

## Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center Newsletter

November 2018



Fall has definitely arrived! As the weather turns cool, please remember that we still go outside every day. Be sure that your child is dressed in layers for the chilly mornings and warmer afternoons. It's almost mitten and hat weather too! Also, if you have not updated the extra clothes that your child has in the classroom, please be sure to replace summer outfits with something warm. **Please be sure all outerwear is labeled** as all pink gloves and grey jackets look alike and we have no way of knowing which one belongs to which child. Using the waddler's motto: IF YOU PLAN TO LEAVE IT, PLAN TO LABEL IT!



Our annual family **Thanksgiving Potluck** dinner will take place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. Learn & Play will provide the turkey, dessert and beverages. We ask the families to provide a side dish to share. We will begin with a brief worship service of thanksgiving and blessing of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes (more on this below) in the sanctuary at 5:45, followed by our dinner. There are two sign-up sheets: the first one is in your child's classroom. Please let us know **as soon as possible**, if you will be attending and the number of children and adults that will be joining us. Unfortunately we have to limit the number of attending to the first 100 people. The second signup sheet will be in the hallway for you to sign up for a dish to share. Please plan on serving approximately 15 people with your dish and if at all possible, bring your dish warmed. (Please label all dishes and utensils with your name) All dishes should be **NUT FREE!** This is always a fun evening and a great opportunity for you to get to know other L&P families. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes are now being collected through Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider filling an empty shoebox, which are available on the table in the hallway, with simple gifts for a child that otherwise may not receive any Christmas gifts. Operation Christmas Child is a global outreach of Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are collected and then shipped around the world to needy children to bring joy as well as the Good News of Jesus. A shoebox can be filled for a reasonable amount from the Dollar Store. Please attach the appropriate age and gender label and enclose the shipping check made payable to Samaritan's Purse. (Labels and instructions are available online at [samaritanaspurse.org](http://samaritanaspurse.org)) Please try to return your shoebox by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> so that we can bless them at our Thanksgiving worship service. Please note new guidelines this year on what can be included.



As the weather begins to turn, just a reminder that if Learn & Play needs to close, open late or close early, it will be posted on WTNH-8 or WTNH.com as "Learn & Play". When checking wtnh.com, please be sure to check under "schools" and "businesses" For some reason they sometime list us as a business instead of a school. Postings will also be placed on our Facebook pages. If you have not "liked" us on Facebook, please take a moment to do so and you will be notified when we post an announcement. As a reminder, there is no tuition credit for inclement weather.

**Flu Vaccines:** According to State regulations, in order to be included in childcare, your child must have a **documented** flu vaccine prior to December 28<sup>th</sup> in order to attend classes on January 2<sup>nd</sup> . Please be sure your proof of immunization is turned in prior to December 28<sup>th</sup>!



**SAVE THE DATES!** Once again, we will be doing something a little different than our traditional Christmas pageant. We will have our Los Pasadas Celebration and our Happy Birthday, Jesus birthday party on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during chapel time and back in our classroom. As always, you are welcomed to attend a chapel service, but your children **WILL NOT** be performing at this time.

Your children **WILL** however be participating in our new Christmas Night in Bethlehem Experience that we began last year and are super excited to bring back again this year. Mark your calendar for **Monday, December 10 at 5:00pm. (Yes, we will be closing classes early)** All children will perform to a super cute, new Christmas song that depicts the Christmas nativity. Families will then be instructed by a Roman guard as to how the evening will progress. After paying your taxes (a canned good donation) you will enter our marketplace. White lights glitter above, open air booths fill the room decorated with baskets and old world pots. Maybe you would like to stop in the Bakery and sample some pita or sweet breads or decorate a cookie. How about the toy store where you can play the latest dreidel game or the pottery shop to make a new bowl. Would you like to help stomp some "grapes" and sample the grape juice? Maybe you need a new ornament that you can decorate. Don't forget to stop by the photo booth (I know, we are stretching it here) to have a family picture with Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus taken. (After all, we are all family!) (A light supper will be provided to the children) And.....for the first time ever.....my understanding is that Mary and Joseph will have their donkeys tied up out front and if we are REALLY good, we will be able to take turns riding them.

This promises to be a fun filled evening. More details to come soon. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!



**Dates to Remember:** Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Now: Sign up in classrooms and the hallway for Thanksgiving dinner

Now – Wednesday, November 14

Return Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Wednesday, November 14

Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner 5:45pm

Wednesday, November 21

Close at 3:00pm



Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 & 23

Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 10

A Night in Bethlehem 5:00pm



Wednesday, December 19

Happy Birthday, Jesus party  
NO PAGEANT!

Monday, Dec 24-Wednesday, Dec 26

CLOSED for Christmas Break

Monday, December 31

Close at 3:00pm

Tuesday, January 1

Closed for New Year's Day

