

Hello parents; here is your November news!

1. Thank you for the donations; were able to assemble 104 **snack packs!**
2. Be on the lookout for the **Toys for Tots** drop off box. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys until December 11, 2013.
3. Trick or Treat! We will begin trick or treating promptly at 9:30am on **Thursday, October 31st**. Please send your child to school dressed in costume and if you would like for them to change after trick or treating, send in a separate change of clothes. We will provide a pizza lunch for all of the PK2, PK3 and VPK classes. If you are normally a Monday, Wednesday, Friday attendee (**PK2, PK3 only**), then we would love for you to join us for the morning! Please see me if you have any questions.
4. The annual **Thanksgiving Feast** is quickly approaching. I will post sign-up sheets next week for food as this is a "pot luck" style meal. This wonderful event is for children and their mom and dad in the PK2, PK3 and VPK classes and is scheduled for Monday, November 25th at 12:00 noon. Sorry, we don't have enough space for grandparents and other special family members. We are preparing a wonderful picture show for you to view during the luncheon! If you are able to stay after to help us clean up, I would be *thankful!*
5. **Church** activities that might be of interest:
 - The Trinity youth are once again selling Christmas trees and wreaths; all proceeds will be used for missions. Check out the attached flyer for details.
 - The music department has scheduled two performances of the Madrigal Dinner on December 13 and 14. Please check out the website for details and ticket information. www.tumct.org
6. Do you have a **laptop you would be willing to donate?** We will be implementing a new assessment tool beginning in January 2014 called Teaching Strategies Gold. I am very excited about this as it will be something that you as the parent can access as well as the teacher. You will get to see progress notes and goals and pointers for growth as well as photos collected by the teachers. For this program to be successful, we need to have a laptop (or iPad) in each of the classrooms. At this point, the apps for the iPad are not as successful as using a laptop, so we are opting for laptops. New computers are approximately \$300; if you are inclined to make a donation towards the purchase of a new one, please let me know. We are phasing in this program and will start with the PK2 and PK3 classes in January.
7. The speech and hearing **screenings** conducted by the Florida State University Department of Communication Disorders went well; be sure to look for the results coming soon in your child's folder. If you have a concern about your child and want (further) screenings for vision, hearing, speech, motor skills, language, cognitive,

behavior, or dental, please call 487-2630 to schedule an appointment. (This screening is not affiliated with FSU, but is a joint effort by several agencies). Please see the attached flyer for details.

8. **Tuition Express clients:** if you would like to set up an account specific to you where you can receive emails with receipts, please see me for instructions and an individual PIN.

9. **Dates to remember:**

- November 11, 2013 Veteran's Day; the preschool will be closed
- November 25, 2013 Thanksgiving Feast, 12:00noon in Moor Hall for PK2, PK3 and VPK classes
- Nov 27-29, 2013 School is closed for Thanksgiving Break
- December, 18, 2013 Christmas program, 11:30am in Moor Hall for PK2, PK3 and VPK classes
- Dec 23-31, 2013 School is closed for Christmas Break
- Jan 1-6, 2014 School is closed for Christmas Break
- January 7, 2014 Students return to school
- April 7-8, 2014 Individual and class pictures with Elizabeth Birdwell Photography

10. **November blessing:**

Bless the beans, bless the bread, bless the puppies being fed.
Bless all those so dear to us, keep them safe and near to us.

Trinity Marketplace: Charity Myers, a Trinity preschool mom, owns a graphic/exhibit design business specializing in designing for non-profits, small businesses and museums.

Please check out this link: <http://thecreativepooldesign.com>

Psalm 107:1

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (NIV)

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