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December 2019 Newsletter

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Tis the season of giving, spending time with family, and sharing love.

During this time of year, sometimes we forget that there are individuals who are less fortunate that deserve to celebrate too. This time of year can be particularly hard for those who have lost loved ones along the way, fallen on hard times or are reminded of better times in their lives. Fortunately, this is also the time of year when individuals, families, communities and organizations come

together to open their hearts and welcome strangers into their lives. That is why people consider this the most wonderful time of the year.

There are so many opportunities for you to give back to your community throughout the year, but this time of year is the most important. It reminds people that they matter, that they are important, and that they are loved. Please consider giving back to your community in some way or another during this Holiday season. And remember, it's not always the big grand gestures that cost a ton of money that are necessary to make a difference. Sometimes even the smallest acts of kindness can bring the biggest reward.

Ways to consider giving back: Donate to a food bank, donate time at a senior center, serve food at a soup kitchen, adopt a family for Christmas, donate blood, bring fresh donuts and hot coffee to a fire department or police station, pay for someone's coffee behind you in line, donate warm socks, hats and gloves to a shelter for the homeless. De-Ice your neighbor's driveway and offer to bring their trash to the curb so they don't slip and fall.

Anyone who receives your generosity or thoughtfulness is sure to be immensely grateful. Giving back is important. Please consider donating your time, if you can.

That being said, if you are looking to give back this season, NHCP is currently accepting donations for the YWCA Holiday Giving program that benefits families in the Pierce County area. There is a red box inside the door where you can drop off new, unwrapped gifts of all kinds to be donated. All items must be turned in by end of PreK class, 3 pm, on December 11th. For questions or concerns, Please contact Nicole as she would be more than happy to help.

Kindness matters.



Themes: Holiday/Winter and

Bears

Colors: White & Silver

Shape: Triangle

Concept: Giving and Sharing Letters of the Month: B & H





The winter holiday season is an especially difficult time for many families living in poverty, as parents feel pressure to create a festive atmosphere while still struggling to meet basic needs. The YWCA Holiday Giving programs support adults and children fleeing domestic violence, giving them access to much needed resources. These donations are also sources of hope and joy during a time when those feelings are often in short supply.

Please help us making the holiday season special for those families in need!

The Holiday Gift Center

Each year the WYCA of Pierce Co. creates a winter wonderland shopping area they call The Holiday Gift Center. The week before Christmas they provide an opportunity for the adults and children living in their shelter to "shop" for new items for their family members from the donations given by the community.

The first day, the kids pick items for their parent and siblings.

The second day, the parents shop for their children.

They also have a third shopping day for

former shelter residents, and clients using their other services.

Top 12 most needed items:

1 HOUSEWARES

Pots and pans, dish sets, slow cookers or crock-pots, knife sets, coffee makers

2 TEEN GIFTS

Seahawks gear, stylish accessories, fine art sets, book sets, bath and body sets, movie tickets, sports equipment, gift cards

3 NEW PAJAMA SETS

All sizes for adults, teens and children

4 TODDLER TOYS

Leap Frog, musical toys, baby toys, Little Tikes

5 BEDDING

Bed-in-a-Bag in various sizes, throw blankets

6 NEW COATS

All sizes for adults, teens and children

7 PLAY/BUILDING SETS

LEGO, Hot Wheels sets, science sets, jewelry making kits, slime sets

8 ATHLETIC GEAR

Scooters, skateboards, bikes, roller skates, roller blades, helmets and knee pads, basketballs, footballs and soccer balls

9 GIFT CARDS

Amazon, Target, Walmart, Fred Meyer, Safeway, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Simon Malls, Starbucks, Fandango, GameStop, Dick's Sporting Goods, Victoria's Secret and Sephora in \$25+ increments

10 DOLLS AND ACTION FIGURES

Barbie, Baby Alive, L.O.L. Surprise!, Hatchimals, superhero and villain action figures, Pomsies

11 BOARD GAMES

Apples to Apples, Trouble, Connect 4, Headbandz, Life, Jenga, Sorry, Twister, Cootie Brand games, memory, Uno and other similar card games

12 ELECTRONICS

Kindle Fire tablets, laptops, wireless headphones, Bluetooth speakers, polaroid cameras with film, portable cell phone chargers

Please bring in donations of new, unwrapped gift items and wrapping supplies. There will be a box next to the sign in at the preschool for all items collected.

