

Newsletter

October 2020



Outdoor Clothing

Colder temperatures have arrived. Please be sure that your child has a jacket, hat and mittens available each day for outside play. We would rather have too much clothing than not enough. All clothing should be labeled with your child's name.

Also be sure to check that your child has a complete extra set of appropriate seasonal clothing in his/her backpack.



Snack & Weekend

Cleaning Sign Up

Please remember to sign up for snack and weekend cleaning. We are requiring a minimum of 1 snack participation per month and 1 weekend cleaning for the entire year.



School Photo Form

School photos went well!

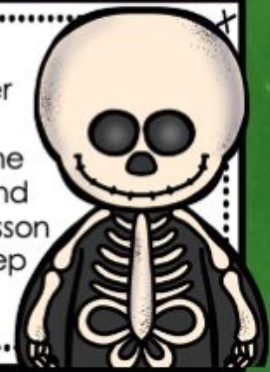
This is a friendly reminder that the school photo forms and money are due by **Wednesday, October 28th**.

Please give the form and money to Ms. Shawna



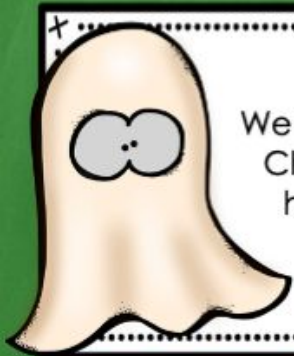
News From The Classroom

We wrapped up September and started our month of October with apples, patterns, our families and fall. We will finish the month talking about pumpkins and fairy tales. VINS came at the beginning of the month and talked with kids about patterns and shapes – we can't wait to see VINS on November 3rd for our lesson on pebbles and rocks! We have continued with our second step program and will be completing weeks 6 and 7 in the next two weeks.



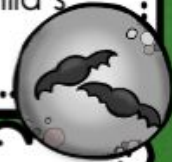
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Brightwheel

We started using the Brightwheel app and we are loving it! Check in/out has been so much easier and we are loving how easy it is to share moments from the day. If you haven't already, please update your child's profile.



Board Meetings

November 11th
December 9th
January 13th
February 10th
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th
June 9th



Upcoming Dates

October 30th – Pajama Day
November 3rd – VINS
November 17th – 20th –
Parent/Teacher
Conferences (Zoom)
November 20th –
Scholastic Orders Due
November 24 – 27th –
No School –
Thanksgiving break
December 1st – 4th
– Remote Learning
Week



Friendly Reminder

Please remember that we are entering the colder months which often brings the cold symptoms. Please keep your child home if they are showing any of the following symptoms:

Runny nose, cough, congestion, fever, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle pain/body aches, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



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Zoom Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14th, 2020

5:30pm-7:00pm

Present: Shawna Fox, Val Raney, Heather White, Yujin Silver, Kayla Connolly, Heather Vonada, and Laura Percy

Approve September Minutes: Motion made by Heather White, second by Val. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Savings-\$631.84

Checking-\$23,849.92

Investment-unknown at time of meeting

A deposit of \$1,100 was made yesterday as a result of the VINS reimbursement from the 2019-2020 school year. There are currently two outstanding bills: tax return=\$1,500 and the costs associated with the insurance agent for the director and officer policy=\$841.32.

We are currently showing a loss of \$8,500 for the year, but next quarter we should see some improvement due to changes in payroll.

Both Yujin Silver and Heather White were reimbursed for supplies that were purchased.

Admissions Report

Families who were hesitant to start at the beginning of the year will remain on our wait list. A new inquiry for 2 children was received recently, and it has been decided that the children may start as soon as next week if the families are able to make necessary arrangements. Students will be added to the afternoon class, bringing the total to 10 students.

With the addition of two students, our total number of enrolled students is 25.

Director's Report

Catherlyne Devins has officially been hired as a teaching assistant, her verification check has been completed, and all that remains on the to-do list is for Catherlyne to complete a fingerprinting record. All contracts have been signed and filed.

Volunteers in the Classroom- Due to several inquiries about if/when parent volunteering may be reintroduced to the program, we wanted to discuss the reality of the unique year for 2020-2021. Since mornings are typically colder and with impending winter weather likely to impact the ability to conduct class outside, it has been decided that parent volunteers will not be allowed at this time. This may be discussed again in the spring as the weather improves and outdoor classes will be more prevalent.

VINS- The recent visit from VINS went fantastic! Ms. Megan will be our new orator/demonstrator for this year. VINS has also approved the indoor sessions in the second classroom.

Shed- Further discussion surrounding the benefits to an outdoor shed in order to protect equipment occurred. Dan (Yujin's husband) and Matt (Heather White's husband) will both research shed options. Locations to be considered for purchasing will be BJ's and Home Depot to start. Heather White's brother-in-law works at Home Depot and may be able to help decide which options would be best for our purposes. It is discussed that a functional lock would be essential to ensuring the items stored are protected from vandalism and theft. Once a shed has been selected, we will then proceed with proposing several ideas for location to the town manager and seek approval. It is mentioned that our investment account may be utilized in order to purchase, if necessary.

COVID-19 and the Community -What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the WSESU district? If a confirmed case of COVID-19 arises in the district, an email would be sent out for notification and the school will follow the recommendations from the state/school guidelines. Please note there was a case at the Windsor School and an email was sent out with the notice written by Mr. Baker.

REMINDER: if your child shows any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, please keep them home for the day. This not only protects your child, but also the function of the school and the other students and/or community members.

Flu Shots -sometimes provoke symptoms, so please keep students home in this instance as well.

Staff and COVID -What happens if all staff become sick/incapacitated/unavailable? If all staff members are incapacitated/unavailable, school would be closed, similar to snow day and parents will be notified via the Brightwheel app and email.

Holiday breaks – To follow in line with the other schools in the district, the remote learning period following the week of Thanksgiving will not be extended. This remote learning period will remain set for only one week. However, please be mindful about the plans you have for the holidays. If you travel or host with family members from out of state, particularly yellow/red zones, please ensure that your family quarantines for the required time-frame to ensure the safety of those within the school system and in the community.

Website/Brightwheel Updates – Shawna has a meeting on Monday for more information on the process of our school website. Brightwheel has been working very well so far! Also, we received the 1st month free thanks to the referral by Val/Four C's.

Director and Act166 Supervisor Update - Shawna needs to complete a course in the spring in order to stay in the director role. Shawna will sign up on November 3rd for this required course through CCV, and she is to start the course in January. The cost of the class is \$840. If Shawna is not able to secure funding

to cover the cost through VSAC the board will consider covering the tuition of the course. Val also suggests several additional grants that may be utilized.

Recently, the Governor passed a waiver for universal Pre-K programs who have lost their licensed teacher due to COVID. HCNS will apply for this waiver in order to allow us more time.

The question of potential additional staff to be added for next year was raised. This will be considered but no action will be taken until spring.

Licensing - Since licensing testing sites are currently closed for in-person testing, Shawna will look into this once in-person testing is available. The application for licensure is approximately \$1,200 and it is discussed that HCNS will consider covering this cost as well. We expect this process to take about a year to accomplish and finalize.

Operations Report

Both weekend cleanings and daily snacks are going well. Cleaning weekends are booked through most of January and snacks have been consistently covered.

Fundraising Report

Alternative fundraising options may be considered given that typical options are unavailable this year. To be discussed at a later date.

Other Business

Insurance plans are set to renew soon. Both Shawna and Yujin would like to keep their private insurance plans and Catheryne will be asked about her preference at a later date.

(Added to December Agenda- Discussion regarding January Open House event)

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm