

November 2018



Themes:
Thanksgiving
Hospital

When you have just 2 minutes! Read this stuff...

Important Dates for Everyone!

Tuition is due on November 1st!

Nov 5 NO SCHOOL

Nov 19 pick up Butter braids and coffee all classes 11:30

Nov 19 Picture Re-Take Day

Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 1 Tuition due

Dec 1 Caroling at Three Links

Dec 18 Last day 3am class

Dec 19 Last day 2am class

Dec 18 - Jan 1 NO SCHOOL

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3-Day Important Dates

November 13 Parent and Kid Night, 6-7pm

2-Day Important Dates

November 8 Parent and Kid Night, 6-7pm

Exciting News!

Open Door has been chosen as the organization for the Dundas Green Team for the months of November and December. This is an excellent chance to encourage and support recycling. At the end of each week, we ask one family to go to the back of the Dundas City Hall (there is easy access to the brick city hall building). There you will find a recycling bin with a black plastic garbage bag inside. Please remove the bag (If there are cans and bottles in the bin, simply leave them, we are only responsible for the garbage bag which will be filled with shredded paper. Take the bag to the recycling bins located in the parking lot at Firehouse Liquor in Dundas. They ask that we remove the paper from the bag before emptying the contents into the recycling bin. One final request is that if there are any loose papers/cardboard in the lot, please pick them up and place them back in the recycling bin. We are particularly lucky as we have been chosen to receive profits until the end of December. Save your Christmas boxes and take them out to the Dundas recycling bin BEFORE January 1st. Please ask your

friends to support Open Door as well by taking their recycling to the Dundas bin as opposed to the other bins located in Northfield. There will be a sign up sheet for families to help with this opportunity. This recycling can be done anytime after 1:00pm on Friday - Sunday evening. Thanks for your help!

It's important to know!

Our security policy provides that the doors into our classroom remain locked during class hours. Any items you wish to put into the room can be placed on the take-home-box table. Tuition payments should be placed in the plastic message envelope or you can place tuition payments into the black payment box during pick-up time.

Get the news you need!

As you enter the door near the playground, you will see a bulletin board area. There you will find pertinent messages, copies of our newsletters, our handbook and our snack schedules-all for your convenience. In addition, important notices are often placed above the take-home-box. Please take the time to read these messages. "Like" us on Facebook and check the website regularly for other updates and information.

Parent & Kid Night

Parent and Kid Night is fun! Here's an opportunity for your children to share with you what they like to do at Open Door. The event will be on November 13 for the 3-day classes and November 8 for the 2-day classes. We will open our doors at 6pm. You are welcome to come at any time during the scheduled "fun time." At 6:45 the clean-up will begin and the doors will close at 7pm. This popular event is for ODP students and their parents only. We are not able to accommodate siblings on this night. We hope you can join us!

Shoes, Slippers, Mittens and Bags!

We ask that shoes or slippers be provided during "boot" weather. Please send a large bag or backpack with your child each day so that hats, mittens, scarves and snowpants can be placed in bags rather than on the floor, and shoes can be returned home at the end of the day. Be sure to put your child's name on ALL these items.

Butter Braid and Goodbye Blue Monday Fundraiser

Please remember that your fundraising orders will be available for pick-up at 11:30 on November 19. This means that you will have some delicious treats and coffee just in time for the holidays as well as supporting Open Door! Questions? Please contact Stephanie Paddock stephanie22langer@gmail.com. Or Erin Eltonga erin.eltonga@gmail.com Many thanks!

When you have 5 MORE minutes! Read this stuff...

Emails!

We are now posting important weekly updates. We hope that you find this information useful. At the end of this newsletter you will find a survey. Please complete and return by November 16.

Pre-School Screening

Please note that a free screening is available for pre-kindergarten children in Northfield in cooperation with the Northfield Public Schools. Call 507-645-1200 to schedule an appointment. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

Joyful Noises

Things get so hectic as the holidays approach so take a minute now to put the upcoming Open Door caroling party on your calendar. We will meet at ODP at 1:30pm on December 1 and walk over to Three Links Care Center to begin our program at 2:00. We will do some singing and then head back to the school for treats. Please bring your entire family for this fun holiday afternoon. More information will come next month.

When you've got 10 more minutes! This stuff is good to know...

Thirsty?

Water is always served at our snack tables, but we ask that you provide an additional drink choice, please remember that juice must be 100% juice. No juice boxes or individually packaged sizes, please. Due to a severe milk allergy, please remember, no milk.

Mittens First? Mittens Last!

When dressing children for outdoor play in the cold climate, many of us have children put mittens on first to be sure they're tucked in securely by coat and jacket cuffs. HOWEVER, because we are trying to encourage children to learn to do their own zippers, put on their own hats and put things in their own bags using their hands, we at Open Door encourage our children to put on mittens LAST. Please remember, gloves don't keep tiny fingers as warm as mittens do and they are more difficult to put on.

Review Your Handbook

The cold weather is here! We ask that you review the policies in the handbook regarding outdoor play during the inclement weather, cold weather clothing and cancellation of classes.

Bathroom Time

Please be sure to have your child go to the bathroom BEFORE coming to school. Children will be expected to wipe themselves and pull up their underwear after toileting.

Thanks!

To all the parents who were able to help chaperone on the environmental trip to St. Olaf. We are so excited about this opportunity and it would not be possible without your assistance. We will be visiting the prairie in the Winter and Spring (exact dates are TBD). We know that there are many parents who were unable to attend because of sibling care. Perhaps you would like to arrange a child-care swap? One parent could care for the siblings during the winter visit and the other could care for the children in the Spring. It's such a great experience; we'd like it to be available to all of you. Let us know if you are interested.

To all who helped with picture day: we could not have done this without your assistance. Thanks!

To Cassie Chavis who subbed for Heidi in the 3 day class

Open Door information. What works best for you?

____ It's just fine receiving the weekly information posted at Open Door.

____ I read the weekly emails, and found them useful. I would like to return to this format.

____ Either is fine.

Please complete and return this by November 16