

Country Brook Montessori School

News – December 2009

Message from the Director

What a great Thanksgiving Feast! It was wonderful to see such strong participation with our annual feast. The variety of foods was tremendous, and the children, as always, were excited to enjoy this special celebration with their families and their classmates.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a success. From preparing dishes and desserts, helping with set-up and clean-up, serving food and more...it was all greatly appreciated.

This is the time of year that many families are preparing and celebrating the holidays. We are fortunate to have such a diverse enrollment and recognize that there are a number of celebrations that take place during this time of year. Many have already celebrated Diwali and Ramadan. Coming up are Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. And of course, the New Year is just around the corner. During the days ahead, you will be seeing decorations going up throughout the school. The décor will represent the holiday themes of the many cultural celebrations that take place.

Once again, thank you for entrusting your children to us. We appreciate all of the support you so freely give.



Dates for Your Calendar

Friday	Dec. 11 - Birthday Recognition Day
Wednesday	Dec. 16 - Book Exchange
Friday	Dec. 18 - Last Day of Fall Term
Daily	NOW thru - Dec. 15 Canned and Non-Perishable Food Drive
Dec. 21 - Jan. 4	Winter Break School Closed
Tuesday	January 5 - First Day Of Winter Term. All Children return

Holiday Book Exchange

Wed. morning, Dec. 16th, the children will enjoy the fun & excitement of our annual gift-giving tradition.

*Every child is requested to bring a new book, age appropriate for his/her classroom. The book should have a value of \$8 - \$10, and should be gift-wrapped. The book should be labeled '**from**' with your child's name, but please do not put a '**to**' name to the book.*

Each child will exchange their book for a book brought by a friend in their classroom.

Changing Weather

During the past month, we have seen the weather fluctuate dramatically; from very warm to close to freezing - very dry to windy and wet. The changes in the weather also bring the potential for runny noses and coughs. Please continue to help us keep all of our children (and teachers) in good health by keeping your child home if you think he or she is not well.



A Big Warm Welcome

Please join us in a warm welcome to the newest student to join our Montessori family; Lillian Uptagrafft in Ms. Faiza & Ms. Anita's classroom.

Picture Orders

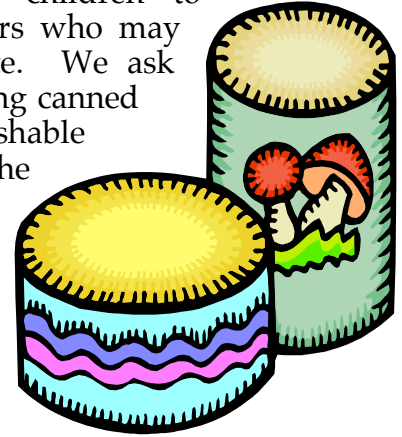
Our picture re-take day was November 11, and Lifetouch Photographers have assured us that the reprint packages so many of you have ordered will be here before winter break.



Annual Food Drive

The Country Brook Montessori School Annual food drive is now underway.

Each year, in the spirit of giving, CBMS encourages the children to share with others who may be less fortunate. We ask that families bring canned and non-perishable foods to the school, where they will be collected and donated to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry.



Norcross Cooperative Ministry has provided emergency shelter, food and clothing for those in crisis in the Norcross community for the past 19 years. They are a faith-based (non-denominational,) non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to serving men, women and children.

