children Nursery Rhymes, too. During our conference, we learned that children who learn and know at least eight nursery rhymes during their early childhood years will be better readers by the third grade! Humpty Dumpty and Little Boy Blue are the two that we have enjoyed to date. This year we started a "flag of the

month" theme, in addition, to our American flag which we pledge daily. The flag of the month for November is the flag of "France"!

Reminders: On Friday, November 20th, there will be an 11:30AM Thanksgiving prayer service for all of our ECC families, please bring a canned good for the needy and join us. No school: Monday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th!

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless you,

Miss Jennene and Miss Sue

Green Room Grapevine

Dear Parents,

Hello. Hope that everyone is enjoying our Fall weather. It seems as if October flew right by. We sure had fun at our Halloween party. A special, "Thank You" to all you parents for your time and donations. And an extra special "Thanks" to Carey Zengel and Kathy Mohr, our room Mom's for organizing such a fun party.

I have to mention how much the children enjoyed learning all about Germany. We concluded the unit with a pretzel and sausage tasting day on Friday, October 23rd. I was surprised how many of the children liked the sausage. Kaelyn expressed that she wanted "More chicken, please, Miss Melissa." As she was walking around in dress up clothes holding her plate out for more. Miss Jen and I took lots of pictures of all the children eating!!!

November will be a busy month as we continue to learn about Fall, Native Americans and Pilgrims. Our country this month will be France. We will have a Thanksgiving Feast-Green Room Style (More info to come) and there will be no school the week of Thanksgiving. So please be sure to check your child's calendar daily. If anyone is having difficulty receiving my emails or you would like a hard copy of my weekly letters and the monthly calendar, please contact the school.

Hope that you all have a nice month.

Sincerely,

Miss Melissa & Miss Jenn

Family Fun Day






PARENT CORNER

November 2009



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**
Don't forget!

- 11/1: All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Ends
- 11/3: PARENT MEETING, St. Gianna Room
Parish Hall, RM 6, 9:15am
- 11/9-11/13: CLOTHING DRIVE
- 11/9-11/18: HOLIDAY TROOP COLLECTION
- 11/16 & 11/17: B&W portraits on playground:
by Kandid Kids Photography.
- 11/20: Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 11:30am
Bring canned goods for Food Pantry.
- 11/23-11/27: NO SCHOOL
- 11/26: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 

We've Moved!

The Parent Meetings will now be held in the Parish Hall, Room #6 (a.k.a. The St. Gianna Room).

We'll see you at the next Parent Meeting on 11/3 @ 9:15am!



Gobble, Gobble! Gobble,

As we prepare for our Thanksgiving feast, let's not forget other's who need us this holiday season. We're doing a clothing drive for Raising Hope and the Upper Pinellas Pregnancy Center November 9-13. Be on the lookout for an e-mail listing items needed.

During the clothing drive we will also be collecting items for one of our very own SIECC Dads (and his platoon) who are stationed in Iraq. A list of needed items went out in October. If you need that list again you can find it on the SIECC Yahoo! Online Group under the FILES link. Should you have additional troop items to donate after 11/13, send them to school in your child's backpack or drop your donation off in the school office. Kids can make holiday cards too!

Lastly, our Thanksgiving Prayer Service is on November 20th, 11:30am in the Fr. LaTondress Chapel. Please bring canned goods with you for the St. Ignatius Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is feeding more people than ever and is in need of food. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**



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WE ARE THANKFUL... for such terrific volunteers!

Thank you to the following SIECC families who helped make our **FAMILY FUN DAY** a huge success: Paul Cosgrove (who selflessly helped ALL DAY), Desiree Cosgrove, Johanna Gonzalez (who jumped in to help an endless line of children in need of fun, expert face painting), Christy Monahan, Julie Semancik, Jen Cavaliere (who was a lifetime resident in BINGO—sorry!), Laurie Walsh, Alissa MacKinnon, Joe Reiners & Heather Brownell, Steven Renwanz, Kristen Stogniew, Lauren Dinga, Jennifer & Rich Stapleton, Paula Gordine, Sue Wegener, Szilvia Arn, Kristine Allen, Jeff Keiderling, Stephanie Schwartz (Kathie Keiderling's niece), Mateus Nogueira, Johanna Taldone, Tess Grassin, Nathan Smith, Jason Corey, Christine Enoksen, Monica Morris, Julie Melilli, Michael & Tina DiFrancisca, Rick Muller, and the Mola's!

THE BOOK SWAP:

Wendy Bruseski (who helped a lot!), Lori Sexton, Cat Pieper, Jen Cavaliere (thanks for braving the rain).

50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALES:

Christy Monahan

[Can you believe how dedicated she is? She works a night shift and then comes to SIECC to help! Thanks!!!]

We have other parents who are known to do this too—like Carey Zengel. Thanks, Carey!

MOM'S MORNING OUT:

Adriana Vassallo and Shannon Ionata

Mom's Morning Out is every Wednesday & Thursday, except when the ECC is closed

[if we forgot anyone, please let us know so we can give you a proper thanks!

Do you know Who's Who?

