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Mark your Calendar

Thursday November 1st
Picture Day for 2s, 3/4s

Friday November 2nd
Picture Day for CDO, 3s, & 4s

November 5th & 6th
FCPS Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Saturday November 10^h
Cleaning and Maintenance Day
8:30am-11:30am

Monday November 12th
November Board Meeting
7:30pm

November 12th & 13th
CDO and 2s
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 14th & 16th
3s Parent Teacher Conferences

November 14th & 15th
Skill Builders OT/Speech Assessments

Saturday November 17th
Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

Tuesday November 20th
Thanksgiving Luncheon 3/4s & 2s

November 21st, 22nd, & 23rd
Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Saturday December 8th
PNS Holiday Shop
10am-1pm

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THE PROVIDENCE PAGES

A Letter from Jennifer...

Happy Fall! This is my favorite time of year – cool weather, beautiful leaves, a warm fire in the fireplace and so many holiday events to look forward to! This school year is moving right along and my daughter continues to have so much fun learning with their friends. I hope everyone enjoyed their chance to dress up and show off their Halloween costumes to their friends. I love seeing the costumes! I also can't wait to see all the sparkling smiles on picture days, November 1st and 2nd. We've made many wonderful memories at PNS so far this school year and will make many more in the coming weeks as we enter into the busy holiday season.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates: School is closed on November 5th and 6th due to a FCPS teacher work day and Election Day. We have a parent education opportunity on November 8th at 7:00pm in the Big Room at school. Francine Ronis will be speaking about sibling rivalry and other topics of interest from attendees. Our monthly board meeting will be held in the Big Room at school on November 12th at 7:30pm.

We have one of our biggest fundraisers of the year on Saturday, November 17th at Barnes and Noble. Bring the kids out for a morning of fun which will include storytimes, sing-alongs and more. Finally, school is closed on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Looking ahead to December, we have the PNS Holiday Shop on December 8th. This is a fantastic and fun event for the children to buy presents for Mom, Dad, Grandparents, etc. It's also a great way to earn some volunteer hours. Our fundraising committee works incredibly hard on this event and they need your help. Please contact Sara Levy or Emily Gillotte if you can give some of your time, any amount would be appreciated. There will also be a sign up genius for this event.

In the spirit of the season, I'd like to thank our PNS families, teachers and staff for all you do for our children and our school. Your generosity and dedication to Providence Nursery School is amazing. You are appreciated.

Wishing you a warm and relaxing Thanksgiving,

Jennifer

CDO & 2's

The Twos and CDO classes will start off the month of November with a fun, favorite theme: the Farm. For the first two weeks, we'll play with toy barns, tractors, and animals, learn some familiar farm songs and nursery rhymes, have fun with animal sounds and movements, and use animal puppets and costumes for pretend play.

Meanwhile, the teachers will create a themed setup in the Big Room for each of these weeks, beginning with a restaurant, complete with menus and meal prep stations, followed by a grocery store with shopping carts and cash registers. I am looking forward to observing all of the imaginative play these new environments will inspire!

The week of the 19th is, of course, Thanksgiving week. We'll learn about being thankful and practice saying "thank you," and enjoy Thanksgiving themed art, dress-ups and stories. Happy Thanksgiving!

Our final theme in November is also well suited to the season: Washing Hands. It's the time of year when germs always seem to be hanging around, and the perfect time to hone our hygiene skills.

We'll read about washing and bath time, learn a song about hand-washing, use toy medical instruments to pretend about doctors, and get a little silly practicing the right way to cover a sneeze!

The November calendar is full of school events and holidays, including our first Parent-Teacher Conferences on the 12th (CDO) and 13th (Twos), during which we will have a chance to discuss your child's individual experience in class this fall, and any questions or concerns you might have. Stayed tuned to my weekly emails for details about all the upcoming events.

There are many things for which I am thankful, and they include spending my mornings with the caring parents, talented aides, and marvelous children in our school community! Thank you, PNS families, for all that you do.

