

# ALLABOUTUS

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## CALENDAR NOTES

**November 6 & 7**

Student Holidays

**November 9 & 10**

Picture Days

**November 13 & 14**

Fire & Safety Puppet Show

**November 13-17**

ECHO Food Drive

**November 15**

Staff Training

**School Hours: 9:00-12:00**

**Dress Down Days - 11/14 & 11/15**

**\*\*Lunch Bunch 12:00-1:00\*\***

**November 20-22**

**\*Dress Down Days\***

**November 22**

Abbreviated Day

**School Hours: 9:00-12:00**

**\*\*No Lunch Bunch/Enrichment**

**Classes on this day\*\***

**\*\*In Courage will pick up @**

**12:00\*\***

**November 23 & 24**

Thanksgiving Holiday

No School

**November 27-December 1**

Book Fair

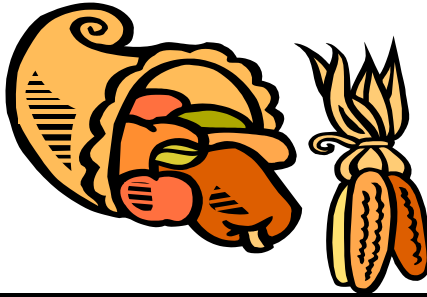
### Units Of Study

Fire Safety

Thanksgiving and Sharing

Native Americans & Pilgrim

Thankfulness



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we thought this would be a good opportunity to talk about the importance of teaching young children the value of good manners. Between the ages of 2 and 5, your child is most receptive to learning the rules of polite conduct and it is never too early to stress the importance of using good manners. This is a perfect time to teach and model appropriate behaviors. You can begin introducing manners into your child's daily routine when they are very young. By having other family members in the household use phrases such as, "Thank you", "May I", and "Please", children will pick up on this as they become more verbal. Learning good manners is easier for your child when it is the common practice used in your household on a regular basis. A few things parents can do to help reinforce good manners with children are:

- ♦ Be a good role model.
- ♦ Give gentle reminders when necessary.
- ♦ Ignore poor behavior; reward good behavior.
- ♦ Be clear and consistent and explain why.

Learning to have good manners is a lifelong process. When parents frequently express gratitude in the presence of their children, this will help model good manners and foster thankfulness for everyone in the family. Learning and practicing these behavioral skills will allow children to become more social and develop confidence which will serve them later in life.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving!

*Lexie*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Thank You Volunteers!*

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to all of the parents who volunteered and helped us with the many activities at our Fall Festival last month. A lot of thought and planning goes into this annual event and many parents are needed to help it run smoothly. The children had a wonderful time finding the perfect pumpkin from the patch, listening to funny stories, singing songs, playing various games, having faces and hands painted and getting awesome tattoos. We are very lucky to have parents volunteer their time to help make this and other school events so much fun for the children. Great parents make a great school!



### *Looking for Santa Claus!*

We are in need of volunteers to fill Santa's suit this year ( 2 different Santa's are welcome!). Each December, our children are treated to a special visit from the jolly old man himself. We have the suit, beard and pillow and we are looking for someone to fill these big shoes. The children always take such delight when Santa visits each classroom passing out candy canes and listening to their Christmas wish lists. The dates Santa needs to make his appearance will be on Monday, December 11th, and Tuesday, December 12th. If you would like to help us out with this special event, please stop by our office, or call us at 703-451-5797 to let us know your availability. We also welcome grandfathers, uncles, etc. to play Santa! Watch for a flyer which will be coming out the end of this month!



### *Help Us Stuff the Turkey Boxes*

This month Accotink will be holding its annual food drive the week of November 13-17. We will be collecting non-perishable goods for ECHO, the Ecumenical Council for Helping Others. Each year our school participates in this worthwhile event which helps this local organization provide clothing, food and other essential items for needy families in our area. Food inventories tend to run low this time of year and items such as canned goods, peanut butter, flour and sugar, oil, rice, personal hygiene items, etc. are needed.

Collection boxes will be located in the hallway during this week and children and parents are welcome to drop off donations during school hours. As always, your generosity and support with this endeavor is greatly appreciated. We love having our students learn about giving to others in need. Watch for the flyer to come home soon with your child!



### **HONORING OUR VETERANS**

During the week of November 9th & 10th, Accotink will pay homage to all of the veterans and military personnel who have proudly served our country. We plan to display a banner in the hallway which we will decorate with stars. Our classes will be participating in the festivities by decorating the halls with flags and lots of red, white and blue art projects. If you know of any veteran, serviceman, or active duty/retired military personnel you wish to honor, we would love for you to sign a star with his/her name so we can display it on the banner.







## ***PraxiSchool Portal***

We hope that you are utilizing and enjoying the benefits of our new PraxiSchool system. This is a wonderful way to enable our families to connect with everything going on in school. All you need to do is log on at: [app.praxischool.com](http://app.praxischool.com) to see what information is available. Should you have any trouble logging on, or if you have any questions about the system, please contact the office for assis-

### **Our Thanksgiving Feast**

*Here come the Pilgrims, Indians and all  
Ready to celebrate a special time in the fall.  
See all the Indians wearing feathers and beads  
Looking quite festive and friendly as can be  
Coming to the table with the Pilgrim girls and boys  
To share the harvest of turkey and other culinary joys!  
It's time, it's time, so don't be late  
For a Thanksgiving feast that will surely be great!*



**FALL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Fabulous face painting and tattoos  
 A day of excitement with tons to come  
 Lots of happy giggling children having fun  
 Looking for the perfect pumpkin in the patch  
 Fun making bats, ghosts and pumpkins  
 Eating goodies with juice for snack  
 Smiling children having a ball  
 The games, ring toss and Bingo were a blast  
 It's so much fun playing in the hay  
 Volunteer parents helping in so many ways  
 A storytime and music circle with fun for all  
 Loving every minute of the day

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of our parent volunteers who helped to make our Fall Festival such a huge success!

