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TCNS Helping Hands

A Word from our Director

Sue Hester



Dear Parents,

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving,

I hope you

share

the joy

of our

school used the November

to publicly say thank you

to all who contribute so much love

and warmth to the work

of our school. In that spirit I encourage

you to take the condition of publicly saying

thank you to those who are

very deserving of Kirkwood and

for your support and

Thank you for creat-

ing a place where children

can flourish.

I would like to thank you to the entire parent body.

Your kindness and support are always

appreciated and I hope you are helping

your child to be a successful

student. Your support of our

school projects, and me

in sharing your thoughts

with us. Your

presence

Thank you to the hard-working

Trinity School Staff. I am

As Thanksgiving approaches the

school teachers will be talking about grati-

tude and the importance of express-

ing our thanks to the people in our

lives. The heart that is grateful can-

not feel sadness at the same time. It

is important that we teach our

school

inspiring. I am

grateful for

and have your wise advice

and support. Special thanks go to

Director Hester for her warm and

effective leadership.

Ready-TWO-Grow

Bonnie Cobia & Betsy Segal

October was filled with color -- bright, vibrant, swirling color! Are your children suddenly jumping more than usual? It's probably due to jumping for our colors! We sing "we jump for red day, we jump for red day it's a happy, happy, happy, happy day"! We parade all through the halls. We always stop to see Mrs. Gaertner and Miss Libby and any friends we pass by. Mrs. Baird was wearing brown on brown day and Pastor Kirk had on purple for -- you guessed it -- purple day! What exciting coincidences. We can find the tiniest specks of green on our explorations and the hallway was full of orange. We end in the parlor for....more jumping, of course!

Our first color blend was purple and we sang "when you mix blue and red you get purple, when you mix blue and red you get purple, when you mix blue and red you get a happy color, when you mix blue and red you get PURPLE". So when it was time to talk about green it kind of went when you mix blue and yellow you get..."purple"...well, purple made a big impression, but we are learning and having a lot of fun doing so!

So we had lots of fun with color projects, too. We put red apples on our apple tree and made paper and tissue bananas (and actually ate them, too, thanks to Mae). We feathered blue birds, we colored that wonderful purple dinosaur. Each child actually mixed his or her own cup of paint to make green. They stirred the blue and yellow paint and then painted green turtles. On pink day we dipped one marble in red paint and another in white paint and they shook those marbles in a box all over pink paper. We made orange jack-o-lanterns and black spiders. Brown day is the biggest day when we make, then finger paint with chocolate pudding. Personalities come out over chocolate pudding! What would you do? Would you not touch it, play in it or eat it?

We get to have our very own Halloween party. YEA!!!! We'll trick-or-treat the halls of Trinity (halls that we already know so well and feel so comfortable).

Observation Days

Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about Trinity Observation Days for prospective parents. They are November 5 & 6. Reservations are necessary and interested families may call the school office at 847-251-0479, or call the Registrar, Betsy Crosswhite at 847-256-7817.

News from the TERRIFIC THREE's

Bonnie Cobia, Sue Gaertner, Luanne Hampton, Byrd Matejka & Betsy Segal



Boo! That's a word we've been hearing a lot of in the 3-4 year old room! We've been talking about Halloween! As the children settle in, their social interactions are blossoming and they grow as preschoolers!

Rug time continues to be a big hit with these children. This month we had many children using this time to share special things, such as leaves, toys and stuffed animals. We love to see the enthusiasm in the children's eyes as we did our finger plays about cackling witches' brew, pumpkins, leaves and ghosts! We made many kinds of pumpkins, masks and ghosts at the art table. Every project was a joy to watch being experienced. One favorite was paper chains to decorate the room! That is quite the task for your child and they were all terrific!

We've been working on the Trinity flip to assist with coats, as the weather gets colder. If your child has not yet shown this to you, ask about it! Also, as mittens, hats and boots become a part of our routine, we ask that you mark your child's things with permanent marker. We don't want to lose anything! We've also started our music and movement class with Mrs. Dashiell this month. Every other Wednesday we'll be joining her to dance, do rhythm sticks, pretend to be sandpipers and many other things! We're so glad she's here with us!

