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NEWS

Executive Director's Message

by Nancy Rosenow

Many Gifts

For many people December is the gift-giving time of year. One gift that I believe we can all give our children, and each other, is more of our unhurried selves and less of "things" like perfectly cleaned houses or perfectly wrapped boxes or perfectly selected gifts.

So...I wish for all of you a few unhurried moments together with your family and time to remind each other that the best gifts of all are gifts of the heart.

Thank you, parents, for the many gifts... both tangible and intangible...that you give us all through the year. We are so very fortunate to work with such an incredibly generous and thoughtful group of families.



A Gift for You....

Children will be working on some fun holiday gifts for parents. Sorry, we can't tell you any more details...it's a surprise!

Last Chance to Order SCRIP Certificates December 27!

SCRIP certificates are still available! Our last order will be placed December 27. The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Offices will be open and SCRIP may be either picked up or mailed.

You still have time to stock up on SCRIP for use over the holidays, though! SCRIP certificates make wonderful gifts; or, you can use them in place of cash when you shop for food or other purchases.

Remember that the cost of SCRIP is no more than you are already spending, and a percentage is donated back to our children. Using SCRIP is a great way to give a gift twice!

Please support the following local vendors who have been loyal providers to our SCRIP program:

Ideal, Leon's, Open Harvest, Russ's Market, Super Saver, Amigo's, Arturo's, da Vinci's, Godfather's Pizza, Runza, Valentino's, Yia Yia's Pizza/Oso Burrito, Bike Pedalers, Campbell's, Cycle Works/Moose's Tooth and Lee Booksellers

Note About Year-End Payments

The year 2005 is ending and so is our fiscal year! We would greatly appreciate your January payment (due BY the first of the month) by December 31. You may certainly post-date your check if that is more convenient. Deposit your check in the black payment box or mail to: Linda Maack, First-Plymouth Early Education Programs, 2045 E St., Lincoln, NE 68502.

We all wish you and your families a happy, healthy holiday season!

Many Ways to Celebrate...

Children are never too young to start developing attitudes of appreciation for the wonderful diversity of our world. When holiday time is near, this gives us an opportunity to talk with children about the fact that people celebrate in different ways.

At this time of year some people will be celebrating Christmas, some Hanukkah, some Kwanzaa, etc. Teachers will be reading story books to children about many kinds of holiday celebrations and then encouraging each child to tell about ways s/he celebrates at his or her house. We encourage you to talk with your children about the holiday traditions that are important to your family.

Donations

Preschool & Kindergarten

Needed for upcoming activities:

- ⊙ dot stickers
- ⊙ tape (for dispensers)
- ⊙ dry erase markers
- ⊙ red construction paper

On-going Donations:

- ⊙ plastic spoons
- ⊙ plastic forks
- ⊙ sanitizing hand gel
- ⊙ kleenex
- ⊙ wipes

Donations

Infant & Toddler

Needed for upcoming activities:

- ⊙ Washable Fingerpaint
- ⊙ Pom Poms
- ⊙ Cotton Balls
- ⊙ Containers with Lids

On-going Donations:

- ⊙ Kleenex
- ⊙ Dish Soap
- ⊙ Gently used High Chairs

Birthdays

Tina Reeble.....Dec. 23
Kris Hajny.....Dec. 31
Julie RoseJan. 18
Linda Maack.....Jan. 23
Joleen Podtburg.....Jan. 23
Tami Britton.....Jan. 29

Mark Your Calendars . . . Upcoming Events & Important Dates!

Thursday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 3

Closed for the holidays. NOTE: LPS has a different schedule than we do for the holidays so make sure you follow our schedule for days off!

Wednesday, January 4

Back in Session! We hope your holidays are filled with lots of family fun and relaxation!

January 16 & 17

Full Day Discovery Days

Friday, February 17

Annual Family Night (Children's Activities, Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction)

Thursday, March 2

Open House

Community Events Held at First-Plymouth Church

Open to Everyone!

Tower Club II Social & Suggestion Hour

Sunday, December 18, 9:30AM in Classroom A (top floor, South hall). Meet and mingle with friendly couples and family. Find out what Tower Club II is all about. To learn more about Tower Club II contact Addie Powell at 476-7550 or addie@firstplymouth.org

"Rebuilding" After Divorce Workshop

Based on the Rebuilding Workbook by Bruce Fisher, Ed.D. Join facilitator, Kathy Foster Lehnert, LMHP, starting Tues. Jan. 24-March 14, 7-8:30 PM in Calvert Parlor at First-Plymouth. \$25 (includes book and materials). Call Addie at 476-7550 or email addie@firstplymouth.org to register.

New Pilates Classes Offered

Pilates Classes (six sessions) taught by church member, Deborah McCauley, \$30. Thursdays: Jan. 19-Feb. 23, 5:30-6:15PM in the Chapel. Mondays: Jan. 23-Feb. 27, from 9-9:45AM in the Youth Room. Send check to First-Plymouth, attn: Addie, 2000 D St., Lincoln, NE 68502. Indicate class you are enrolling in. Limited Enrollment.

Women Cancer Support Network

If you or someone you know is dealing with breast cancer, ovarian, cervical or any other type of a cancer, please contact Tammy at 476-7565.

In & Around Our Community

Pioneers Park Free Hikes

Dec. 24: Bison – Prepared for the Cold
Jan. 7-8: Insects in Winter
Jan. 14-15: Mammals in Winter

December 31

Family New Year's Eve Party, Children's Museum, 477-0128

Staff at First-Plymouth Early Education Programs were the recipients of a wonderful treat, Thursday, November 17! Parents who are members of the Staff Appreciation Committee brought in a fabulous lunch for all the staff. Many individuals worked very hard to prepare and deliver such a treat for us. It was an opportunity for staff to enjoy one another while enjoying a wonderful meal. A big thank you to these very special people from the staff at First-Plymouth Early Education Programs!

Newsletters and Program information can be found on-line . . .
www.firstplymouth.org or dimensionsfoundation.org