



Newsletter- November 2017

Can you believe we are already into November?? We have been lucky to have had such nice weather so far. Please remember, however, that the weather changes quickly, so dress your child appropriately. We will go outside most days. Our playground is shady in the morning so keep that in mind when choosing clothing for the day. Layers, layers, layers! We are busy teaching the children how to put their own coats on and zip them if they are ready, so you can encourage them at home too and we will master that skill quickly. Self- help skills are a big part of kindergarten readiness. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Individual Pictures Wed Nov. 15 for MWF, MF classes, Thurs. Nov. 16 for TTH, MTH, TTH classes

Parent's Night Out – Nov. 3 and 17

November 10- No School

Thursday/Friday, Nov. 16 and 17th – Fall Gathering 10:45 (for AM classes) or 2:30 (for PM classes) Next door in Clubhouse (see below for information)

November 18 -19 The Children's Nutcracker at The Lakewood Cultural Center

Monday -Friday - Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL

Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11 The Children's Nutcracker 12:00/4:00

Holiday Break - Dec. 21- Jan 5. - NO SCHOOL – School Resumes on Monday, January 8

Parent's Night Out is on Friday, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 from 4:45-7:45 p.m. The cost is \$25 per child (cash) and includes dinner and a movie. Sign- up sheets are on the front desk.

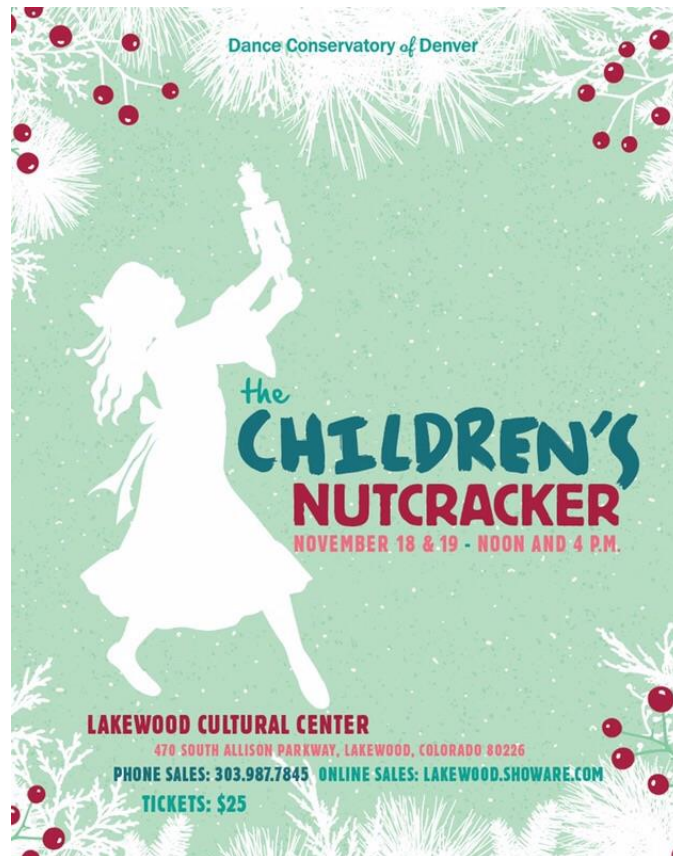
With cold and flu season upon us, please wash your children's hands when they arrive at school, and then again when they get home. Let's work together to stay as healthy as possible.

Individual Pictures will be taken **Nov. 15 & Nov. 16** at the beginning of each session by our school photographer (Timeless Expressions). The background will be our traditional fall scene with orange, brown, yellow colors. Order Forms will be in your cubbies. Siblings are welcome to join your preschooler or have individual pictures taken. We will have extra forms to sign them up on picture day. Family Portraits may be scheduled by calling 720-837-3573.

Safety First Children in Colorado are required by law to be in a child safety restraint seat until 8 years old. If you need a car seat or more info on this topic, please visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats/carseats>

Please join us for our **Fall Gathering** on **Thursday, November 16** and **Friday, November 17** at **10:45 or 2:30** at the end of your child's preschool session in the McKay Landing Clubhouse. Children that attend both days will participate on both days. The children will share some songs they have learned in their classroom and we will all go "on a Bear Hunt".

