

Giving Thanks



Our theme for the month of November is "Families & Pets". We will be learning about our families and their traditions. We will also share our family pets—the "other" family members. All classes will celebrate Thanksgiving this month. Children will enjoy learning about the holidays they celebrate. They will learn about each others' family traditions as well.

As a school we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together. Children will discuss what being thankful means and how we show others we are grateful. All classes will have their very own Thanksgiving Feast. The feast will be held Tuesday of Thanksgiving week so most children can participate.

This year our feast of chicken strips and macaroni and cheese will be catered by Albertsons. Additional sides and items will be available for donation sign up on your child's classroom clipboard. Remember that our school is closed on Thanksgiving Thursday and the following Friday (November 23 & 24) this month so students can enjoy this special family time.



Remember, children should always be dressed for an active, messy day at school. Comfortable clothing that can get soiled is essential for school attire. Slip on shoes, flip-flops, or sandals can be dangerous and are inappropriate for active play. Tennis shoes/sneakers and socks are recommended and must be worn while at school. Please apply sunscreen to exposed skin before school.

This month we would like to highlight one of our directors and owners. Ms. Kristina. Ms. Kristina is a native resident of the Conejo Valley and was raised by educators (Ms. Pat was a teacher for CVUSD prior to opening The Enriching Hour in 1989 and her father is a retired school administrator & superintendent). She attended Westlake High School and Pepperdine University where she earned her B.A. in Music Theory and Composition and Percussion Performance. Following college, she earned her Elementary Teaching Credential and her Early Childhood Director's Permit.

From 2001—2010 Ms. Kristina taught third and fourth grade at Woodland Hills Elementary in LAUSD. In September 2009 Ms. Kristina & Ms. Pat opened our sister preschool (Newbury Oaks) in Newbury Park. A year after opening, she left her public school teaching position. The following year she returned to Woodland Hills Elementary to establish a private, licensed

November 2023

Dates to Remember!

- NOVEMBER 21ST
 CLASSROOM FEAST
- NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH
 SCHOOL CLOSED

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- DECEMBER 16TH
 HOLIDAY SING-ALONG
- DECEMBER 21ST—

HALF DAY (12:30PM) LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023

DECEMBER 22ND—

January 1st

WINTER BREAK

January 2nd—
 School Resumes



afterschool program. Ms. Pat and Ms. Kristina opened Woody's Clubhouse for school-aged children in 2012.

Kristina Ms. enioys traveling for vacation and visiting family. She can usually be found walking her dog, attending concerts, hiking the local hills, or playing the piano when she is not at one of the schools. Ms. Kristina is extremely grateful and proud to have an outstanding staff of teachers and administrators working with our loving families at Newbury Oaks.

Home/School Connection

As we learn about families this month we will be sharing and introducing different family traditions. Please be sure to turn in the brief questionnaire about the holidays your family celebrates and any special traditions you have. Return the questionnaire promptly so we can assist your child during the upcoming months of November and December.

PICK UP TIMES

Please remember to pick your child up from school on time. Late pick ups disrupt the daily routines of our students and staff. Children become uneasy when parents are late. There is a \$5 per 10 minute increment charge beginning at dismissal time. Parents will be charged a late pick up fee at the end of the month. Please see the Admissions Agreement for more details.

Reminder

Full Day families please remember to send a <u>sweater or jacket</u> to school with your child. It is



getting dark earlier starting next week and at 4pm it can get chilly on our play-ground. Label all clothing.

Thanksgiving Feast

Please make note of our Thanksgiving Feast date of November 21st. Your child's teachers will be asking you to donate an item for our feast and \$5.00 cash to have the



warm feast food: chicken tenders and macaroni and cheese catered from Albertsons. Children who do not typically attend school on Tuesdays are welcome to join us for this activity on the 21st by signing in from 11:30AM-12:30PM. If you do not want your child to eat these foods, please send lunch as usual and do not send cash.

Refer a Friend

If you know any **friends or family** who might be interested in our wonderful preschool program, please invite them to tour our preschool. Our reputation and your referrals are our best source of advertisement. In appreciation of your referral, we offer a **\$150** tuition credit on your next month's tuition when your friend or family enrolls their child at Newbury Oaks Preschool. We thank you for the referrals.



Tuition Payments

All tuition is due on the 1st of the month unless prior arrangements have been made. A late fee is incurred after the 7th of each month.

Sing-Along

At last, Newbury Oaks Preschool invites you and your family to join us on December 16 for a Holiday Sing-Along. Our event will take place on Saturday at 10AM at Sycamore Canyon School in the auditorium. We look forward

to sharing part of the morning with you. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.





2023-2024 List of Planned Closures

THANKSGIVING
WINTER HOLIDAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING
PRESIDENTS' DAY
IN SERVICE
SPRING HOLIDAY
MEMORIAL DAY

November 23 & 24, 2023
December 22-January 1, 2024
January 15, 2024
February 19, 2024
March 11, 2024
March 29 & April 1, 2024
May 27, 2024



TUITION REMINDER:

Tuition is due the first of each month.

Preschool Rates 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. M-F \$815.00 MWF \$600.00 TTH \$400.00

Toddler Rates 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. M-F \$840.00 MWF \$625.00 TTH \$425.00 Extended Day Rates 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. M-F \$1100.00 MWF \$ 8250.00 TTH \$ 565.00

Extended Toddler Rates 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. M-F \$1150.00 MWF \$875.00 TTH \$590.00 Full Day Rates 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. M - F \$1250.00 MWF \$ 875.00 TTH \$ 600.00

Full Day Toddler Rates 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. M - F \$1300.00 MWF \$ 925.00 TTH \$ 650.00

The State of California Department of Social Services sets certain standards for the safety and well being of all children. The current requirements from this agency refer directly to the Sign-In/Out sheets that are on the clipboards outside each classroom. The state is requiring that the adult signing the child in or out do so by signing their <u>full legal name</u> and enter the <u>time of day</u> the child is accepted into the school and the time of day the child is released from the school.

These sheets are legal documents and are the only required record of the children placed in our care for the day. It is EXTREMELY important that you sign your child in and out. In case of an emergency and evacuation, these clipboards are our only means of knowing which children are attending school or if anyone has been picked up early.

The Department of Social Services collects a \$100.00 fine per unsigned child in a facility. In the event that we receive such fines due to lack of signatures, we will have to collect the fine from the appropriate families. Please help us keep our children safe by signing them in an out correctly. Thank you for your continuous help in this matter.