



November Newsletter

Director's Note

Dear Families,

The children had a blast celebrating the fall season in October. They enjoyed the annual field trip to Clarke Farms and the Halloween Trunk or Treat! We'd like to thank you all so much for making our fall fundraiser such a success! Your hard work and generosity is very much appreciated. We are excited for the new technology additions to WBA. We are so thankful to have you all be a part of the WBA family. You really made these events such a success.

We are excited to begin preparing for the WBA Holiday Music Program (PK4 and Kindergarten)! It will be held at St. Therese Church on December 9th. Further details will be posted on the school website. Please invite family and friends to see this wonderful display of our students' talent!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Miss Cindy and Miss Natalie



Operation Christmas Child

Each Thanksgiving season Western Branch Academy collects items to help a charity. Because last year was such a success with Samaritan's Purse, we would like to help their cause again. We will assemble shoeboxes packed with small gifts for children around the world.

Information about this program is available at

www.samaritanspurse.org

Detailed information pamphlets will be sent home as well. We will collect items through November 12th.

Suggested Items for Shoeboxes

Toys- dolls, balls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, playing cards, kazoos, travel games, jump ropes, etc.

School Supplies- pencils and sharpeners, pens, crayons, stamp sets, notebooks, markers, rulers, erasers, stickers, etc.

Hygiene- bar soap, toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, floss, etc.

Other- socks, hair accessories (clips, headbands, ponytail holders), flashlights with batteries, etc.

Thanksgiving Activities

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on November 20th. Each classroom will have a "Thanksgiving feast." Please sign up outside your child's classroom. At 9:30am Chief Earl Bass will be visiting the children to talk about his heritage.

Veteran's Day

Western Branch Academy will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

Thank you Officer Temple for talking to the children about Halloween Safety!



Upcoming Events

November 10th- No WBA

**Kindergarten/Public School- Child care only
(MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS DAY)** Kindergarten

Report cards go home

November 11th- WBA closed in observance of Veterans' Day

November 12th- Last day to donate items for Operation Christmas Child

November 16th- Field trip (PK4 and Kindergarten) to drop off Operation Christmas

November 17th- Visit from Via Goode to celebrate National Storytelling Week

November 20th- Visit from Chief Earl Bass to learn about his Native American heritage

November 25th- WBA closing at 3:00pm

November 26-27th- WBA closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 9th- PK4 and Kindergarten Holiday Program

December 16th- Visit from Joy the Clown for a Christmas Show/Holiday Parties

December 17th- Holiday Parties

December 18th- Last day of school before Winter Break

December 21st to January 3rd- WBA closed for Winter Break

January 4th- School Reopens

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 12- Miss Kaleigh

Nov. 13- Miss Jessica

Nov. 16- Miss Carol

Nov. 18- Miss Stacey

Nov. 19- Miss Katie

Nov. 23- Miss Meredith

Dec. 1- Miss Jennifer PK2

Dec. 2- Miss Jennifer PK3



From the Enrichment Teachers:

Music, Chapel, Spanish and Yoga with Miss Natasha

In **MUSIC**, we will be learning songs about Turkeys, Thanksgiving, Native Americans, and Transportation! We will also be rehearsing for our Holiday Program taking place on December 9th. We will continue to experiment with more instruments and materials with which we can make music and dance!

In **CHAPEL**, we continue to discuss God's Fall Gifts for us, and will talk about how we can express our thanks to the important people in our lives and to God and Jesus. We will learn more songs to express our prayers, because singing is praying twice!

In **SPANISH**, we will focus on colors and numbers! We had so much fun with our Halloween lesson that Thanksgiving should be just as much fun! Look for vocab sheets in the children's folders.

In **YOGA**, we have transitioned from our sad goodbye to Miss Staci and are learning new songs and poses! We have been reviewing the basics and love to show off our knowledge! Look for information sheets in the folders.

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

Technology with Miss Aimee

We are off to a great start with our technology lessons. The children are getting to practice important skills with the hatch tablets. These skills include number/letter recognition, counting, patterning, sentence segmenting, and addition/subtraction. We have also discussed characteristics of desktops/laptops, tablets, and keyboards. We are starting to type letters with either left hand or right hand. The children are doing a great job showing off their "tech" knowledge!



Classic Cookie Fundraiser

- Thanks to all of our WBA families for supporting our fundraiser. We raised three thousand dollars to help pay for our tablets! A special thanks to Jessica Rigdon for organizing this event.