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PBiS Parties

The following classes filled their puff jar and earned a party in October:

- Rm 6
- Rm 7
- Rm 8
- Rm 9
- Rm 11
- Rm 12
- Rm 14



Room 10 had a dress-up party!

Coordinator's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

What a beautiful month filled with falling leaves and family events all around Meadowood! Thanks to all that attended our Family Literacy Night and Parent Day at the end of the month.

As the leaves began to change, we had our first snowfall of the year with a blanket of snow. Please remember to send your students to school with proper coat, gloves and hat to enjoy the cooler weather outside. If you need access to these items, please contact our Family Liaison, Cynthia Latimer at the above number.

The teachers and staff are

eager to meet you all again for Parent Teacher Conferences on November 13th and 20th. We are going to use *Sign-up Genius*, an online sign-up tool to schedule conferences. To make this work, we need your most current e-mail address.

In an effort to be green, Meadowood will be sending this newsletter via e-mail in the near future. We are compiling a complete list of current e-mail addresses for our families. Please give it to your student's teacher or stop by the main office. Thanks for your help!

Have a wonderful month—see you at Parent Teacher Conferences.



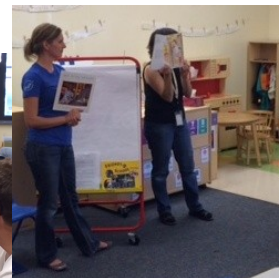
Fondly,
Stephanie Gianneschi
Coordinator

Classroom Corner

Literacy Night was a great success! Families spent time together learning songs that develop phonological awareness which is the basis for reading skills. They explored technology that preschoolers use, learned how to write together as well as how to read together at home. There were many free give-aways!

Thanks to all that attended

this great family event.



From the School Nurse

Flu Facts from the Centers for Disease Control:

Influenza (“the flu”) is more dangerous than the common cold for children. Each year, many children get sick with seasonal influenza; some of those illnesses result in death.

Children commonly need medical care because of influenza, especially before they turn 5 years old.

Severe influenza complications are most common in children younger than 2 years old.

Children with chronic health problems like asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system are at especially high risk of developing serious flu complications.

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Flu seasons vary in severity, however some children die from flu each year. During the 2012-2013 influenza season, more than 150 flu-related pediatric deaths were reported.

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Each year an average of 20,000 children under the age of 5 are hospitalized because of influenza complications.

The single best way to protect your children from the flu is to get them vaccinated each year. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. Keep in mind that vaccination is especially important for certain people who are high risk or who are in close contact with high risk persons, including the following groups:

Children younger than 5 years of age, and children of any age with a long-term health condition like asthma, diabetes [disorders of the brain or nervous system](#), or children whose immune system is not working well. These children are at higher risk of serious flu complications (like pneumonia) if they get the flu

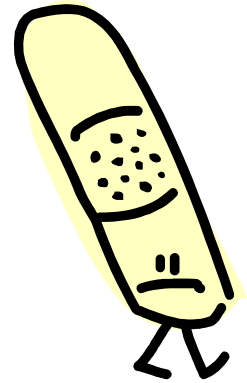
Adults who meet any of the following criteria:

Are close contacts of children younger than 5 years old (people who live with them).

Are out-of-home caregivers (nannies, daycare providers, etc.) of children younger than 5 years old.

Live with or have other close contact with a child or children of any age with a chronic health problem (asthma, diabetes, etc.).

Are health care workers.



There are special vaccination instructions for children aged 6 months through 8 years of age: Some children 6 months through 8 years of age require two doses of influenza vaccine. Children in this age group who are getting vaccinated for the first time, as well as some, who have been vaccinated previously, will need two doses. Your child’s health care provider can tell you whether two doses [are recommended for your child](#). Children should be vaccinated every flu season.

Children younger than 6 months old are too young to be vaccinated. The best way to protect them is to make sure people around them are vaccinated.