BRING ITEMS IN BY: Wednesday, December 11th



Thursday,
December 12th
at 6pm in
Robert's Hall

Come join us for the NHCP Holiday party! There will be plenty of food and fun activities for the whole family. Ever wanted to have a snowball fight with an actual snowman? Do you wanna build an Olaf? Well, don't worry—you'll have the chance Thursday! You'll be able to make reindeer food, play Pin the nose on Rudolph, decorate cookies and we'll have a photo booth for the perfect family picture!

Potluck dinner with a hot chocolate bar for

dessert! Please make sure to sign up for an item to bring to the potluck. Sign up sheet will be on the sign in counter.

Attendance earns you an entry into the Raffle and 1 Parent Ed Credit



Dear NHCP Families,

Thank you all for helping me settle into my position as teacher over this past month! Your kids have all shown a great amount of progress so far during this school year and I am excited to see them grow and learn throughout the coming months.

Since December is a shortened month due to the winter holiday break, we won't be holding a field trip this month. We will, however, be having a lot of fun learning about winter, winter holidays, giving and sharing.

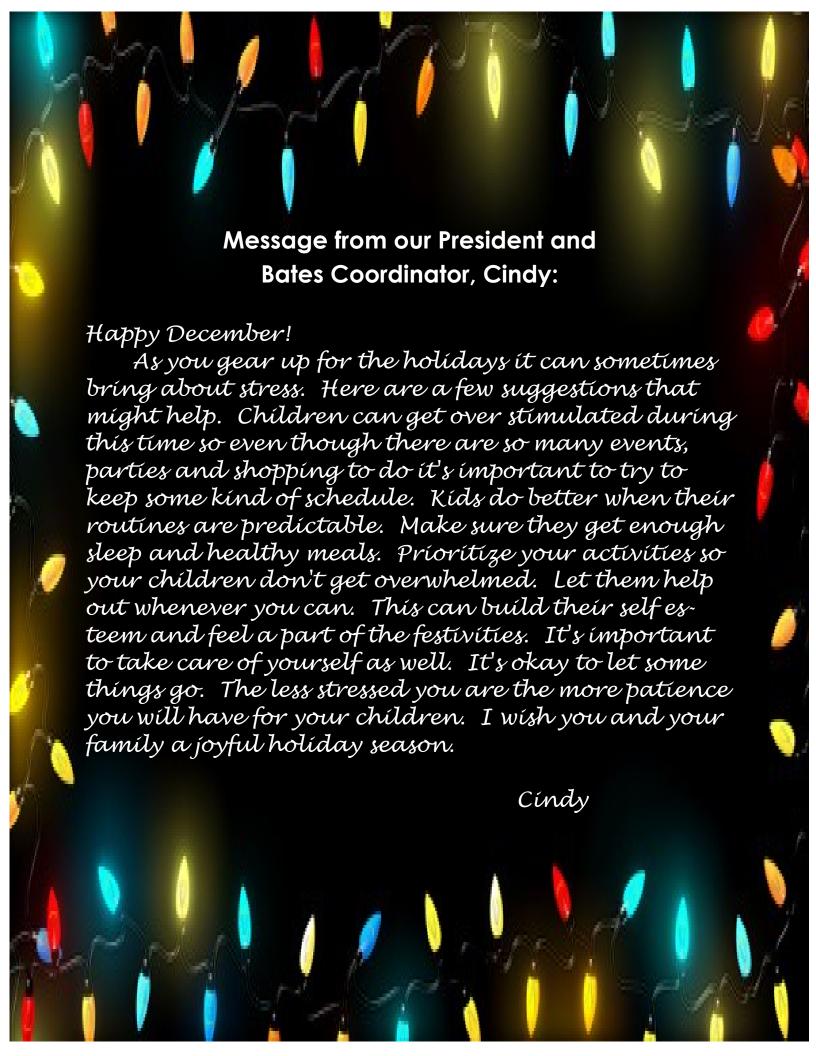
With the theme of giving and sharing, we will be hosting a gift drive for the YWCA of Pierce County. This is a great opportunity to show our children compassion and caring for those in need, as well as to help families that have been through a difficult time.

