



ECC/OWU November/December Newsletter

2013

From the Director:

We are quickly approaching a time when many of us will focus on giving thanks. I am certainly thankful to be part of a school that is supported by generous families. I would like to thank everyone who was involved with our Silent Auction. We have now raised nearly \$4000.00 for our school and the ECC/Jason Tormasi Scholarship Fund. I would like to especially thank Maura Ackermann, who has chaired this event, since its inception seven years ago. Due to her leadership and hard work, we have acquired many new items for the center, and have helped countless families with tuition assistance. She has been working with Juli Siegrist for the past two years, as Juli will take over the silent auction during the next few years. Thank you also to Angel Meadows for coordinating the refreshments for the evening, and to our PAB president, Evelin Andrade-Wells, as she continues to volunteer her time with our fundraisers. Lastly, thanks to those of you who baked, donated, purchased, set up, and attended the auction. Enjoy this upcoming break with your families.

Kellie

IMPORTANT DATES

11/25-11/26

NO SCHOOL (PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES)

11/27-11/29

THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL

12/12-12/13

FAMILY WINTER CELEBRATIONS

12/16-1/12

OWU WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN)



Family Winter Celebrations

If you are a returning family, you will notice we have changed our family celebration days. **Children will come to school on their celebration day at the normal school start time.** You are invited to come early on these days to celebrate with your child and other ECC families. The activities will begin with a story in your child's classroom, followed by refreshments (made by the children) and will end with music and movement when all classes will join together in our downstairs area.

T/R Families: Thursday, December 12th

AM: families should arrive at 10:45

(there is no school for M-F class on this day)

PM: families should arrive at 2:15

MWF & M-F Families: Friday, December 13th AM: families should arrive at 10:45

PM: families should arrive at 2:15

Weather Policies

We believe there are many benefits to children playing outdoors during the cold weather.

- learning what order to put winter clothes on helps children develop self-help and practice fine motor skills
- the science and discovery opportunities when there is snow on the ground are endless
- sledding down our small hill creates large motor opportunities and provides joy

Please dress children for outdoor play when the weather (including wind chill) is above 20 degrees. Children should have mittens (easier than gloves), boots, hat, and a warm coat. On days with snow, please send snow pants with your child, as we will often sled on the playground.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Delaware City Schools close due to bad weather, we will also close. **If there is a two hour delay, we still hold our morning classes.** We will use our emergency notification system to make you aware of any changes in our school day. The message on the center phone will indicate a closure (740-368-3935) and there will be a posting on our facebook page. We are not closed on other days when Delaware City Schools are off due to parent teacher conferences, teacher work days, and holidays such as Martin Luther King day (our calendar is available on our website: ecc.owu.edu).

POLICY OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Each child is observed daily by the teachers as he/she enters the school to determine the health of the child. The ECC staff is trained in hand-washing and disinfecting procedures and in recognizing signs and symptoms of communicable diseases.

If a child exhibits one of the signs of illness listed below, the parents will be informed and the child will be isolated from the group until the parent can pick up the child.

Symptoms for which a child will be discharged from the center:

1. Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24-hour period).
2. Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or make a whooping sound.
3. Difficult or rapid breathing.
4. Yellowish skin or eyes.
5. Conjunctivitis.
6. Temperature of 100 degrees F or above in combination with any other sign of illness.
7. Untreated, infected skin patch(es).
8. Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool.
9. Stiff neck.
10. Sore throat, difficulty swallowing.
11. Vomiting.
12. Evidence of lice, scabies or other parasitic infestation.

Children may be readmitted to school 24 hours after the child no longer exhibits the above symptoms or with written recommendation from the child's physician.

Parents of a mildly ill child who does not feel well enough to participate in regular school activities will be asked to take their child home. Staff cannot keep mildly ill children inside during outside play.

If your child has been exposed to a communicable disease, a notice will be placed in their cubby . Symptoms and incubation period will be given.

If your child has a communicable disease, please let us know so that we can notify other families. While it might seem embarrassing for your child to have head lice, etc., we can prevent a widespread problem if we are quickly informed. Our number is 740-368-3935.