



Director's News

By Lesley Belanger

You Know they're special, so do we!

Greetings everyone,

Our [Annual Food Drive](#) and [Thanksgiving Day Feasts](#) last month were a big success! St. Anne's Food Pantry was extremely thankful for all gracious donations of food and personal care items.

Our Annual Toy Drive started a bit earlier this season, but it's not too late to donate a new, unwrapped toy. All toys will be going to the many children registered for assistance through St. Anne's Church, located here in Shrewsbury.

Our annual Holiday Door event has begun. As you pass through the hallways with your child this month please take a few minutes to look at all the classroom doors. Each room will represent a different country and

their Winter Holiday. The teachers and children have put a great deal of effort into decorating the doors and take great pride in their displays. They have done a wonderful job this season!

Office Reminders:

[Attendance Sheets](#) it is imperative that all children are signed in and out of school each day. We understand that this is a busy time of year for all and occasionally the sign in/out area is congested but please do not leave without completing the attendance sheet. This process is part of our licensing and we do hold on to these sheets.

[Monthly tuitions](#) payments are due before the first of each month.

December 2018

The Parent Connection

Important Dates

11/28 – 12/7 Annual Toy Drive

12/24 – Early Closing 3pm

12/25 & 12/26 – Closed
Holiday Break

[Weekly tuition](#) payments are due one week in advance, please pay each Thursday morning by 9:00am.

Make sure your child's name is written in the memo section of each check to ensure that we credit the proper account with your payment.

It is required by the state that all children have updated physicals and immunizations in order to attend the Center.

Please contact MaryRose Casey directly for all tuition related questions at; 508-755-3922 or MaryRoseCasey@townisp.com

We love hearing from our families!

~ Lesley & Office Staff

Infant 1

By Debbie S., Debbie G

Each November SCC-Shrewsbury Children's Center has an annual Thanksgiving feast for every child and every employee/personal.

It goes for 2 days. Each classroom makes butter and decorations for the feast. They make a centerpiece where they will place it in the middles of the table for our feast.

Many thanks to all that contributed to our annual food drive. It was a big success. Thank you for thinking of others and helping those less fortunate.

Declan- is up and crawling of every corner of the classroom. He loves being able to roam and explore or just sit and play. Tunnels were introduced which he has enjoyed. He is now sitting on the mat with friends and care givers and interacting with all. He enjoys ball popping toys, push/spin, the activity center, farm play and especially enjoys playing alongside his friend Lillian.

Aurora-We brought out the chalk and chalk board showing Aurora how to "tap, tap, tap" using crayons and makers. She had a lot of fun and learned this quickly. She enjoys playing with all toys and has begun using the walker. She also enjoys pushing toys and the large block cubes. Aurora has mastered finger foods and is now using a sippy cup. Soon she will graduate to infant two.

William- William enjoys playtime down on the floor. Sitting upon the crawly mat and playing with the toys that are all around him. He enjoys looking and touching the feely book and interacting with his friends Declan and Aurora.

Lily- Lily has mastered rolling, belly crawling and working crawling: she has just about mastered this. She explores all the toys freely, hand to mouth. Lily has enjoyed the entertainment center with swivels and jumps up/down and plays with all of the attached toys.

Audrey- Audrey enjoys play time down on the crawly mat, swatting at the toys hanging and kicking her

legs. Audrey has also graduated to play time in the entertainer, she loves sitting like a big girl. She also enjoys the swinging ride. Audrey has found her singing voice and always wearing a big smile on her face.

T.J.-T.J. smiles through the day. He has grown so much that he has graduated to the entertainer; to play for short periods and is very curious about the toys attached. He also enjoys playtime on the activity gym mat.

Joining infant one this month will be our new friend Reese

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Infant 2

By Courtney D., Lai C. & Marissa P.

Where does the time go? It's already December and this month flew by so quickly! All the little ones are growing up so fast and mastering milestones one after another. The children had a wonderful time celebrating Thanksgiving and wearing their cute hats. In December we will work on multiple art projects including our holiday tree that the children made with their hands prints. We will also be busy making our families holiday gifts. We would like to wish a very happy 1st birthday to Caroline on December 4th, Kayden on December 9th and Colin on December 31st.

Monthly Milestones

Kayden is moving all around the room. He is starting to pull himself up, and likes to look at himself in the mirror.

Caroline enjoys pushing toys all around the room. She has been taking more and more steps each day.

Summer is talking so much! She has been talking up a storm and loves chatting with her caregivers.

Colin is all over the place! He can pull himself up on the shelves and entertainer.

William can stand for a little on his own, and is so proud of himself.

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We hope you all have a wonderful Holiday break!



Toddler 1A

By Michelle M. & Laura S.

We can not believe November is coming to an end already. We want to say a big thank you to all the families whom donated to the food drive, it was a big success. We could not have help as many families as we did without all of you, so again thank you very much.

The children enjoyed making their headband and placemats for our annual Thanksgiving feast. We were surprised at how much all of our friends could eat. Even some of our friends that don't always try new foods enjoyed the feast. We had turkey, corn, green beans, corn bread, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy and home made butter that our Preschool classes made for us.

Our class enjoyed learning about our holiday door; we had the country Pourtagul. We made all kinds of decorations for our classroom door. The decorations and other information help teach others about how Pourtagul celebrated the holidays. Please take a few minutes to look at all the classroom doors. Each room had a different country.

In December we have a lot of work planned, Be on the look out for important dates and notices that we put up on the classroom door.

