



## October 2016

### **Important Dates:**

October 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): NO SCHOOL – Bellewood Acres Field Trip

October 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday): NO SCHOOL: Conferences

November 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) NO SCHOOL: Conferences

### **Bellewood Acres**

Gardenview has an annual tradition of taking a field trip to a local pumpkin patch! Stoney Ridge, our traditional location, closed after last fall and we have decided to give Bellewood Acres a try!

**The field trip is on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and we have two set field trip times - one at 10:00am and one at 12:00pm. Each time slot is limited to 55 total people (adults and kids). There will be NO school on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

The group will board the Orchard Train at each of these times and head into the orchard to see the apples growing, taste different varieties, take a turn picking and then finish up with a trip to the "Kitchen" where the kids will see the cider being pressed and the apple chips being made.

You are welcome to come whenever you would like and stay for as long as you all are having fun. We will attempt to do a Gardenview group photo about 11:45 am near the big red barn.

**Please RSVP using the following Evite links:**

<http://evite.me/28NXHYDqcf> - 10:00am

<http://evite.me/hhugK9BRU5> - 12:00pm

Be sure to include the total number in your party. **We are asking PM Beans and non-napping AM Beans to please take the 12:00pm field trip so that there is ample room for our younger kids (including the Sprouts) who still nap.**

### **CONFERENCES:**

Conferences are scheduled for **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.** You will find a sign-up sheet by the sign in book in each classroom. Please choose the time that works best for your family. Conferences are typically 15-20 minutes so we ask that you be prompt to allow for the maximum amount of time to hear all about what your child is doing this year. Because we are getting a rare opportunity to talk openly about your child, we ask that children not be present. You are welcome to use the playground to swap childcare with another family during conferences. This is also opportunity to ask any questions or concerns that you may have. We are looking forward to sharing our observations and goals for each of your children.

## A 'BIG' Thank You

A gigantic thank you needs to go out to David Babbitt (Leona and Neil's dad), Agate Bay Construction, LLC, for the beautiful covered walkway between the two classrooms. It should be 100% completed within the next couple of weeks!! 😊

## Thermometer

The mornings are cool enough that children need to be coming to school in layers or with a jacket. We have a thermometer on the railing leading up to the mudroom which has been clearly marked for the children to see and understand. **If the forecast is for anything below 40 degrees, please send a warm, winter coat for your child. If the temperature drops lower, we definitely recommend and encourage mittens/gloves and a hat as well.**

## Show & Tell (Bean Class)

Many of the children have been excited about bringing show and tell to school. The most important thing to remember is that children may **not** bring toys for show and tell. Instead we prefer that they bring a book, a special object or item they received as a gift, or something related to our topic of study. We also ask that children only bring **only one show and tell item for each week** in order to make sure every child gets a turn, if they like. Show and tell is always optional. Some children will show more interest than others.

## Parking

I feel like I have been a nag on this subject, but we have more families enrolled than ever. This means that there are more cars coming and going during drop off and pick up times. I have taken it upon myself to park on Maplewood and walk to school to free up at least one parking space. If you are up for it, I would recommend doing the same. There is plenty of street parking on Maplewood Ave. for several cars at a time to park.

If you are parking in our parking lot, please only pull your car in facing the picket fence in the front yard of the school. There is absolutely no parking along the entire fence on the side of the lot where the bus is parked. When cars are parked along the fence line, it does not allow cars to come and go at the same time and makes it much more difficult for parents to get out of the lot and open up a space for someone else. Here is a link to a visual map of the parking lot: [Parking Map](#). We would also be up for donations to put something like this in place 😊 [parking solution](#).

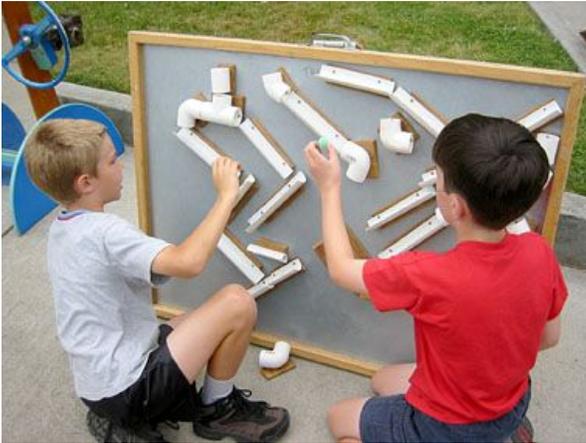
## Illness

This is the time of year when everyone seems to be getting sick. Colds and flus are being passed around like crazy. Despite our efforts to wash our hands constantly, cover our sneezes and coughs, and sanitize the classroom, these illnesses still manage to get past our defenses. If your child is presenting any or all of these symptoms, please keep them home from school:

- ♥ Diarrhea or vomiting in the last 24 hours
- ♥ A fever over 100° F in the last 24 hours
- ♥ Drainage from the eye, or a pink color in the white of the eye
- ♥ A sore throat, especially one with a fever (no matter how slight)

- ♥ A rash with fever or behavior change
- ♥ Any illness diagnosed by a doctor to be contagious
- ♥ General signs of illness, such as unusual fatigue, irritability, persistent crying, bodily pain, or difficulty breathing

Please use your best judgment when deciding whether or not to send your child to school. If your child develops these symptoms while at school, we will have contact you to come to pick them up.



**A parent project....** Is there someone interested in making one of these for us that can hang from a fence? Sheet metal and pvc with magnets attached?