



# November Newsletter

John Knox Cooperative Preschool

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## Director's Message

It was wonderful hearing everyone sing Halloween songs last week. The in-person children did so well singing in front of their audience and we had fun singing a favorite song with our distance learners as well. I love that our school is a Co-op and really enjoyed seeing parents visit with each other (even though it was small groups). It's not just our preschoolers who make friends, but our parents make lasting friendships here as well. With COVID and our world out-of-sorts, I find that I value my friendships even more. Zoom get togethers or socially distanced outdoor events or running into friends on the trail- we value these moments more than ever.

**"Gratitude** turns what we have into **enough.**" This year it is especially true. Everything is different. But if we look for silver linings and find things to be grateful for it will carry us through to the other side of this; whenever that will be.

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Because it is a special year, this year the children will be decorating a "Thankful" box. You can store moments of gratitude inside. It might be a fun tradition to pull out each year. And we will learn about Fall and Native Americans this month.

Another tradition is the Operation Christmas Child boxes that the church collects for needy families. Miss Nancy will be emailing about them. We talk with the children about the difference between what we want and what we need. With all the ads on TV with upcoming Christmas it is a reminder that maybe we don't need it all.

I want to thank everyone for supporting our fundraisers. The Coach's Grille was a success and the Pie company fundraiser and Make it Plate will be wonderful too. Thanks to Shannel Glaspy and Jackie Carr for chairing our fundraising and coming up with great ideas. I like buying See's candy from school and avoid the lines at the stores.

Take care and Happy Thanksgiving.

Leslie

## President's Message



The holiday season is nearly upon us; it is such a festive time of year. Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable Halloween, and you all are relishing the cooler weather. Now, more than ever, it's time to be grateful for our family, good health and good food.

It is also time to show recognition and appreciation. Let us thank Mrs. James and our teachers for all their extra efforts; their hard work and creativity make it possible to move forward successfully and seamlessly. Thank you, Jackie Carr and Shannel Glaspy, co-chairs of Ways and Means, for navigating through uncharted waters and for new fundraiser ideas. Thank you, Lauren Wolfe, for procuring and transporting the pumpkins for all the children. A big shout out to everyone who joined us at Coach's Grille, 37 families dined and \$300 was raised for the school. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for contributing in so many ways to the success of JKCP.

Our Parent Craft Workshop will take place at home this year and the supplies will be available the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. This year's choice is decorating a full apron, a half apron or a t-shirt for the children's holiday gift. Thank you, Rachel Altomare, for chairing the workshop, once again.

The deadline for the Make-it-Plates and Pie fundraisers is November 4th. Additionally, one can start placing orders for the annual See's Candy fundraiser the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. Orders are due before Thanksgiving break and will be filled in December in time for the holidays. Please mark November 18th on your calendar for the Chipotle restaurant fundraiser (take-out or dine-in).

Spirit wear is available for purchase and is a great way to support and promote our school. Please see Mrs. James regarding spirit wear orders. Also, please contact Mrs. James if you are interested in editing the cookbooks for the Cookbook fundraiser. Each class will have its own cookbook and will have pictures of the children alongside their favorite family recipe. The fundraiser will take place in early 2021.

Going through difficult times is much more bearable knowing that we can count on each other. I feel grateful to be part of the JKCP family.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

Heidi Wallace

JKCP Parent Board President

## Assistant Director's Message



With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we'll be talking a lot about what we are thankful for & doing good deeds. We will also be learning about the nature around us, as well as some local history of our east bay area. Welcome fall!

### Upcoming holidays:

- Wednesday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Monday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break - **NO SCHOOL**

### Letter of the Week:

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – “J”  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – “K”  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – “L”  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Holiday  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – “M”

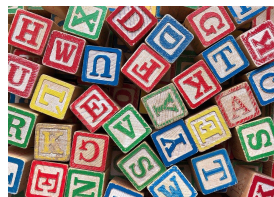


Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Alice Richards, Asst. Director

## Registration

Just a reminder that siblings need to be on the sibling wait list by December 1, 2020 to have priority enrollment for Fall 2021. Please email Kristin de Pominville at [jkcpreg@gmail.com](mailto:jkcpreg@gmail.com) if you are unsure if your child is on our waitlist and/or if you have any questions.



