



News Letter

November 2018

Our Lady's Child Care Center

We welcome all of our families for a special Parents Breakfast, November 21st from 7 to 9am in the preschool building. Come a little earlier in the morning and have breakfast with your children. We will have muffins, fruit, juice, coffee and milk. Let us worry about the clean-up. This is our way thanking you for being part of our center!

November also means it's time for annual food drive. The food drive will run October 29th through November 13th. There will be donation boxes in each building. All donations we receive will benefit the Easthampton Community Center. Last year we were very successful and made a large contribution to the food pantry at the community center, and we want to make this year a success too! The generosity of our families make a big difference in the lives of those families in our community that are less fortunate.

We have several holidays this month that we will be in observance of. We are closed November 12th in honor of Veterans' Day. Let us not forget the reason for this holiday and thank every Veteran for serving our great Country. Thank you veterans. We however do not take the day off as our staff is required to attend a professional development days. We are also closed November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving. We apologize for any hardship this may

cause on Friday. In the past we found we had very few children and when a child was sick parents were unreachable. We would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving, we are thankful to have you and your children here at OLCC.

November 26th through Dec 7th is our pajama drive. We will be collecting new sets of pajamas to be given to the community center to distribute to those in need. Please help us keep the kids warm this winter. Unfortunately we will not be hosting our Parent's Night Out this year.

Please note, any change in your children's individual care schedule requires a two week notice to the office (this includes vacations). School Age families only; this required notice allows us time to adjust the contracted rate for vacation weeks only.

Winter is coming and it is getting chilly outside! Please make sure that your child has weather appropriate outdoor clothes such as hat and mittens every day. Remember if your child can not put on gloves, then do NOT send them in. Putting gloves on one child can be difficult, putting gloves on 18 children is nearly impossible. Mittens only please! Double check that your child's extra clothing in their cubbies is also weather appropriate.

Blue Room – Beth and Angela

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching winter and the holiday season, all the while wondering “where did the time go?”

As a reminder, we continue to try to go outside each day so please bring an appropriate coat in along with hats. Please label all food and bottles that come to the center, it makes it that much easier to do everything else we need to do. Our month will be spent practicing our walking skills, along with working on language skills with the older kids. We will be doing tummy/floor time, reaching for and grasping toys, visual tracking for the younger ones and as a group we will be playing, singing, dancing and just having fun.

We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving!

As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Yellow Room – Jayna and Miranda

This month we will be learning about shapes, Thanksgiving, things that go and friendship. We welcome out new friends to the classroom! A reminder to our parents: the cold weather is coming! Please remember to bring appropriate clothing like hats, mittens and coats. Don't forget to check your child's clothing box to switch out those summer clothes for warm ones!

Green Room – Ivette and Ally

This month we are going to be learning about fruit, vegetables, Thanksgiving and teddy bears! We will be talking about the similarities and differences between fruits and vegetables. We will be playing matching games. We will be involved in different hands-on activities like handprint carrots and coffee ground bears. We will be using fruits and vegetables to paint with so the children can not only hear about the fruits and vegetables, but see them too!

Room 1- Jon

There are several days this month that we will be offering care so be sure to check the program calendar.

We are going to drum up school age support for our annual food drive that starts our month. We try to use the spirit of giving that embodies the holidays to learn about charity.

We will talk about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for this month. The center hosts its annual Parent Breakfast and as a class we are going to make something special to share with the families we serve, Room 1 is thankful for you and the opportunity you have given us to be a safe and supportive place for your children.

Room 2- Brittany and Casey

November is already here, time sure is flying in Room 2. This month we will be learning about Veterans Day and why we celebrate it. We will also be learning about airplanes and helicopters. We will talk about the different types of airplanes and what they are used for. We will also be learning about Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving holiday is a great time for us to talk about who and what we are thankful for in our lives. To end the month we will be learning about fruits & vegetables and will talk a lot about why they're important to eat!

Room 3- Cassie and Subnam

Room 3 is very excited to welcome Subnam into our classroom! For November we will be talking about how we can be nice to our friends, our families, and ourselves. First we will start by having an “all about me” lesson plan. We will teach the children how to feel good about themselves, and help them understand that no everyone is the same, and there is only one of you! We will then continue the month by learning about friendships and manners and why it's important to be nice and friendly to everyone. We will finish the month off learning about the first Thanksgiving, and how/ why we celebrate this holiday

today. Of course we will also be making lots of turkey art, so look out for new art on the walls!

