



Discovery Montessori
Newsletter
November 2014
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November	1 st	Mini-March money due
	4 th & 5 th	Usborne Book Fair (in hallway)
	11 th	Veterans' Day Observed, No School or Daycare
	12 th	Presentation for Kindergarten & Elementary by Kitsap County & Elementary's trip to Blackjack Creek for water testing
	26 th	Early release for Thanksgiving break 11:30 Preschool 11:45 K-6 th
December	4 th	K-6 th Nutcracker Field Trip

Holidays

There will be no school on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veteran's Day.

We will dismiss for THANKSGIVING vacation at 11:30 on Wednesday, November 26th for the Preschool classes and at 11:45 for Kindergarten and Elementary classes. There will be NO SCHOOL OR DAYCARE after 11:45 p.m. that day. BOTH SCHOOL AND DAYCARE RESUME ON MONDAY, December 1st.

Extracurricular Activities

Usborne Book Fair

We will be having our annual Usborne Book Fair on November 4th & 5th. Books will be displayed in the hallway for you to preview and buy from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. With every purchase, our school will be able to earn free books! Usborne sells high quality books that make great gifts.

You can browse or shop now by visiting our school link at <https://j1547.myubam.com/25797>.

Scholastic

The online order code for Scholastic Orders is: H3X9Z We ask that you please use this when you order online so the school can get credit towards books for our library.

Small Hands Catalog

The Small Hands catalogs went home a couple of weeks ago. You still have time to order if you need to have your purchases before Christmas. Order online by **November 21st** or have your order forms turned into the school office **by November 17th** to guarantee Christmas delivery. (Not worried about delivery dates? Orders can be placed online through December 31st and through the office up to December 15th). **Please use order code 105251 when placing your online order so the school can get credit towards future purchases.**

Nutcracker Field Trip

The **Kindergarten and Elementary** classes will be taking a field trip to see the Peninsula Dance Theatre's presentation of the Nutcracker. They will be taking a bus to the Bremerton High School on December 4th. Permission slip is attached and needs to be returned by November 7th. The cost for the bus and performance is to be determined.

Piano Lessons

Due to the holidays, there will be changes in Traditional Piano classes with Mrs. Briggs. **There will be no lessons on November 26th and no lessons on December 24th or 31st.**

Picture Day

Your picture orders should arrive shortly and will be sent home in your child's Friday Folder. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hudson Photography at 373-5300.

Cystic Fibrosis Mini March

The Cystic Fibrosis mini-march was lively and fun. The children had a good time and some of them walked a lot of laps. The children marched anywhere from 6 to 381 laps! **The money from the pledges needs to be turned in by Nov. 1st, if you have not turned it in already.**

The children received many prizes for their laps. The children who walked the most laps and those who gave moral support to fellow students are listed below. They received small prizes donated by our school.

Preschool:

Kendall: Samantha Neil (237), Kyle Ebuon (228), Nataliah Dick (216)
Givens: Caiden Hensley (243), Davis Mills (216), John Shalkowski (192)

Kindergarten:

Grant Gooding (282), Cooper Zaug (234), Harper Jackson / Lily Nelson Lees (228)

1st Grade: Jonathan Foster (318), Skyler Swiger-Long (312), Abby Anderson (306)

Elementary:

Ages 6-7: Mason Gooding (381), Haylee Leibrant (267), Olivia Allwine (261)
Ages 8+: John Gosser and Elang Sisson (354), Zachary Woodford (348), Reid Parker (345)

Teachers: Ms. Edith -Kinder (330), Mrs. Thomas -Givens (300) Mrs. Gooding -Kendall / Ms. Claudette -Elementary (240)

Happy Helpers:

Happy Helpers are those who took the time to help their fellow students succeed with their walk. The following students were noted for their helpfulness: Jackson Dumais, Jackson Klue, Jordan Rice, and Allison Brown.

The prizes earned for sponsorship from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation usually come in January. We will announce the names of the children who raised the most money in next month's newsletter. We would like to thank the following people who helped with the mini-march: Tim Dumais, Annie Kudrna, Christie Foy, Kitaka Macarin, Cynthia Gould, Tina Rice, Brenna Nelson Lees, Heather Brown, Krissi Gosser, Kenny Jackson and Mike Nelson.

Fire Safety Month

October was Fire Safety Month. We would like to thank Firefighter Leif Anderson, Abigail and Tristan's dad, who came to our school on Wednesday, October 15th, to talk to the students about fire safety. Students were able to see what firefighters wear while fighting fires. All of the students were given a homework challenge; bring "bad" batteries from their smoke detectors being changed. For the classes that turned in 100% of their homework by November 7th, an ice cream party was offered from Firefighter Anderson. Please take time to review your fire safety plan at home with your child.

Fire Safety Tip Firefighter Anderson says batteries in smoke detectors need to be changed every year and tested monthly. He says we should make a habit of changing our batteries when we change our clocks to keep our smoke alarms working efficiently.

