

Trinity News

Trinity Preschool of Berwyn

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Dear Parents,

What a special time December holds for families with young children!

I walked past the Santa at the mall today, with happy memories and longing for the days when my now-grown boys would wait eagerly in line to sit on his lap and make their special requests. Now that magic has passed for my family, but the warmth of traditions remains throughout the season. Research has shown that "meaningful rituals contribute to marital cohesion during the transition to parenthood, encourage involvement of older family members with children, and contribute to the sense of identity of adolescents."

We witness the importance of rituals every day when we watch the children confidently following the routines of greeting their teachers in the morning, when they know just how circle time starts and ends, and when they sing the songs that help them to remember to "hold on to the railing" or "let's clean up".

No matter what holiday is celebrated with your family, the memories you are creating now through traditions and rituals will help them to establish a sense of identity and belonging that will be passed on for generations.

Wishing you warm, happy holidays with your families,

Suzi Alrutz

Director, Trinity Preschool of Berwyn

Important Dates For December

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| December 6th | Teddy Bear photos retake |
| December 15-16th | Holiday Programs |
| Dec. 19th-Jan. 2nd | No School – Winter Holiday! |

Calendar Correction:

Please note that on the yearly calendar sent home in the Fall, we neglected to show that there will be no school on Monday, January 2nd. Happy New Year!

Holidays At Trinity Preschool of Berwyn

We will be enjoying the celebrations of several different holidays in December. To honor and learn about one another's customs and traditions, teachers will be planning celebrations that are relevant to the children in their class, and maybe some others too! It's a fun, hands-on way to learn about all of our friends and community.

2nd Semester Enrichment Classes

Information was sent home in bookbags for the announcement of our new enrichments for the second semester. This information can also be found at www.trinitypreschoolofberwyn.com. Important reminders:

- First semester enrichments run through Friday, January 20th
- There are no enrichments, K-Power, Moms & Tots for the week of January 23rd
- Second semester enrichments, K-Power, and Moms & Tots begin Monday, January 30th
- Enrichments and K-Power sessions are run based on adequate enrollment, so encourage your children's friends to join them for some fun, creative enrichments!

Trinity ALERT E-Mail System

If you did not receive an e-mail from the Trinity Alert e-mail communication system on Thursday, December 1st, please contact the office right away.

Also, be certain that we have e-mail addresses for anyone who might be responsible for picking up your child in case of an early dismissal or emergency. Thank you!



Special Thanks!

To all of our Thanksgiving Feast chefs and sous chefs for preparing the feasts for our little Pilgrims and Native Americans.

There were so many helpers – we are grateful for your help!

To Whitney Murphy and Nicole Scherer for coordinating Trinity's first Vendor Fair! We have a wide community of talent and expertise! Thanks also to the vendors who participated!



Carline Reminder

On the Main Avenue carline, please pull up on the curb as much as possible, and please pull all the way up to the telephone pole to allow as many cars as possible to move up into the line and out of traffic.

If you are parking to walk your child into school, please do not park on Main Avenue next to carline. It creates a crowded and dangerous traffic situation. Thank you!

Please Remember To Label Your Child's Items

Please remember to clearly label all of your children's coats, hats, gloves, lunchboxes, etc!

Teachers spend a lot of time trying to figure out what jacket belongs to which child.

The "Lost & Found" bin is located in the 2nd floor hallway.

HELP NEEDED!

Parents Helping Parents volunteers are needed for after the winter break. Please contact Seth for more information: sgtseth@comcast.net

Is Your Child Too Sick For School?

With the winter months upon us, please take time to remember the following guidelines for sending your child to school:

1. *Does the child feel well enough to participate comfortably in the usual activities of the program?*
2. *Will your child's condition affect or infect the other children or require attention from the staff that will interfere with their program?*
3. *Does your child have any of the following:*
 - *Fever?*
 - *Behavior changes?*
 - *A runny nose that is not clear?*
 - *Diarrhea and/or vomiting?*
 - *Discharge from the eyes?*
 - *Undiagnosed rash or skin lesions?*

If your child has any of these conditions, please keep them home to get better! If we feel that your child might not be feeling well, we will bring them to the office and give you a call.

Toilet Talk!

The holiday break is a great time to work with your child on toileting hygiene and cleaning themselves after using the toilet. It's an important developmental milestone and a way to enhance their sense of independence and well-being. Our 2's teachers obviously are set up to change diapers and offer the children more help. The older children should be able to clean themselves adequately. Of course, there are accidents sometimes, but generally children should be ready to take care of themselves in the bathroom.

Permanent Bags For Coats

You will notice that we have purchased permanent bags to use for children's coats and outside gear. The bags replace the white plastic bags that we have been using. The new bags are color-coded for each classroom, and have a laminated tag with each child's name. Please help your child to get their coats, hats, gloves, etc. into the bags each morning. Although this is above and beyond the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics for prevention of lice spread, we feel it's a simple thing to do as a preventative measure.

Happy Holidays

