

NOVEMBER 2022

In this month of Thanksgiving, let's try to remember to show gratitude, to say thank you, to those around us. There are many reasons to be thankful! Some are easy - Thank you to all the teachers who lovingly care for our school children and take each one along their learning path. Thank you to the children who bring us such joy! Thank you to our wonderfully encouraging and supportive parents. And to our extended support staff, thank you – you are the best!

Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 8 Election Day, School is OPEN

Nov. 10 & 11 School is CLOSED – Teacher Convention

Nov. 21 & 22 Thanksgiving celebrations for the children in the classroom

Nov. 23,24,25 School is CLOSED – Happy Thanksgiving

Regarding the flu shot, we must have:

-Flu shot documentation OR

-a note from your child's doctor claiming medical exemption OR

-a note from you claiming religious exemption. (Please note that once you claim religious exemption, you must refrain from any additional immunizations) **This is required by the state of New Jersey by December 31, 2022 for children 6-59 months of age in order to return to school in January.**

NOVEMBER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

First - **Thank you** for all the coats donated in our Coat Drive!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Help us make a difference! Through Operation Christmas Child you can make a needy child's Christmas Special by filling up a shoebox with toys, school supplies and other gifts for children. Bring your gift-filled box to the table in the front entryway by Thursday, November 17th (all boxes must be here by 4:30 PM)! Be sure to label your box with a gender/age tag which you will find in the brochure coming home with your child and please include a check for \$10 (made out to Samaritan's Purse). If you prefer you can choose the "Follow-Your-Box" option available online (see www.samaritanspurse.org). You will be amazed at what God can do through your simple shoebox (already NPPC has made a difference in the lives of children in Honduras, Malawi, Ukraine and Paraguay).

LIVE Nativity and Guest Author

Join us here on the front lawn of NPPC Friday, 11/25 (from 5-7 PM) as we kick off the Christmas season with live animals, Christmas music, cookies and cider. New this year: Children's Author and Storyteller, Laura Sassi will lead us in a participatory retelling of the First Christmas as she shares her book: "Happy Birthday Christmas Child," (esp. for children). *There will be an opportunity to purchase Laura's new book. We hope to see you Friday, 11/25.

Food Pantry Donations

We are accepting food pantry donations November 22 and 23. Look for a collection box by the front doors around this date. All food will be donated to a local food pantry. Much needed items include Ensure and Boost, Pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, stuffing, mayonnaise, deodorant and body wash.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let's take time to pause and give thanks!

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