Since the weather has officially turned cold, please remember to have

your children bring warm coats, gloves and hats to use or playing on the playground. If possible, please label each clothing item that your child brings into class in case something becomes misplaced - so that it may be returned to that child.

Sincerely, Miss Nicole





-Parent Ed Credits-

Can't remember how many credits you have or how to earn them?

Make sure to check your emails often, as there are always plenty of opportunities to earn Parent Ed credits throughout the year!

Contact NHCPParentEducation@gmail.com

Our pie fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who placed orders for the Thanksgiving pies. We hope that you had a fabulous Thanksgiving and that the desserts were delicious.

NHCP Would like to give a HUGE Thank you to the Downtown Puyallup Fred Meyer for helping us out in a pinch. When our original pie supplier was unable to fulfil the pie orders, Fred Meyer was able to come through for us and helped us out in a big way! They were generous enough to donate a gift card to keep our costs down as well.

Another thank you to Eat My Pie, located in Edgewood, for their amazingly delicious Gluten free pies. They were a big hit and we thank you so much for being able to accommodate our

health conscious family needs!

Donations

NHCP, is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization and as such, any donations made to NHCP are tax deductible. Please consider making a donation to our preschool and help enrich the education for our students.

Donations can currently be mailed to our PO box

NHCP Contacts:

Teacher:

Nicole Hall

Bates Coordinator:

Cindy Morris

Board Members:

President:

Cindy Morris (acting)

Vice President: OPEN

Secretary:

Lauren Dunham

Treasurer:

Meghann Royston (acting)

Membership:

Tiffany Harris (Tentative)

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Meghann Royston

Parent Ed:

Bryn Rodriguez (Tentative)

Health & Safety:

Beth Hilton

Auction Chair(s):

Lauren Dunham Meghann Royston

Class Reps:

Juniors (2/3's):

OPEN

Pre-K:

Ashley Nieman

Open Enrollment!

Do you know anyone who lives in the area with kids between the ages of 2-5?? Send them our way!!

We have several spots available in all of our classes for this year. Make sure to have them check out our website and our Facebook page for upcoming enrollment events, fundraisers and other community events throughout the year.

For questions about how to enroll or general inquiries about our school please email us at northhillcoop@gmail.com

We are always looking for things to put in our newsletter. You receive one Parent Ed Credit for submitting something that is used in our newsletter.

Fun and easy recipes, feel good stories, cute little anecdotes, or



pictures are always

welcome. Email your submissions to NHCPPublicity@gmail.com and look for your contribution in an upcoming newsletter!

We need your pictures!! If you have any pictures from class, during events or field trips please don't hesitate to share them with us so that we can update our Facebook page and our website! We are always looking for fun new pictures to upload. Be sure to email them to northhillcoop@sfly.com or NHCPPublicity@gmail.com



Please don't forget to keep track of your classroom jobs. Can't remember what you signed up for? Don't worry, we've got you covered. There's a copy of the sign up sheet on the bulletin board

Open Board Positions

We are looking for parents to step up and join the board, as many of our families are moving on next year. No experience is necessary, and training is provided.

Please consider volunteering to help make our preschool the best that it can be! We can't do it without you. If you are interested, please contact one of the current board members. They would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

Did you know that you can support our preschool while doing your regular shopping all year long?