Ms. Auten

PICTURE DAY!

School Picture Day is coming soon!

November 1st and 2nd - Picture Day at Providence Nursery School. Your child was provided with a Picture Order Information Sheet. This year, the company will provide same-day proofs, and you can order using that form. If you have questions, please contact Heather Green at hgreen11@gmail.com. The 2's and 3/4's classes will be photographed on November 1st and CDO, 3's, and 4's will be photographed on November 2nd. Remind your preschooler to smile big! :)

In our house, November feels like a month that revolves around food, family and feasts (and quite a bit of football too!). Of course, we also spend a lot of time talking about all the things for which we are thankful. This is a great month to introduce the idea of doing things for others as well as expressing gratitude. At this age, your three year old wants to be helpful. Take advantage of the many opportunities in the next few months to let your child pitch in and assist you. Remember to use descriptive praise when he/she helps. "You're helpful, kind, responsible, independent, etc." are all ways to build up your child's internal sense of value.

The week of November 5th, we will be focusing on **Food and Table Manners**. We'll make connections to our favorite foods and meals, practice setting the table and play in the PNS Restaurant set up. Art projects will include kitchen gadget prints as well as making placemats to bring home. The following week, we'll be continuing our discussion of **Food and Healthy Choices**. We'll start to distinguish between healthy foods and "sometimes" foods and spend time talking about fruits, vegetables, soup (where all the parts of a healthy plate can come together) and desserts. Bartholomew will be visited by a "Very Hungry Caterpillar." Our class will be making Stone Soup. An email request for ingredients will come out the first week of November. Our **one day of school** on November 19th will be spent talking about the idea of being **Thankful**. We will brainstorm ideas of things for which we are thankful and create fun Thankful Turkey Headbands. The last week of November is all about **Our Senses**. We'll explore sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. We'll be Tasting a Rainbow as well as creating a Class

Senses Mural full of sight, texture and smell created to the sounds of Music.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

November 5 No School, **November 14 & 16** Parent Teacher Conferences, **November 21 & 13** No School.

With the coming cool weather, please remember to switch out your child's Change of Clothes with long sleeves and pants. Also, please label your child's coat, mittens and hat with his/her name.

I am so very thankful for our wonderful class of friends, the other teachers and aides at PNS, and the wonderful parents who make our class and our cooperative nursery school such a special place. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to work at PNS each day. Thank you!

Ms. Ryan



November (or YESvember as we fondly call it in our class!) is traditionally a month to give thanks. At Providence, we have so much to be thankful for...terrific children, caring parents, a fabulous facility, and a whole month to celebrate our blessings! Our weeks will be crammed full of fun as we talk about Manners (11/5), Thanksgiving Story (11/12), Our Feast (11/19), and Music (11/26). My Monday Gang will be looking at the letters T, A, and M during the month.

Our traditional Providence Thanksgiving feast will take place on Tuesday, November 20th and we will be celebrating with the Fours' class. Both classes will be doing some of the food preparation and cooking in addition to the feasting. Although space does not allow us to invite parents to eat with us, a few extra hands to help with final details would be greatly appreciated. I will be posting a sign-up sheet later in the month listing some foods that will be needed...if anyone could contribute, that would be terrific! Lunch Bunch will be Fun Bunch that day...no lunch will be necessary!

Please remember to change seasons with the clothes in my "emergency basket"...and to label all those hats and mittens that are being worn these days. Star of the Day is a great success – I think being line leader is the favorite part of the job. Show 'n Tell is also going well. I really appreciate your effort when you encourage your Star to bring something that relates to the topic of the week (and that fits into the "sharing can, too!").

Important dates for November: School pictures for us are on Thursday, 11/1. The BIG PNS fundraiser for the year will be held at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Fair Lakes on Saturday, the 17th. Please put it on your calendar...it is such a terrific morning and the Fundraising Committee (Yay, Emily and Sara!) does a fabulous job planning and carrying out fun activities for the kids. There will be no school for us on the 5th and 6th (Fairfax Co. Public School holidays) and November 21st and 22nd (Thanksgiving).