Room 4– Jen and Nikki

Room 4 will have lots of fun in November. Room 4 will have a lot of fun this month! November is good nutrition month. We will start off the month with a nutrition theme, we will spend the week learning about foods that are good for our bodies and foods that are “sometimes foods”. The following week we will talk about the Military and Veteran’s Day, and what the holiday means. Thanksgiving is coming up very fast! We will do fun thanksgiving art and we will be talking about what we are thankful for. The last week of November will be undoubtedly getting colder so to get ready we will have a Hibernation theme to end the month and get ready for December!

Room 5- Tyler

October was a very fun month in Room 5 with lots of games, prizes, and spooky stories! We are looking forward to November and learning about Pilgrims, Native Americans, and the true meaning of Thanksgiving. We will also be having an “all about math” theme. We will be working with lots of numbers, getting more familiar with what simple equations look like, and how to deal with them. We will also be looking at numbers from 20-50 to make sure that children can recognize these numbers. During the first week in January we will have a “build it yourself week” where our focus will be creating machines that can be used to help the environment in some way. We are asking parents to bring in old recycled materials (not glass) for us to use during this week. These items can be paper towel or toilet paper tubes, old boxes, tissue paper or old newspaper, or any safe clean items you are throwing away that could be send to make something else. All of us in Room 5 thank you in advance!

From the Director’s Corner:

We are excited to welcome Subnam to the center! She will be working with Cassie in Room 3 with our preschoolers. We are looking forward to getting to know her and for her to meet the kids.

This is information on a fun holiday fundraiser for EHS sponsored by the Easthampton Community Center we wanted to let parents know about:

From: Carrie Hague
<clrpen61@aol.com>

Hello ,
Below is information about a fundraiser that the Easthampton Community Center is sponsoring for the Class of 2020 at Easthampton High School. If you would like to distribute to families who may be interested we would greatly appreciate it!
I thank you in advance!

Fall 2018
To All Who Have a Loved One Who Believes in Santa Claus:
The Easthampton Community Center is sponsoring a community event and fundraiser with the volunteer help of EHS students from the class of 2020. This year we are doing a fundraiser, for which some of you may want to participate. Volunteers will act as Santa’s and send personalized letters from Santa to your beloved children. They will be addressed to whom you name and also the letter will make mention of you as the person who has contacted Santa. The envelope will have a North Pole stamp with a return address of Candy Cane Lane. The letter will make general mention of the good things such as being a good helper around the house or being well behaved etc. The cost is \$5 for one address, so if you have three children at that address the letter would be to all three and the cost would be \$5. Children will receive the letters sometime in the 2nd week of December.
To participate, fill out the details below, attach payment (checks written to Easthampton Community Center),

**and deliver or send to Easthampton
Community Center, 12 Clark St,
Easthampton, MA 01027.** Make sure to

clearly fill out the box for the full
name(s) and address because this will be
cut out and pasted to the envelope.

Thank you -Easthampton Community
Center 413 527-5240

Name(s) of Child(ren):

Name of reporter to Santa (example
Mom and Dad/Aunt Sue/Big Brother
Sam): _____

Full Name(s) and
Address: _____

**Must be submitted by Monday
November 19.**



November 2018						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Saint's Day Dios Los Muertos	2 Dios Los Muertos	3 WGBY Fan day 10-3 Basketball Hall of Fame Holiday Whobilation Millside Park
4	5	6 No School EES City Elections <u>Go Vote!!</u>	7 Community Cares Kitchen Easthampton Community Center 4:30-6 PTO Meeting @ Pepin -6pm Diwali	8	9	10 Arts Walk
11	12 Veteran's Day <u>We Are Closed</u> 	13 End of OLCC Food Drive	14 Community Cares Kitchen Easthampton Community Center 4:30-6	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 No School EES OLCC Parent Breakfast 7am-9am	22 No School EES <u>We Are Closed</u> Happy Thanksgiving 	23 No School EES <u>We Are Closed</u>	24
25	26 OLCC Pajama Drive Begins	27	28 Community Cares Kitchen Easthampton Community Center 4:30-6	29	30	

Like to volunteer?

Let your child's teacher know if you would

Parents Volunteers Always Wanted!

Let us know if you want to volunteer to come in and spend some time with us. We would love to have you. You could read to us, you could play an instrument, you could just be a classroom helper.

Anything you do means everything to us.