



November 2007

Important Dates

October 31 – Wednesday

Conferences – No School

November 1 – Thursday

Conferences – No School

November 2 – Friday

Conferences – No School

November 12 – Monday

Veteran's Day – no school

November 22, 23 – Thursday, Friday

Thanksgiving Break

Conferences

Be sure to sign up for a conference time. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the kitchen. Each conference will last approximately 30 minutes.

Please bring any questions or concerns you have about your child.

Gardenview Montessori Mixer

You are invited to the Gardenview Mixer! Thursday, November 15th, 4:30pm– 7:30pm

Have you been wondering about the new friend your child talks about from school? Would you like to meet more of the Gardenview Families or hang out with the ones you know already? Let's get together and play! Join us at the Bloedel–Donovan multipurpose room (the room that looks like a big gym) for a family pot luck get-together. There is a sign up sheet at school, so please plan to bring your favorite dish or beverage. Drop by if you can only stay a little while, or spend the evening socializing with other Gardenview friends! We'll mix, mingle and let the kids play. Hope to see you there.

Holiday Bazaar Update

Save the date! Saturday, December 1st, noon–4pm

Our bazaar is shaping up to be an amazing holiday event! Is it on your calendar yet? We have a great list of vendors to shop from (there's a few spaces left if you know someone who wants to still join in), fun crafts for the kids, including a play dough table and making paper chains, as well as face painting and entertainment from the fabulous "Sidekick Rick and Cowgirl Julie". The silent auction is getting some awesome donations, including tickets for the owner's box at a Mariners game. Thanks so much to everyone who has already signed up to help out, there is still plenty of opportunity to do so if you haven't yet! We especially need someone to coordinate the bake sale (collect items, price them, make sure the table is staffed, etc.) so please help with that if you want to be more involved. But most of all spread the word to all your neighbors, friends and family, and come and share some fun!

Usborne Book Fair

Usborne Books are coming! Monday, November 5th through Friday, November 9th

Books make great Christmas gifts! We are having an Usborne book fair the first week in November. Books will be on display in the Tandy House all week, feel free to stop by and browse through them when dropping off or picking up your kids. Usborne Books are a line of artistic educational books that gets kids excited about reading. The school will earn free books from your purchases, and sales over \$500 will earn the school 50% in free books. There are several ways to order:

–Use the flyers that you can find in your communication folder and return them to the school.

–Visit the display in the Tandy House between November 5th and the 9th and fill out an order form there.

–Shop online at www.AmandasBooksForYou.com

and click on "Gardenview Montessori" to see the entire catalog. Anyone can shop at this site, so feel free to forward it to friends and family who love amazing children's books. All orders placed here will count towards free books for the school (just make sure that they click on "Gardenview"!). Kelda will also put together a wish list, so check out Gardenview's favorite titles.

Amanda Richeson will be at the school on Thursday, between 11:30am-12:30pm to answer questions, suggest titles and help with orders.

When you give a child a book, you give them the world!

(This will take the place of the November Scholastic Order)

Observations

I think that the children are finally ready to have observers come into the classroom. If you are interested in coming to observe, please let myself or Leah know and we will schedule a time.

When you come to observe there are some guidelines that we need you to follow. First of all, please enter the classroom as quietly as possible, remove your coat and shoes, and come into the main part of the classroom where we will have an observation chair waiting for you. During your observation time we ask that you interact with the children as little as possible. If a child approaches you to chat it is alright for you to remind them that you are just there to observe. Your stay will probably last between 20 and 30 minutes. When that time is over, please leave the class as quietly as you entered it. If you think of questions during your observation, please write them down and we would be happy to answer them after class or during your conference.

Information Space

Do you have something to give, sell, or want to buy? This is the place to do it. Do you want to advertise your business or look for employment? This is the place to do it. If you have any

information that you would like to pass along to the other Gardenview families, this is the place. To make a submission, please send an email or a note to Kelda at least one week before the end of the month and your information will go out in the next newsletter. If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter, I ask for a \$5 per newsletter *donation*. 😊