Start a New Holiday Tradition! The Children's Center in collaboration with The Dance Conservatory of Denver presents: **"The Children's Nutcracker"** For several years, we have sponsored this version of the Nutcracker that is more age appropriate for young children (shorter version with more children involved). It is on:



November 18th and 19th at Noon and 4:00 pm.

Lakewood Cultural Center

470 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood CO 80226

For tickets: 303.987.7845 or lakewood.showare.com

What a great way to welcome the Holiday Season...

Holiday Shopping Idea

If you are shopping for your children at **Grandrabbit's** Toy Shoppe, they have a Bunny Bucks program where we receive a percentage of the money that you spend to use for our school. **Please** just tell them our name when you check out!! Thank you!!

Many of you have generously asked what we are in need of here at school, here are a couple of ideas:

*Lakeshore Learning gift cards

*Hobby Lobby gift cards

Thanks for your continued support of our program. We are a non-profit school and all items donated are tax deductible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!! Registration for School Year 2018-2019

*Currently enrolled students and their siblings will begin receiving contracts for the next school year in January. Contracts are handed out in order of your original application date with siblings having priority over other wait list children. You do not have to apply again. **Sibling applications must be received by December 1st for priority over wait list children.**

Classes for School Year 2018-2019: The date of application determines the choice of days and morning or afternoon sessions. When the first 8-11 children in each class return their contracts with the appropriate enrollment fee, we will then go on to fill the next spaces in the class. When we come to your name on the list you will be offered the class or classes that we have available at that time. If the class you are offered is not the one you prefer, you have the choice to accept the contract so that you will have a spot in the program and ask to be placed on the wait list for other classes or you can refuse the contract and just stay on the wait lists. This takes quite a while to complete but we hope to have classes set by the end of February.

Plan ahead- You will need to place a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$150 to reserve a spot in the class for next school year.

DON'T FORGET to check your child's cubby each day at drop off! We place important information in their cubby's from time to time such as picture forms etc... Thanks!

Our themes this month are: Thanksgiving/Fall Harvest, Pumpkin Life System, Sharing and Making New Friends

3 Year Old Program:

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILDREN IN EASY UP AND DOWN PANTS! We are really encouraging self-help skills in the restroom. Belts, buttons, zippers are extremely challenging for three year olds so please send them in elasticized pants that they can pull up and down by themselves.

Math Skills: Numbers 6,7, 8, 9 Patterning ABC, Counting Feathers, Apple Seeds – 1, 2, 3, One to one correspondence, Learning about spatial concepts.

Science Skills: Sounds and smells off fall, Sprouting Indian corn, Scales and fall produce, Floating and Sinking.

Reading and Writing Skills: Experiencing the letters A, D, B,R the color brown, oval shapes, continuing pencil and scissor skills, name recognition and writing our names.

Favorite Books: *From Head to Toe, The Pumpkin Patch, Bear Gives Thanks, Brown Bear, If You Give a Moose a Muffin, Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks, Happy Birthday, Moon, Owl Babies*

Fun Songs and Finger Plays: *If You're Thankful, Popcorn Song, Mr. Turkey Rap, Indian Tom-Toms, Autumn Leaves, I'm a Nut, A Turkey is a Funny Bird, I Am a Little Scarecrow, I'm a Lil' Turkey*

Pre-Kindergarten Program:

Math Skills: Graphing, Counting,
Sorting, Calendar Pattern ABC, Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9

Science Skills: Corn – Why it Pops!, Nutrition, Pumpkin Science, Owls

Reading and Writing: Forming letters A, D, B, R Forming numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 Printing names Kindergarten style,
Pencil/scissor skills

Favorite Books: *I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie, Pumpkin, Pumpkin, We're going on a Leaf Hunt, Thanks for Thanksgiving, Mrs. McNosh and the Great Big Squash, The Most Thankful Thing*

Favorite Songs and Finger Plays: *The Itsy, Medium and Great Big Spider, I'm a Little Acorn, Falling Leaves, Popcorn Song, Hello Mr. Turkey, Turkey Dinner*



“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.



Involve me and I learn.”



- Benjamin Franklin