Kelly and I are having a great time with your kids! They are all becoming good friends with each other...and we love listening to their conversations! Lastly, I hope you are enjoying your co-op days as much as I enjoy having you with me! Happy Turkey Day to all!

Jane



Time flies when you're having fun. Bring on November! We had a great time on our field trip, pumpkin pounding, doing Science experiments and crafts this month. In November we will be having our pictures taken and the Barnes & Noble fundraiser.

In November our themes will be Health & Nutrition and Turkey/Thankful. (Nn & Tt) We will be learning about oral care, germs, nutrition and exercise. We will be doing a food group game where they learn about the food groups and eating

a balanced diet. We will have a grocery store in our classroom during center time. Our song we will learn is "I am a Turkey" and our felt board game will be "Turkey, turkey come out and Play". Our sensory table will have toy basters and colored water in it. We will continue patterns, syllable counting, rhyming and be doing more number and Math activities. Please remember to send in warmer extra clothing.

Fondly, Ms. Jenn



CLASS PHOTO SITES

We are pleased to see so many of you are uploading photos to Shutterfly. The pictures you've been sharing offer so many wonderful glimpses of day-to-day activities at PNS. In May we will order class photo books using those pictures, so keep uploading them! One quick reminder about our Shutterfly photos; these sites are only to be used by PNS parents. They cannot be shared with members of your extended families or friends. For the safety and privacy of our students we ask that you not give out any information about our class pages.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

It's time for the annual PNS holiday food drive! All donations are to support the Providence Presbyterian's food pantry which supplies food goods to members of our community regardless of religious affiliation. From November 12-20, collection boxes will be in both the main and back hallways where families can leave donations of canned and boxed goods. We will take the boxes upstairs as they fill up. The kids love to help with this and learn the importance of giving to those less fortunate.

Stay tuned to your email for more details soon.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

- With cooler weather upon us, don't forget to update your child's emergency clothes.
- Emailing the school or class Google groups is the quickest and most effective method we have of distributing information. You should always pay close attention to school email and at no time is this more important than when we are experiencing inclement weather. School delays and cancellations will be announced through the PNSall Google group. We do follow FCPS for all closings and delays.
- Please make sure you label all hats, coats, scarves and mittens that your children bring to school. This is the only way to make it sure they make it home! It is helpful if mittens are tucked into the sleeves of jackets.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Each family enrolled in a co-oping class must complete eight volunteer hours during the school year. CDO-only families are required to do four. We urge you to complete half of your hours during the first half of the school year. You will be getting an email from Stephanie or Dan the first week of November with a summary of your logged hours, so be sure you are letting them know when you are earning volunteer time and parent education hours.

Here are some ideas to help you get those hours in before winter break!

- Attend the Board Meeting on Monday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. for one volunteer hour.
- Sign up on Sign-Up Genius if you are attending the November Clean-Up Day on Saturday, November 10th from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. All families are required to attend one Clean-Up Day per child enrolled. You will receive volunteer hours if you help out at an additional Clean- Up Day.
- Volunteers are needed to help with our Barnes and Noble Fund Raiser on November 17. Check out Sign-up Genius for details!
- Volunteers will be needed to help with Holiday Shop on December 7 (evening) and December 8. Contact Emily Gillotte or Sara Levy for more information. Look for a sign-up on Sign-up Genius soon!

Contact Stephanie Jensen via vpadmin@providencenurseryschool.org if you have any questions about your volunteer hours or would like to volunteer for one of these opportunities.

PARENT EDUCATION

November 8th, 7:00 PM

Francine Ronis will be presenting on Sibling Rivalry and any other topics of interest from attendees. Francine provides individual and group psychotherapy services for children, adolescents, adults, and families. She specializes in early childhood development, attachment issues and adoption, anxiety, depression, behavioral challenges, mindfulness, women's issues, and trauma. She also has extensive experience working with families to create positive relationships and a joyful home environment.

