

Growing Tree

October Newsletter

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Autumn breeze
Changing leaves
Colors red and gold
Autumn sounds
All around
Beauty to behold

A Message from the Board of Directors....

If you are creative, energetic, committed to quality childcare, like to attend meetings, and serve on committees we would love for you to consider becoming a Growing Tree Board member. We encourage your attendance at several meetings before making a commitment. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the conference room adjacent to the cafeteria at St Charles Hospital. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th at 6:00pm. Childcare is available with Hilda for \$2 per hour per child. Please RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

Tuition:

Thank you to everyone who remembered the tuition increase. For those of you that forgot (which is understandable) I have attached a statement along with your monthly invoice so that you know what the total due this month is. Thank you!

Picture Day:

Picture day went extremely well. We hope to have the pictures back by the end of October. If you did not get a chance to order a class picture and would like to, the cost is \$10. Checks payable to Devon Pfeiffer please.

Happy Harvest:

The 6th Annual Happy Harvest is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29th at Hollinshead Barn from 500pm~730pm. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family. For those of you that are new to GT or haven't been able to attend in the past let me fill you in on the fun that you can expect:

- A fun filled, safe evening for families with young children. It is open to all families in the community. Invite your friends!
- It has a harvest theme rather than a spooky Halloween theme
- A delicious spaghetti dinner is served
- Prizes at all the game booths
- Great giveaways
- A great way to meet your child's friends

We would love to have you join us. Purchase your tickets at the front desk. See attached flier in newsletter.

Poinsettia Sale:

Every October we pre-sell poinsettias to businesses throughout Bend. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it is very important that everyone help us reach our goal of selling 1000 plants (last year we sold 1049). For every two poinsettias you sell you will receive 1 hour of volunteer time. Orders need to be turned in by: Friday, November 5th. We will deliver the poinsettias the Monday after Thanksgiving. The plants are always big and beautiful and very easy to sell. To motivate your sales we have a contest! The person that sells the most poinsettias will receive a \$300 credit

towards their December tuition, 2nd place will receive a \$150 credit. The game rules are as follows:

- Orders must be turned in no later than 600pm on Friday, Nov 5th.

So please start talking with employers, friends, family, & acquaintances.

Please see attached order form for colors, sizes, and prices.

Moms Group:

Working moms face a unique set of challenges that requires extra skills to have both a successful career and a family that thrives. Natalie Hummel is looking to create a group designed to give working moms an opportunity to talk, share ideas, and create a network of women who share similar concerns. Natalie is offering to lead the first event and will host it at her house (Newport Hills) on October 14th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Natalie at 541-382-7357 or by email to hummel@bendcable.com. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Childcare is available.

Winter Menus:

October 1st we will switch to our winter menus. I have included a copy in the newsletter for your convenience. The week of Oct 4th will be Menu #1.

Parking Lot:

When parking in our front lot please be aware and park your car between the white lines so that another car may park in the second space. Parallel parking proves to be very challenging for a lot of us.

Parents Night:

First Friday will be held on Friday, October 1st. Sign up at the front desk as space is limited. Cost \$20 per child, second child \$10. Next month First Friday's will be held on November 5th.

Healthy Treats:

We all love to celebrate holidays, birthdays, and special times. Please remember that all foods brought into the Center must be store bought. Unfortunately we cannot serve any food to the children that is homemade. We ask that you make an effort to provide healthy special treats. Many times we have more than one birthday a week so healthy treats are essential. Ask us for ideas.

New Stuff:

Did you notice the new couches, chairs, & mirrors in the classrooms? What about the new bikes on the playground? (Actually the bikes haven't arrived yet!) All this new stuff is thanks to everyone who participated in the catalog sale. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Working Wonders:

Don't miss Working Wonders Children's Museum's hands-on, laugh-out-loud grand opening activities. See enclosed brochure for all the fun details or visit www.workingwonders.org.

Children's ID cards:

Dr Linn is providing an opportunity for children to receive identification cards. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information.

Website:

Each month you can find the newsletter and other current happenings under "Bulletin Board" on the Growing Tree website, www.thegrowingtree.org.