
4CCN Newsletter

November 2013

4 Corners Community Nursery
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November Dates:



November 1
November 7 & 8
November 11
November 15
November 19
November 28 & 29

No School
Tuition is Due
Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 11
Parent Seminar: Discipline vs. Punishment
Dine-Out: Eggspectations
No School: Thanksgiving Holiday



NOVEMBER SNACKS:

The children will enjoy the following snacks for the month of November: vanilla wafers and peach slices, saltines and cheese slices, graham crackers and apple juice, and cinnamon bread and cream cheese.

FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE:

A sale of this magnitude isn't possible without the help and hard work of so many parents and extended family members! A huge thank you to all of our new and returning families — we had nearly 100% parent participation in fulfilling the service hour process! We know it is very difficult to find the time in your busy lives to volunteer, but we greatly appreciate it. To those of you who went above and beyond by filling in additional hours, we truly appreciate your generosity. A special thanks to our returning accountant Leah Ossi. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

The exact total has not been figured out yet, but we made approximately \$7,000! We know that it was our biggest and best sale in recent years. The funds generated are greatly needed to help cover improvements in the classrooms and to pay for the wonderful new playground equipment.

Mark your calendars!

The dates for the **Spring Sale are March 31–April 4, 2014**. It's never too early to start tagging! If you just consigned with us, please let us know if you would like to keep your code.

Thanks again,
Kelly Young and Kelli Lesnak, Co-chairs

OPEN HOUSE DATES AND 4CCN

REGISTRATION:

4 Corners Community Nursery will have Open House days on Monday, November 11th and Wednesday, January 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 11. If you are interested in helping 4CCN with tours of the space, please let Susie Ostermeyer know. We need about six volunteers to take small groups of families around to the different classrooms.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year for in-house families will begin on Monday, January 13th, alumni registration will begin on Monday, January 27th and community registration will begin on Friday, February 7th.

DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER:

As the cold weather approaches in November, please remember to dress your children for outdoor play. We will continue to go outside throughout the winter months.

Please send your children to school with **hats, mittens, warm coats, etc. Make sure every piece is labeled with your child's name.** It is also very important that your child wears appropriate shoes to school. Crocs, sandals, flip flops and boots are not advisable on the mulch and equipment. Please send your children to school with **sturdy, close-toed shoes**, like sneakers.

4CCN EMERGENCY EVACUATION

PROCEDURES:

4 Corners Community Nursery is required by the State of Maryland to practice their emergency preparedness procedures. Each month we have a fire drill and evacuate the building. The children know exactly what to do when they

4CCN EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES: (cont'd.)
hear the fire bell sound. We also need to practice walking to Young Israel, (north side of parking lot), which is our holding school in case we need to evacuate the building. Your children will need to walk to and from Young Israel in the event of an emergency.

Please begin preparing them by having them walk in and out of the building at drop-off and pick-up and in general, have them walk as much as possible. This can be a fun process as we can go on our walk as an exploration, field trip or adventure. Thank you for your help!

4CCN ROOM PARENTS:

The room parents for the 2013-2014 school year are:

- **Mrs. Dunmire M/W/F 2's**
Emily Blagg and Ellen Parkhurst
- **Mrs. Dunmire T/Th 2's**
*Vacant
- **Mrs. Jeffries 3's**
Kristen Gruen and Carrie Ewachiw
- **Mrs. Schaefer M/W/F 3's**
*Vacant
- **Mrs. Schaefer T/Th 3's**
*Vacant
- **Mrs. Hanagan M/W/F 4's**
Christina Gibson (until January), Nguyen Trinh and Kate Jauch
- **Mrs. Lyon T/Th 4's**
Christina Gibson (until January), Nguyen Trinh and Sylvia Gomes
- **Mrs. Sampson M/W/F 4's**
Heather Thomas, Debbie Soderlund and Catherin Sofronoff
- **Mrs. Perman Five-day 4's**
Mario Gomez

We have a few vacant positions. If your child is in one of those classes and you are able to help out, please let us know. Your main responsibility would be to coordinate staff appreciation and planning 4CCN events, (i.e., Dine Outs, Ice Cream Social and Picnic).

PARENTING SEMINAR — DISCIPLINE VS. PUNISHMENT:

On Friday, November 15th, Elana Benatar and Marie Choppin will conduct a parenting workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 in the Weaver Room. They will be available to answer questions regarding discipline and when to and not to punish behavior.

Please RSVP to sostermeyer@verizon.net. The workshop is open to all 4CCN parents. Child care will not be provided. If you have any questions for Elana and Marie, please send them to Susie via e-mail or drop by the office and jot it down. Your questions will remain anonymous.

USING THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL:

4CCN families enjoy using the playground after school because it provides a great opportunity for the children to socialize and it gives families a chance to get to know one another too.

The children are very excited about the new equipment, however, it is important that all children are supervised at all times. Please be careful of the younger children on the playground as they are not as steady as the older children.

Please encourage safe play by helping children adhere to these basic rules:

- no throwing mulch;
- go down the slide only, do not walk up;
- only one child on the slide at a time;
- no jumping off equipment;
- no climbing the fence;
- only parents should unlock the playground gate;
- no rough play.

Thank you for remembering to lock the gate at the end of the day! Enjoy.

DINE-OUT AT EGGSPECTATIONS:

Our first Dine-Out of the year will be at Eggspectation located on Ellsworth Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland on Tuesday, November 19th from 4 p.m. to 9.

A portion of the evenings profits will be given to 4CCN. This money will be used to help supplement our BBQ, Ice Cream Social and other 4CCN events through out the year.

More information about this upcoming dine-out will be sent home in the next few weeks. We hope you can join us!



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OUR PHILOSOPHY:

4CCN strives to give each child a sense of security, a healthy feeling of self-esteem and an enthusiasm for living and learning.

4CCN is a nonprofit, state licensed program. No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or disability.

4 Corners Community Nursery provides a safe, warm and loving environment for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds and a program that will stimulate them socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.