

Unity School

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PROGRAM DIRECTORS'

Hello Unity Families!

Thank you for joining us at the Harvest Carnival! It was such a blast, and I think the adults enjoyed themselves as much (if not more than) the kids! We had a great turnout, lots of fabulous games, and a ton of excitement!

Parent conferences for each classroom are being offered during the last week of October and the first two weeks of November. Please check with your child's teacher to sign up for a time that is convenient for you.

Coming up soon is our Winter Celebration! Each class will perform a song and each classroom will have activities for all to play! Cookies and punch will be provided. It's another perfect opportunity to meet others and have fun! Come celebrate with us Friday, December 12th 6:45-7:45 at the Sheldon Community Center.

We love the fall: beautiful colors and sunny days here and there. The weather can change quickly, so please take a moment to check your child's cubby. Do they have rain gear, gloves & hat? What about an extra sweater or jacket? The temperature can vary this time of year and we want to make sure your child is as comfortable as possible during our outside play times.

Along with weather changes, this time of year is when we start to see runny noses, coughs, and fevers. Please keep a close eye on your child for any of these symptoms and be sure to keep them home to rest so we can minimize any spread of sickness. Children do need to be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Thanks for keeping our school healthy!

Did you know we have a suggestion box? If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out a suggestion form and place it in the tuition/suggestion box. We appreciate your feedback!

Please mark your calendar in advance for Unity School closures for the Holidays: November 27th & 28th, December 25th & 26th and January 1st. Check the lobby calendar each month for up-to-date information. If your child will not be in school due to planned vacations, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can staff accordingly.

Happy November,
Susanne & Chris

Welcome to fall



PANDA CLASS

Hello Panda Families,

Fall is definitely here - we have had just about every kind of weather except snow this month.

Just a reminder, we do go outside if it's lightly raining, so bring boots and coats for that purpose.

We talked about transportation and farms last month. We built train tracks for our trains, rode bikes, drove dump trucks, excavators and tractors. We had many farm animals and barns to play with. We sang old McDonald, 3 Speckled frogs and 3 Little ducks. We Painted and glued a barn and a farm animals to hang on the wall.

The harvest carnival was lots of fun! It was a blast to see the kids dressed up in their Halloween costumes. We enjoyed making those pumpkin cut out cookies for the party too - hope you got to eat one. We had a great time at the pumpkin patch. The weather was a bit rainy, but we still had fun! We got to climb on a hay bales maze, throw gourds under the bridge, pick a pumpkin and enjoy a wild tractor ride. We saw goats and chickens too.

Thank you to all of you who came along - it was fun!

Cherri & Celia

CATERPILLAR CLASS

The Caterpillars are having so much fun learning colors, numbers, counting, shapes, and recognizing names. They are working hard learning self-help skills; putting on and taking off socks, shoes, boots and coats. Some have even mastered the flip trick! Hooray!

We've had a big focus on farms this last month! We made farm animals, made applesauce, pretended to milk cows (with rubber gloves and white paint), and went to Johnson's farms to get pumpkins! A special thanks to all our parents' that were able to attend!



This month we will focus on shapes, transportation and community helpers.

Remember to check out the daily activity sheets to see what we are doing each day and look for upcoming events and reminders on the parent boards. We will continue to do lots of messy projects, so remember to bring 1-2 full outfits to change after messy activities or for when we have wet out door play. Also remember to check those art files for new art you can take home.



Just a few reminders and upcoming events:

- ✓ Sign up for parent conferences! — The sign-up sheet is on our parent board above the children's cubbies)
- ✓ Teachers do get busy at drop off and pick up time, but we are always available to chat at slower times during the day. If you ever feel like you are missing the time to see how your kiddo is doing, let us know and we can give you a call or schedule a time to meet with you.
- ✓ Sign up for the All About Me Board! — This is your family's chance to bring in photos of your child and family to share with the class. The sign-up sheet is on the Parent Board.
- ✓ Thank you for remembering coats and boots for outside play! This really helps keep outside play an enjoyable experience for the kids.