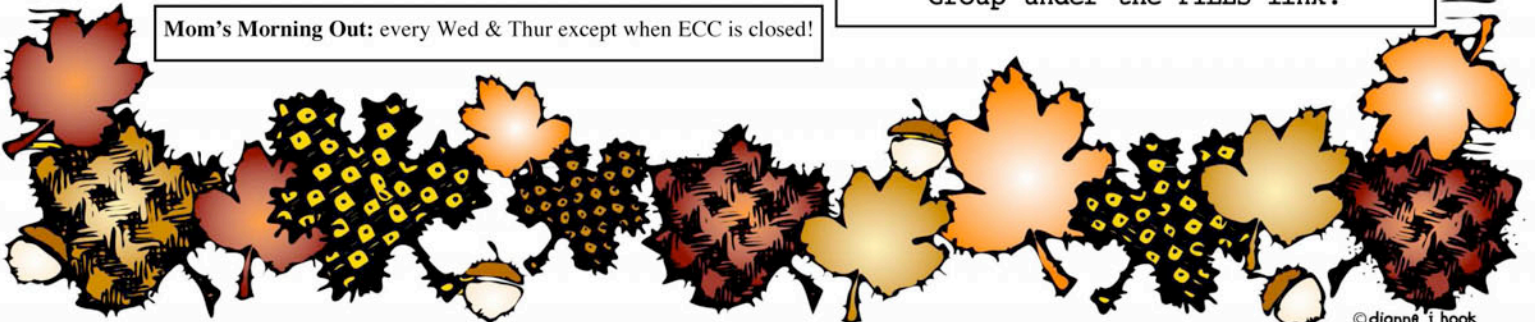
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It's *NEVER* too early!

As you begin your holiday shopping and frequent those businesses you love to visit, please don't forget to ask for a donation toward our biggest fundraiser of the year: the SIECC 10th Annual Golf Tournament. This year we will be using an all-in-one tri-fold; check your child's backpack for one before Thanksgiving Break. The tri-fold will also be e-mailed and posted on the SIECC Yahoo! Online Group under the FILES link.

Mom's Morning Out: every Wed & Thur except when ECC is closed!





Mom's Morning Out

What: Mom's Morning Out
 Where: Room # 8 Parish Hall
 Time: 9:30-11:30
 Contact: Kathie 727-938-0936
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Don't forget to clip your Tyson labels and bring them to school with your child. Each label we collect Tyson gives back to the school 24¢. We have collection bins at the entrance to each classroom.



Coordinator:
 Carey Zengel
 Mom to Bianca in Green Rm



Don't forget to clip all your Campbell's labels and bring them to school with your child. We have collection bins at the entrance to each classroom.



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Representative Peter F. Nehr visits St. Ignatius ECC.

He sang songs and even danced the "Chicken Dance" in the green room. He is very interested in education and is visiting several Centers and day care homes in his district. We had a lovely visit. (Of course, since our center was the first he visited, all others will have to have high standards, right?)



Eco-Healthy Tip #4: Lead

Children's' growing bodies absorb lead. Their brains and nervous systems are still developing, so they are especially sensitive to the damaging effects of lead

What is Lead and how is it Used?

Lead is a naturally occurring heavy metal found in the environment. It is currently used in the production of certain batteries, metal and PVC piping, art supplies, ceramics and other common and industrial things

Health Concerns Associated with Lead Exposure

Lead is a neurotoxin; it accumulates in blood, bones, muscles, and fat. Children exposed to lead can experience headaches, hearing problems, delayed growth, behavioral and learning problems, and damage to the brain and nervous system. Adult exposure can lead to reproductive problems, muscle and joint pain, decreased reaction time, affected memory, and nerve disorders. The people most at risk to exposures are pregnant women and young children.

Lead is Especially Harmful to Children

Children's' growing bodies absorb more lead than adult bodies. Their brains and nervous systems are still developing, so they are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead. Young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths – these objects can have lead dust on them.

Reducing Your Exposure to Lead *Children are exposed to lead by eating old paint chips (from 1978 or before) or inhaling old paint particles/dust. Maintain paint to prevent flaking or peeling by washing all areas around doors and windows. Paint over old flaking paint with low-VOC paint. Many older homes have water pipes made with lead solder. Cold water is much less likely to leach lead from the pipes. Run cold water for 15-30 seconds before using for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Imported, old, or handmade pottery often contains lead. Avoid these types of pottery when eating, drinking and cooking. Soil is often contaminated with lead (exhaust from lead contaminated gasoline settling on the ground before 1978). Use a rough mat for wiping feet or go shoe-free inside! Costume jewelry and jewelry sold in vending machines often contain lead. Keep metal jewelry away from children.*

Five Green Hot-Tips

1. Make a vow to stop buying bottled water - NOW.
2. Buy yourself a metal water bottle. They make super-chic ones, you know.
3. Buy a water filter pitcher and keep two in your fridge at all times. Proudly use it as a serving pitcher when you have friends over for dinner.
4. Consider a water filter system for your home.
5. Try your best to conserve water every day-turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, etc.

November Birthdays

Scotty Folino	11/1
Scarlett Bil	11/2
Jenna Bright	11/3
Bianca Zengel	11/5
Eduardo Tavares	11/6
Parker Cullen	11/8
Pierce Cullen	11/8
Chad Orsatti	11/10
Lucas McLane	11/14
Cici Kurchinski	11/16
Kasey Caroll	11/17
Mitchell Cavalieri	11/17
Patrick Sweeney	11/18
Gianpaul Taldone	11/25
Nicholas Hornauer	11/27
Jaxson Morley	11/29

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