

# November 2018

## LMP'S NEWSLETTER

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### THANKSGIVING FAMILY SHARING FEAST:

You are cordially invited to attend our Thanksgiving Family Sharing Feast on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. This feast is for parents only as the children will be enjoying their own Thanksgiving feast in their classrooms. We also encourage you to bring a food item from your culture to share with others. You may park on Beard Road or at the Lucky's Shopping Center if our parking lot is full. Keep in mind that you may not park in the areas in our parking lot that are painted red. If you park across the street please use the crosswalk – please do not run across the busy street. Also please do not use the Handicap parking spot unless you have a handicap placard. This event is not mandatory – we realize it is in the middle of the day for most parents. It is nice to come and visit with other parents who attend.



### EASY PUMPKIN TREATS IDEAS:

1. **Smooth Operator** – Stir 1 cup of pumpkin puree into vanilla yogurt. Layer with granola for a parfait.
2. **Sugar & Spice Pumpkin Seeds** – Toss pumpkin seeds in melted butter, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice. Bake at 300 degrees until golden brown, about 30 min. Cool for a few minutes before serving.
3. **Pumped Up Pancakes** – Add ½ cup of pumpkin puree and ½ tsp of pumpkin-pie spice to your favorite pancake batter. Cook then top with a dollop of pumpkin-flavored whipped topping.

### EASY PUMPKIN TREATS IDEAS (continued)

4. **Mousse Head** – Fold 1 cup pumpkin puree and 1 tbsp of pumpkin-pie spice into 2 cups of whipped topping. Use a dollop on top of hot chocolate.
5. **Quite a Spread** – Stir pumpkin puree and pumpkin-pie spice into cream cheese. Spread on toast or bagels.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Anne's class for selling the most items for our Fall Fundraiser. They win the pizza/ice cream party. And the Ewing Family wins \$50 off one week's tuition! Yippee!! Congrats also to Room 1 for winning the \$50 worth of Scholastic books.

### HOLIDAY VACATIONS:

If you are planning on taking vacation anytime during November, December and January for the holidays, please sign up at the front desk or email us as soon as you can. This is the time of year we trim our staff to accommodate the needs of the school.

### LETTERS OF THE MONTH:

We will be learning about the following letters in the month of November: **H, I, Z, D** and we will be discussing Nutrition (Cooking Utensils, Measuring & Setting the Table), Thanksgiving (Pilgrims & Native Americans).

### SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER:

We will be having our Winter See's Candies fundraiser beginning Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>. We want to get the candies back before the Thanksgiving holidays which is why the fundraiser will be short. Please pass the sales form around to your family and friends. It's always nice to have a box or two of these delicious candies around the house for last minute gifts or when you go to someones house for the holidays.



**SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR LMP's 2018  
HOLIDAYS/CONFERENCES:**

January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Closed for the New Year's  
Holiday

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s  
Birthday

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Closed for President's Day

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Good Friday/Easter

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher  
Conference

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Memorial Day

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Fourth Of July Holiday

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Staff Development Day  
& Clean-up

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Closed in Observance of Labor  
Day

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Ages & Stages Parent-Teacher  
Conference

November 12<sup>th</sup> Closed in Observance of Veteran's  
Day

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Closed for the  
Thanksgiving holiday

November 30<sup>th</sup> – Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher  
Conference

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Closed for the Christmas  
Holiday

December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup> – Closed for New  
Year's Holiday

This list is subject to change and you will be  
notified in advance.

**LATE DROP OFF/PICK UP FEES:**

Late fees for dropping off children at 9:11  
a.m. or 6:31 p.m. is \$20 for every 15  
minutes you are late. If you do not tell us a  
day in advance of a doctor/dental  
appointment you will be charged. *Keep in  
mind we do not take children after 12:00  
p.m.*

Please sign in, drop off your child and leave. The  
longer you linger the harder it is for your child  
and also other parents are waiting for parking  
spaces.

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Mowen Sun

Nihira Raju

Miss Carla



**ILLNESSES:**

**If your child is not feeling well, please do not bring them to school.** Small colds and coughs are ok but barky coughs and thick green mucous colds are not ok to come to school. Please remember that if your child has diarrhea, he/she *may not* come to school. It is very difficult to clean your child and maintain the other children. They must be able to keep up with the daily routine. Your child *may not* come to school late because they are not feeling well. We need to keep the school healthy for all children and our staff.

**TOY DRIVE:**

We will be having a toy drive throughout the month of November to benefit the children who are less fortunate than our own children. Please bring a new unwrapped toy and place it in the bin located at the front office.

**PARKING:**

- To prevent having to deal with our parking issues, arrive early before 8:45 a.m.
- We ask that you do not park in the morning against the curb in front of Room 1 or Room 2. This area is only to be used to *wait* until you see an open parking space.
- No parking in our handicap space unless you have a handicap placard.
- For safety, please do not pass cars who are waiting for a parking spot.
- If you see any parent not following our parking policy, please email us with the description of the car and parent. We will begin charging a \$25 fee for those families who do not follow the parking rules.
- Please stay off your phones until you leave our parking lot. Other parents are waiting to park. Limit visiting with others – again, parents are waiting for your parking spot.