ENRICHMENT

This month we are excited to welcome back Wildlife Ambassadors on November 7 at 11:30 am in the Big Room. We will learn all about some local animals and their habitats. There will be some little critters for the kids to meet as well. 2s and CDO students are welcome to attend with a supervising adult.

MAINTENANCE

Please continue to ensure that you completely close Door #2 as you enter and leave PNS (the weatherstripping can make it hard to close completely); however, the Maintenance Team sanded the doors on Door #1 and the Big Room doors so they no longer stick! Enjoy!

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone that came to the Chuck E. Cheese playdate!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next big event! Saturday, November 17th is the PNS Bookfair at Barnes and Noble in Fair Lakes. We will be set up in

the Children's area from 10AM - 2PM with crafts, face painting and our teachers have graciously volunteered to read stories. PNS will receive a portion of **ALL** sales credited to us **including those in the cafe!** A table will be set up with "wish list" items from the teachers available for families to purchase and donate to the school. The event runs from 10-2, but PNS will receive credit for all in store sales linked to us all day. For those unable to attend the event, use the code 12280848 online at check-out and PNS will receive a portion of those sales from Saturday November 17 through Wednesday November 21st.

The Mabel's Labels fundraiser is still active though the end of November! Their labels are dishwasher safe, microwave safe, and waterproof! Go to <http://www.mabelslabels.com/> select "Support a Fundraiser" and scroll down the list until you find "Providence Nursery School".

Looking ahead the Holiday Shop will be Saturday December 8th. We will need LOTS of volunteers for this event! A couple volunteers we are looking to line up now are:

1. a photographer, so if you, or anyone you know, is a professional photographer and willing to donate a few hours to PNS, please let us know!
2. a jolly fellow to dress up in a red suit for photos and to listen to what the boys and girls would like. If you are interested please let us know!

If you would like to have your child(ren) shop at the Holiday Shop, but have not turned in a form with payment, we can still accept them! Please turn them in to the fundraising box in the music room!

Feel free to contact us for anything!

Sara Levy (saralevy81@yahoo.com)

Emily Gillotte (emedee@hotmail.com)

ENROLLMENT

We have openings for 4 year olds for the 2018-2019 school year. Child must be 4 by September 30. Please spread the word to your friends, family, Mom groups, and play groups.

membership@providencenurseryschool.com for more information.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading the PNS newsletter. If there is anything you would like to have published in the December Newsletter please submit it by November 20th. If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see in the newsletter don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,
Melissa Ahern
melissasahern@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Zeina Frayha and Tarek Saad for keeping us on top of fire safety by coordinating our monthly drills and making sure our first-aid kits are well-stocked.

Thank you to our teachers for the great presentations and discussions at the class brunches last month. Thanks to our class reps and parents for coordinating and providing the refreshments at the brunches. Thanks to the parents who subbed during the brunches: Beth Ann Clare, Theresa Gunlicks, Meg Krug, Jim Maiwurm, and Nari Kim.

Thanks to Heather and Peter Streckfus-Green for working on the class placemats and getting us ready for picture days.

Thanks to Emily Gillotte and Sara Levy for organizing our fall fundraisers.



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Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1 Tuition Due <i>School Pictures</i> 2s, & 3/4s	2 <i>School Pictures</i> CDO, 3s, & 4s	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL 	7	8	9	10 Cleaning and Maintenance Day 8:30am-11:30am
11	12 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences- CDO</i> Board Meeting 7:30pm	13 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences- 2s</i>	14 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences- 3s</i> Skill Builders OT/Speech Assessments	15 Skill Builders OT/Speech Assessments	16 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences- 3s</i>	17 Barnes and Noble Fundraiser!
18	19	20 Thanksgiving Luncheon- 3/4s&4s	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	