SK Helpline Food Barrel Contest

We will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the South Kitsap Helpline. There will be a barrel in each classroom so we can count which class has the highest count. That class will receive an ice cream party. Items that come in multi-packs will count as one item. The contest will run November 1st thru November 21st. *Anything you can do to help the South Kitsap Helpline is greatly appreciated!*

Yearbook

We are starting to plan the 2014-15 yearbooks. We have decided to have our yearbook made through TreeRing.com again. This yearbook vendor gives parents the option to customize 2 pages in their child's yearbook with pictures of their choice. All orders would be completed online and no extra yearbooks will be printed. The average cost per colored yearbook will be around \$20. The cost will increase as you add more customized pages for your child or if you'd prefer to order a hard cover. If you are available to help with the yearbook, please contact Ms. Valerie in the office.

Study of the Month

Preschool and Kindergarten's curriculum focus for November continues with grace and courtesy with further introduction to Montessori Materials. Cultural studies will focus on introduction of the North American Continent with special emphasis on Native Americans, pioneers, Canadians, Mexicans, and Thanksgiving Traditions. Art may include: Colonial pricked paper designs, weaving, Indian crafts, petal collage, and Thanksgiving art. Art appreciation will cover: Norman Rockwell – *Boy on the High Dive*, Mary Cassatt – *Girl Arranging Her Hair*, and Georgia O'Keefe – *Jimson Weed*. The children will cook: Moose Cookies, Corn bread, Wobble Gobble cookies.

Elementary's curriculum focus for November: Cultural studies will focus on introduction of the North American Continent with special emphasis on Native Americans, pioneers, Canadians, Mexicans, and Thanksgiving Traditions. History will include Ancient Greek civilization with focus on government, alphabet, mythology and historical facts. Art may include: Colonial pricked paper designs, weaving, Indian crafts, petal collage and Thanksgiving art. Art appreciation may cover: Norman Rockwell – *Boy on the High Dive*, Mary Cassatt – *Girl Arranging Her Hair*, and Georgia O'Keefe – *Jimson Weed*. We are continuing our studies in Music/ Movement, Cooking, Sign Language, Spanish, and computer skills.

Pearson's Pick



This month, we begin to talk about the continents of our world (Planet Earth) and where we live. I ran across this idea on Pinterest and thought it fit in perfectly with our curriculum and the connection to home. It is called a “Multicultural Thanksgiving Wreath”. Blending geography with art, it is a great lesson in saying “thank you” in different languages. You can simply pick the ones you know or discover some new ones by picking countries off of a map and looking them up.

Step 1: Gather your materials: Paper plate for the wreath background, colored paper to trace and cut hands, scissors, glue, permanent marker, watercolors, crayons or colored pencils.

Step 2: Trace your child's hand or have them do it themselves. Trace the hand(s) onto all papers. You will need at least 4, but more would be better. Compare the hand size to the paper plate.

Step 3: Find the different ways that people say “Thank you”. Make a list of all the ways that your child is interested in and then pick the number that would fit on your wreath.

Step 4: Write the different “Thank You's” in permanent marker in the middle of each hand (One “thank you” per hand).

Step 5: Decorate each hand being careful not to cover the words.

Step 6: Cut out each hand

Step 7: Decorate the plate to make a nice background and cut a circle out of the middle

Step 8: Glue the hands to the plate, let dry and glue a ribbon on the back to hang.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Friday Lunch

Tired of coming up with lunch ideas for your child? We are continuing to offer a weekly Friday lunch program for \$5 per lunch. These lunches benefit the school (and parents) by offsetting part of the costs associated with school field trips (like bus rental fees). Included in this newsletter is the next order form. Forms and payment are due no later than the Wednesday of each week lunch is being ordered. Please note that our fundraising account is a separate account, so checks for lunches need to be written separate from tuition / field trip / day care checks.

Date Night/Kids Night Out – November 15th and December 13th

Enjoy a night on the town while your children have a night out themselves at the school, all while raising money to help offset some of the costs of school field trips and other activities.

Between 6 and 10pm children can play games, participate in craft activities, play in the gym, and watch a movie. Please be sure to sign up for November's night no later than November 13th so we have an accurate headcount and staffing. The cost is \$20 for the first child or \$30 for two to four children and \$40 for five or more children. This event is open to students and friends of the Discovery Montessori. **Please note that all children in attendance must be fully potty-trained.** Parent volunteers are appreciated!! Children accompanying parent volunteers are free of charge.

Box Top & Campbell's Update

We are off to a great start with Box Tops and Campbell Label points! Don't forget to sign up at growinglocallearning.com and elabelsforeducation.com to register your local club cards (Safeway, QFC, and Fred Meyers) to earn even more. *We would love to have a parent volunteer to help with sorting and redeeming labels.* Please see Valerie in the office if you can help.

CHANGE IN DAYCARE CHARGES

Starting on December 1st, the charge for picking up students past our closing time will be changed to \$25 per student. We are staffed until 5:30 pm. Charges after 6 pm will be \$1.00 per minute per student.