Have a great month,

Teachers Tara & Jessica

LADYBUG CLASS

Hello Ladybug families,

We are well into the school year now and we're having so much fun! We are continuing to learn about letters. Your child is learning the phonic sound of the letter of the week as well as the ASL sign and we are learning a lot of words in Spanish as well. Please take a few minutes to look around the classroom at the different things we are learning. The parent board will have the letter of the week and the shape of the month as well as the weekly topic. On the cupboards above your child's cubby is our daily planning sheet, which tells you what activities the class has participated in each day. We also have the Spanish words we are learning posted all over the classroom and pictures of our class playing and exploring.

We really want you to be a part of your child's experience at Unity. Please consider volunteering your time in the classroom. You can share a skill, read to the children or join a fieldtrip. Please talk to Michelle or Dorothy if you are interested.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the harvest carnival. You made it a big success. Also thank you to Janel Downey, Reilly's mom, for joining us for the field trip to the pumpkin patch! We had so much fun!

The month of November will be getting colder and wet. We play outside even in the rain sometimes, so please make sure your child has a change of clothes and is dressed for the weather so we can ensure their comfort during these cold and wet days.

If you have any questions please speak to Dorothy or Michelle.

Your Ladybug teaching team,

Michelle, Dorothy and Mandolin



BUTTERFLY CLASS

Wow! Last month just flew by.

We sure had a super, fun time with the children in October, and have another fun month planned.

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered/chaperoned our Pumpkin Patch field trip! The children and us teachers had a blast!! We appreciate your help very much.

Another big "THANK YOU" to the families who participated in the pet care for October. Your kindness is amazing. We will be planning a fun party to celebrate.

Please keep your eyes peeled for the sign up sheet for our fall parent/teacher conferences at the beginning of this month.

OH!! We are starting the "Family Tree" this month. Each family in Butterfly-Land will be highlighted on our tree throughout the rest of the year. You will know it's your turn when you find an information pack in your parent mailbox.

Please have a wonderful, safe and joy-filled month!

Smiles & Hugs
Pammie & Cassie



OTTER-PUPS & OTTERS

Dear Otter and Otter-pup families,



Fall is finally in full swing with rainy weather! Wasn't it such a nice beginning to the season? Thank you for making sure your child comes to school with rain boots and rain jackets!

The Otter-pups have been learning so much! We 'webbed' about plants, ramps, nighttime, and bodies. Some fun activities included doing experiments growing bean plants in the dark vs. in the sun, making various types of ramps and learning their purpose, art crafts to decorate the classroom with nocturnal animals for our Harvest Party and so much more! What a curious group of kinders and so eager to learn new things!

Thank you for coming to the Harvest Party! It was a great success and so much fun to see all of the kiddos' costumes. We also had fall conferences at the end of October. Please don't hesitate to request a conference if you were unable to make it to the scheduled times or if anything comes up throughout the year, we can always find time to meet.

It's our month for weekend pet care... please check the calendar on the 'parent board' to see if you can come and check on our bunnies and kitty over the weekend. Thank you so much! And thanks to those of you who have been able to take our guinea pig Hermoine home for the weekend! She has been loving it.

Take care,
Jessica, Sarah, and Polly

OFFICE MANAGER

I hope October with all of its Halloween parties and events was fun. Now we have November with Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season.

~~With all of the shopping you are going to be doing for~~ the holidays, I just wanted to let everyone know you can help Unity School while you are doing it at no cost to you.

We signed up to receive rewards from Fred Meyers, all you have to do is go online to their Community Rewards Page and register your rewards card to Unity School, Inc. This does not stop you from receiving your rewards too.

We have also registered with Amazon to receive rewards when our friends in the community shop with them. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0638178> choose Unity School, Inc. to receive rewards and start shopping.

Then there is escrip who we have been with for a long time. All you have to do is go to escrip.com/signup. to register your store rewards cards or Debit/Credit cards. Then Unity School, Inc. will start receiving rewards when you shop in stores or online.

It's that easy. Just remember that you have to update your information every year. Have fun shopping!

Thank you for all of your support you give to Unity, and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Virginia

HARVEST CARNIVAL



NOVEMBER 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
	<u>Ladybug</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>week</u>	
10	11	12	13	14
	<u>Caterpillar</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>week</u>	
17	18	19	20	21
	<u>Butterfly</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>week</u>	
24	25	26	27	28
			UNITY	CLOSED
	Happy Thanksgiving!			