In November we'll be focusing on more fall themes and Thanksgiving. We'll be talking turkey but also talking about all the things for which we can all be thankful! We are so thankful to all of you parents, for sharing your children with us! Thank you!

Kids Say the Darndest Things ...

In Lunch Bunch Isabella Shaker came up to Mrs. Cobia and said, "I told Ella that burping meant you were having a baby but she didn't believe me." Mrs. Cobia took a breath and said, "oh — let's see if I got this right — you think burping is having a baby?" Isabella responded, "No, not burping, birthing! But Ella didn't believe me." So Mrs. Cobia said, "Well, maybe Ella heard 'burping', too." And Isabella got it and said, "Oooh, no wonder she didn't believe me!"

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Blake Beeler and Frankie Williams were playing with a magnetic building set. They discovered that part of the set was missing; the magnetic base and their structure would not stay together. It was then that Blake shared his wise advice with Frankie:

"You see, Frankie, it's like I always say.....I always expect the unexpected!"

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The 4PM class was all lined up and ready to leave the playground and go inside — all of them except Daniel Stein. He was clearly busy. The teachers were calling for him to line up and he seemed to pick up his pace but didn't get in line. Then one of the teachers walked over to Daniel, who still appeared very busy, and insisted that he get in line to go inside. Daniel said, "OK — I'm ready — I just needed to shut down the command center!"

News from the FABULOUS FOUR's

Happy Baird, Ginny Lezama & Luanne Hampton



Attention all parents of alumni! Mark your calendars for the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving for any alum who would like to come and visit and be a teacher for the day. This is definitely one of our favorite days.

Soon we will be starting each child's Special Day. You'll be hearing about your child's Special Day as we take turns throughout the year choosing a child's photo from the "star" bag and honoring that person for the day.

In November, we'll be focusing on the Native Americans. We'll read The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush and paint watercolor sunsets. Another book we'll read is Three Little Indians. It's stories of three Indian children who live in different parts of the country and how each lives in a different home made of animal skins, mud or wood: the name of their tribe; how they hunted and fished for food; the games they played; and how they celebrated special occasions.

We'll also be reading the tale of Whale in the Sky. There is an 8 ft. totem pole in our building

which we'll take the children to see. It depicts the story of the book. We encourage the children to bring in any Indian artifacts they may have.

Rug time at Trinity is funny, amazing and original! One day we asked who was the first president. Ashley proudly said "George Washington Avenue!" (She lives on Washington Ave.) Isabelle showed us a necklace with a peace symbol on it. We asked what that meant and she enthusiastically replied "Peace and quiet!" Another day, we were reading Rapunzel and found out there was no door to get into the tower, so the sorceress and the Prince had to climb Rapunzel's hair. Frankie piped up and said, "Wait. How did Rapunzel get to the top of the tower?" After the children came up with several possible solutions, such as a ladder, magic, etc., Frankie said, "Oh, I know. Suction cups on the tower and on her!" Now if that isn't original problem solving, I don't know what is! Is it any wonder why we love our job?

Happy Thanksgiving and know that every day at Trinity we feel blessed that we are part of your children's lives.



KINDERGARTEN Enrichment

Bonnie Cobia, Caroline Cerrone & Kathy Sasso



KE was DEFINitely fun as we discovered joys in the letters D, E, and F this month. We explore in so many ways. We graphed our favorite dinosaurs —you can see the graphs on the KE closet doors in the upstairs classroom. We read a phonics book and listen for beginning sounds and come up with words. We learn the sign for each letter. And we sometimes get messy — and we're talking hugely messy! We made flubber and stirred it with our hands in all that wonderful gluey glory! It was so fun to play with it when it's done — try holding and watch it slowly stretch, or cut it with scissors. Not in KE but reading this anyway? Feel free to ask us for the recipe — it's messy, it stains, but it is a blast!