## Parent's Corner

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It's OK to say "No"

I am excited for the holidays to bring cheer this year.

Even though we will be doing more at home this year, there are still so many opportunities and so much to do. Sometimes as parents we expect too much of ourselves- to make everything "perfect" for our families. Sometimes, in the hustle and bustle we lose our routines. But routines are important for children. (Bedtimes, Healthy food etc) There is a comfort in continuity and routines. They can help keep children's expectations within reason. Children can anticipate what happens next, because their days are similar from one day to the next. But in the holiday season we often turn everything upside down and try to fit too much in.

There is a *Llama Llama* book about holiday drama where baby Llama is overwhelmed by all of the holiday fuss. It's ok to say "no" and to keep it simple. Your "no" doesn't have to have an explanation, you are the parent. Use your instincts and remember that your children will follow your lead. Focus on what is important to you and your family and say "no", to trying to do it all. There will be less tantrums and more Joy- you will make many happy memories that you will cherish.

So have a few indulgent moments but say "no" to too much fuss.

## Fundraising

Hello JKCP families!

It's November and with it comes our second restaurant fundraiser and our Pie Company fundraiser!

This month is Chipotle on Wednesday, November 18th from 4pm - 8pm. 33% of the sales will be given to JKCP, the only catch is we need at least \$150 worth of sales in order to get our cut. So tell your friends, family, and share on social media so we can all support our school at the 7020 Amador Plaza Rd, Dublin, CA 94568 location on the 18th.

If you want to order through the online app just use the following code CHD4MR2. If you go in person make sure to show the fundraiser flyer (hard copy or on your phone) or tell the cashier at checkout that you are there for a fundraiser before you pay! If you don't tell the cashier, JKCP won't get credit for the sale.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th for the pie pick up and then you can swing on over to Chipotle for an easy dinner!

So please help us raise some "dough" with The Pie Co! Your child came home with an order form for The Pie Company fundraiser for JKCP. Please take a look at the delicious options, share with local family and friends, and then submit your pie orders by Wednesday, November 4th. These pies can be frozen for up to a year, so stock up & support a great cause. Pies are \$15/each.

Thank you all for your support; it means so much to our school and, ultimately, our kiddos.

Thanks again,

Jackie Carr & Shannel Glaspy  
Ways and Means

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support John Knox Cooperative Preschool. Come in to the Chipotle at **7020 Amador Plaza Rd** in Dublin on **Wednesday, November 18th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to John Knox Cooperative Preschool.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code CHD4MR2 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Thank You...

Pumpkins:

Thank you to the following stores for donating pumpkins for our students:

Safeway East Dublin

Safeway West Dublin

Lucky's San Ramon



And thank you to *Lauren Wolfe* for arranging and transporting all of our pumpkins!

Snack:

AM 3

Liam

Owen

Molly M

Maverick

Michael

Sterling

Gino

Michael

AM Pre K

Trishna and Sanaya

William

Levi

Bryan

Tomas

Gio

Tomas

Izzy

Bryan

William

Sanaya and Trisha

Gio

PM Pre K

Emma

Bryson and Braden

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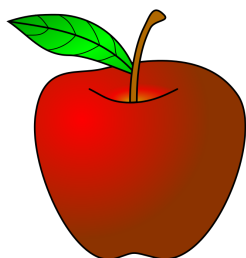
Fisher

Mehran

Ryan

Ella

Braden and Bryson



## Misc:

Thank you for donating wipes:

Vivian

Nora

Hanna

Bryan

Cian

Sanaya and Trishna

Thank you to Gio a box of goodies including wipes, bandaids and sanitizer

## Upcoming Dates 2020-2021

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	No School: Veterans Day
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Restaurant fundraiser: Chipotle
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pie pick up at JKCP
November	Parent Craft workshop
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	No School: Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Restaurant fundraiser: Dos Coyotes
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> - Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School: Winter Vacation
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Restaurant fundraiser: Mountain Mikes
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	No School: Martin Luther King Day
January TBD	No school: AM PreK and PM PreK conferences
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Restaurant fundraiser: Panera Bread
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	No School: Following Dublin Unified schedule
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	No School: President's Day
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	No School: Spring Break
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of 3AM class
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation AM PreK class - AM
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation PM PreK+ class - PM