<u>Fred Meyer:</u> Log into your account at fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and select our school

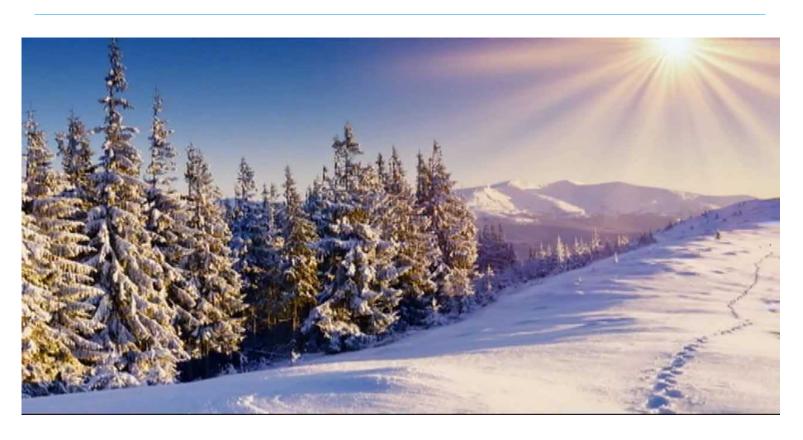
Amazon Smile: Log into smile.amazon.com and select our school. Every time you order from the Smile link, the preschool gets a percentage donated!



December 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Board Mtg 530p	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Donations Due	12 Holiday Party 6p	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Winter Break	21
22	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Merry Christmas	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28
29	30 Winter Break	31 New Years Eve				



Upcoming Preschool Events:

December 5: Board meeting @ 530p

December 11: Special Cooking day - No Bake Snowflake Cookies

December 11: Holiday Donations Due to Preschool by 3pm

December 12: Holiday Party @ 6

December 20-January 5: Winter Break—No School

Community Events:

November 22-December 31: Polar Express Train Ride

November 25-January 1, 2020: Fantasy Lights, 530-930p—Spanaway Park

December 3: Tree Lighting with Santa, 6-7p—Fife City Hall

December 4-8: A Victorian Country Christmas—Washington State Fairgrounds

December 5: Puyallup Tree Lighting

December 7: Breakfast with Santa, 9-11a—Fife Community Center

December 7: Milton Tree Lighting—3-730p, Milton City Hall Kids Crafts from 3-5, Santa arrives @ 5pm

December 7: Puyallup Lighted Santa Parade and Tree Lighting, 5pm

December 8: 6th Ave Santa Parade, 3-7p—Tacoma, WA

Community Event with music, food, and entertainment for entire family including Santa in his sleigh

December 14: Breakfast with Santa, 930-11—Downtown Puyallup @ Pioneer Park Pavillion

December 14/15/21: Santa Run, 10am — The Fife Police Department and Fire Department will be bringing Santa to visit the neighborhoods

12/14: N Levee Rd E to RR Tracks

12/15: RR Tracks to I-5

12/21 I-5 to Northern City Limits

Make sure to check our Facebook page regularly for updated and upcoming, event information

Hot Cocoa Cups

Ingredients:

16.5 oz tube Refrigerated Sugar cookie Dough

1/4 cup Cocoa powder

1/4 cup granulated sugar

24 mini candy canes

1/2 cup white chocolate chips

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

2 tbsp powdered hot chocolate mix

1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips

1/4 tsp peppermint extract (if desired)

1/4 cup crushed candy canes

1/3 cup mini marshmallows



Step by Step:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- 2. Beak the sugar cookie dough, put in large bowl. Add unsweetened cocoa and mix well
- 3. Scoop level tablespoons of the dough, roll into balls, coat in granulated sugar
- 4. Bake in well greased mini muffin pan for 11-13 minutes
- 5. Allow the cookie cups to cool before removing them from the pan
- 6. Cut or break the curves off the mini candy canes. Save the remaining pieces for crushing (or other baking).
- 7. Melt the white chocolate chips in microwave. Dip the ends of the candy cane handles into the melted white chocolate and attach to cookie cups by holding them in place for 30-60 seconds or until they stay
- 8. Bring heavy cream just to boil in microwave and mix in powdered hot chocolate mix. Add semi sweet chocolate chips. Let sit for about 3 minutes, then stir until smooth. Mix in peppermint extract (if desired).
- 9. Spoon peppermint ganache into top of cookie cups
- 10. Top with crushed candy canes and mini marshmallows
- 11. Store in refrigerator