We began science with Mrs. Dashiell. We studied inertia. I love learning and teaching this from a practical standpoint— if you run to get in line you might accidentally bump into some people. This is a great thing to learn in kindergarten. So we ran — and it took a while to stop. Mrs. Dashiell takes it

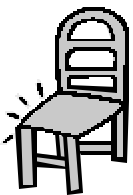
farther and taught about how a car needs a car length to stop for every 10 miles a hour. A good lesson for all drivers to remember! The she actually put a straw into a raw potato! Amazing.

We wrote and illustrated our own book — KE's Would You Eat Green Eggs and Ham? Everyone knows this book — it makes for great conversation — would you eat green eggs and ham and where or where not?

And throughout our day and all of our fun we realize that the most important things are kindness and thoughtfulness and learning to communicate these things with each other.

We're celebrating Halloween with a surprise twist on trick-or-treating! We'll let you know what we did next time!

Happy Halloween!



The CHAIR's Corner

Heather Hester

Another fun, albeit chilly, Halloween has passed and I am wondering who else's kids are still bouncing off the walls?! My skeleton zombie, batgirl, Dora the Explorer and Yoda were so deliciously adorable! These are the moments I want to freeze in time. Watching their pure enjoyment made me wonder how many moments we enjoy and truly live in as adults. While teaching our children is part of the parent job description, times like this remind me we can learn from them, too!

While our children bring home pictures of pumpkins, paper mache apples and the "what I'm thankful for" turkeys, the behind-the-scenes activity increases. Many thanks to Tena and Matt Bonaguidi for graciously hosting a fabulous Oktoberfest party! The band, the food and THE HEATERS were perfect! Thank you, also, to the rest of the fundraising committee and to the Janetzko family for all of your help in making this year's Friendraiser a success.

The room parents have done a great job of coordinat-

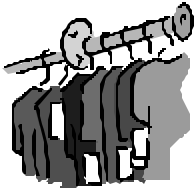
ing the Fall Cocktail parties and Girls' Nights Out. If you have not received information about your class party, you will soon. Like the Friendraiser, these are great opportunities to meet other parents in your child's class and re-connect with old friends.

Next Wednesday, November 11th is the Trinity Trunk Show - A Holiday Market. It will be from 9am - 4pm in the upstairs gymnasium, and you should not miss it! The vendors are wonderful and it is a great way to get your Holiday shopping started (or finished) while supporting TCNS! Take a half hour out of your day and walk through - you will be so happy you did!

As always, a reminder that the Parent Advisory Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the parlor at 9:15 am and anyone is welcome to attend. The fun and craziness of the Holiday season have begun, but it can (and should!) be a season of reflective thankfulness, too. We are all so blessed! It is with these thoughts and that I send you into the season of Thanksgiving. Enjoy and be thankful.

Other Trinity News ...

Dresses For a Good Cause!



Bonnie Cobia is collecting any outgrown or not needed little dresses at Kilimanjaro Children's Foundation. This is the school where the children range in age from 3-8. They each have only one dress. They can use summer, spring or fall weight dresses. Please give your unused dresses to Bonnie Cobia. Asante sana!

Dresses for the children she worked this summer year dresses and they are, but no winter time. Thank you so

Hen and Barley Press Fundraiser

Hen and Barley Press, co-founded by former Trinity mom Carolyn ... ized note cards, stationery, wine bags, birthday party tags and holiday purchase totals will be donated back to Trinity. This fundraiser will year. Please let your friends and family know about this site for great chases will help Trinity as well. Just enter code TCNS at checkout.

creates personal- rds. And 40% of the entire school ! Their p site is

www.shophbp.com

OUR TRINITY FAMILY IS GROWING!



Congratulations to Helene and Thomas Ellingsoe and Big Sister Emma on the arrival of baby Olivia!!!

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Trinity Marchers!! Get Ready for the Holiday Parade!!

Trinity Nursery School will be participating in the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 21. Bundle up, wear your blue and white and join other Trinity families as we welcome in the holiday season. Bikes and scooters are allowed in this parade and we will provide extra fun! We had a great time last year and we are hoping for a good turnout, as this is an excellent way to show the community what a great school Trinity is! If you would like to march in the Holiday Parade with us

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Please note

I know a wonderful cleaning lady and a caregiver who have several days available. If you are looking for a caregiver, please contact Heather Hester, heathermama4@gmail.com

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