Positive Behavior Supports at Home (PBiS)

PBiS Basics:

- Tell kids what to do – so they know what is expected
- Model what the behavior or task looks like
- Supervise to support them through the task
- Recognize what they have done well, acknowledging the small steps

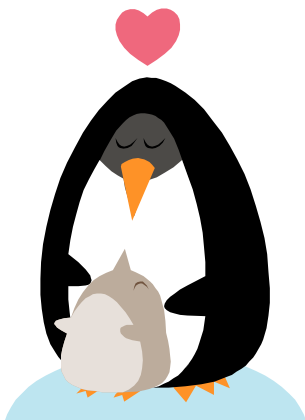
Tips for Giving Directions:

- Increase proximity - get close to your child (within three feet).
- Gain eye contact before giving directions (squatting or sitting down at their level helps).
- Give one direction at a time - remembering that one direction may have many steps involved.
- Describe each step of the direction clearly - i.e., Get your coat. Put your arms in.

Use more start than stop directions, telling your child what to do.

Avoid using “can you/will you...” as it gives your child the option of saying no.

Lisa Vratny-Smith, MSW-
School Social Worker



Colorado Preschool Program Advisory Committee

Attention All Parents:
The Colorado Pre School Program Parent Advisory Committee is looking for energetic parents to join this team. The Committee meets once a month and really needs your input to help our Pre Schools with some challenging decision making on various topics. The meetings will be held at Laredo Child Development Center located at 1330 Laredo Street Aurora, Co. 80011. The meetings starts at 1:30 ends at 3:00pm.

The dates for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year are as follows:

- Nov. 12,th
- Dec. 10,th
- Jan. 14,th,
- Feb. 11th
- Mar. 11th
- ,Apr. 8th,
- May 13th,
- Jun. 10th.

If you would like to join or

need more information please contact the Family Liaison Mrs. Cynthia Latimer at 303-400-0863.

Please consider joining this amazing team!

Warming Meadowood, One Coat at a Time

We are collecting new or clean gently used winter coats

October 21st thru November 22nd

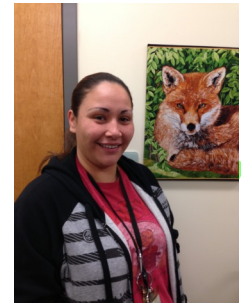
Donation Box is located in front of the office

Make room in your closet by donating one of your warm winter coats to a family in our Meadowood community.



Aurora Fire Department

Meadowood students had some special guests this month. Aurora Fire Department Firefighters came and visited with students. Students learned some of the ways firefighters help our community and got to see a fire engine up close! It was a great day for everyone.



Myrna Alcalá
Meadowood Building Custodian

We would like to congratulate MCDC custodian Myrna Alcalá for receiving a perfect score on the building fire inspection. Myrna always makes sure our building is in tip top shape and the inspection shows how much she cares for us and our building. Please congratulate Myrna when you get a chance!

Traffic Concerns

City Of Aurora is doing a Traffic study at the intersection at the entrance of Meadowood Child Development Center.

We welcome your input and suggestions on possible solutions. In the meantime we will keep you posted on the process.

Please be sure to stay alert and safe while dropping off and

picking up your child. Please be aware that designated parking spaces are the only places available to park in the Meadowood lot. All other areas are fire lanes and cars may be subjected to ticketing.



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*Kindergarten Information
2014-2015*

The window for APS Open Enrollment opens January 15th and continues through May 1st.

For more information, visit the APS Website:
<http://admissions.aurorak12.org/open-enrollment/>

Parents wishing to apply to Aurora Quest K-8, a magnet school for gifted and talented students, should plan to complete applications by January 10th.

Visit the Aurora Quest webpage for more information:

<http://quest.aurorak12.org/>



Early Childhood Mission

The mission of the Aurora Public Schools Early Childhood Education Department is to ensure that all preschool students will transition into kindergarten with the experiences and skills necessary to reach high levels of learning throughout their academic careers. The ECE Department will provide support to the APS [Vista 2015](#) mission: "Teach every student the knowledge, skills and values necessary to enter college or a career and become a contributing member of society who flourishes in a diverse, dynamic world." The opportunities for early learning provide a strong foundation that will help to ensure academic success.

APS VISION

Graduate every student with the choice to attend college without remediation.

Volunteers

October was a busy month for our Volunteers. From organizing closets/cupboards assisting the photographers with our students, cutting ,pasting and much more. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful parents who are always willing to assist with any task given by the entire staff. We applaud you and THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Please take time to give thanks and enjoy family and friends during this season.