In the month of December we will discuss, read stories and make many crafts about arctic animals, gingerbread men, using our senses and the North pole. Shhhhhh we will be working our family gifts. This month we will also have our annual SCC toy drive. Please help us help those would need a helping hand this year. We will have a box located by our door where you can place a new /unwrapped toy for a boy or girl.

We will also be having holiday parties, the children really enjoy the treats and fun that we have during the parties. We will posting a party sign up on December 7th on our door if you wish to bring in some goodies.

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Toddler 1

By Beth S. and Sue R.

November was so much fun! Our food drive was a huge success, thank you to all of the families that contributed. We had so much fun learning about turkeys and gobbling all around our room. Our feasts were very yummy and the children loved wearing their turkey headbands. Our favorite book was titled, [10 Fat Turkeys written by Tony Johnson.](#)

We will have our annual SCC toy drive this month. It will begin December 3rd and will end on the 14th. Our goal as a center is to be able to bring joy to the less fortunate and make a child's Christmas special. Thank you in advanced for your kindness.

We would like to wish Ethan and Ryan a very happy birthday. Ethan will be turning 2 on 12/6 and Ryan will turning 2 on 12/20. We can't wait to celebrate with both of you.

December will be another busy month! We will be celebrating holidays around the world and exploring many different traditions. Please take time to look at our holiday door and read about our country which is Italy. The children worked very hard with the decorations for the door. We will also be learning Christmas songs and making Christmas trees as well as many Christmas traditions.

Our toddlers will be making cookies for our very own cookie swap. This is the best month of the year, we get to make gifts for our loved ones, bake cookies and celebrate all of the holidays with the other toddler groups. We also do a parade and other fun activities.

Dates to remember

Our party days are 12/20 and 12/21 as well as our ugly sweater day. Please send your children in with an ugly sweater. We have done this for a few years and the children really enjoy the silly sweaters.

P.J. days are 12/27 and 12/28

Exciting news

Teddy has a new addition to his family! Congratulations to all of you on your new bundle of joy!

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday!!!!

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Please dress your child weather appropriately for outdoor play. It is now getting pretty cold outside and we want everyone to have the appropriate gear to stay warm when playing outside!

Toddler 2

By Jen T. and Canisha B.

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and all the family festivities. Who would have thought that December would roll in so quickly?

November was a fun yet busy month for toddler 2. The best part by far was the Thanksgiving Feasts! The children enjoyed making their own centerpieces that they got to take home to share with their families. We also made our interpretation on Native American headbands with colorful feathers as well as our own personalized placemats to enjoy our family style feasts. We would like to thank all the families who donated and sent back a feather for our family project. Our classroom turkey looks much more festive now! A hug thank you goes out to the families who donated to our Annual food drive. It was very successful.

We have a lot in store for December! Holiday doors will go up for the first Monday in December. Please be sure to take a minute to look at the special art work that the children made. We will be discussing Holidays around the world and exploring different countries and how they celebrate the holidays. Some of our art projects will include gingerbread man, candy canes, stockings and many more. Like each year we will be making something special for our families to enjoy. This gives us the opportunity to discuss with the children the importance of giving and sharing.

The annual toy drive will begin November 27th and end on December 3rd. We are looking for new unwrapped toys. Please inform the teachers if your child brings in a gift so their name can be placed on the incentive board.

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Toddler 3

By Karen F. and Allison F.

Welcome December!

Fall flew by in a blink of an eye and this year is almost through.

November was filled with fun activities. We observed seasonal changes and made leaf collages. We created corn cobs and baked pumpkin bread; the children really loved it. We also talked about food and family. We made "pizza slices".

We had our very own Thanksgiving feast at lunch with turkey and all the fixings. We created place mats that we used they took home. We also made Native American head bands which we wore to the feast. We all filled our bellies and took a good nap. We also thought of others and made turkeys for the nursing home in Shrewsbury.

This month we will be learning about Christmas celebration in Korea for our holiday door. Every year we learn about holiday traditions in different countries and decorate our class door in the center. We can't wait to see them all.

Some themes will be exploring this month will be candy land, holiday cheer and the elves workshop, just to name a few.

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Have a wonderful December



Preschool 1

By Jillian N. and Diann.

Where oh where did November go? We were all very busy this month preparing for our annual Thanksgiving feast! We really enjoyed all the yummy food and many of us tried a new food. We learned how to make homemade butter and then tried it on our corn bread.

This month we learned about Thanksgiving, which animal hibernates and which animal migrates, Mr. Matt showed us how to make homemade bread and it was yummy.

In December we will be talking about holidays around the world, jingle all the way, ginger bread man, our elf workshop and celebration for fun. We are looking forward to explore all these new activities.

Also in December comes snow.....SNOW, SNOW, SNOW I LOVE SNOW! Please remember to bring in snow pants, winter coat, a hat and gloves so we all can enjoy the winter weather but stay warm at the same time.

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A very happy birthday wish goes out to Jacob on 12/28

We hope that all of our families have a very happy holiday.



Preschool 2

By Liz B. and Taylor M.

HO HO HO hold on... it's December already? November was a busy fun filled month and a great start to the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual food drive, it is greatly appreciated.

This month we talked about family, friends and things that make us happy and what we are thankful for.

We learned that some animals such as bears, bats snakes and bees hibernate. We learned that butterflies and many kinds of birds migrate.

We had our SCC annual Thanksgiving feast. We had an awesome feast with lots of yummy foods. We worked hard on makings headbands, centerpieces, name tags and placemats for the feast.

In December we will also do our holiday doors. Each classroom picks a different country and makes pictures and decorations that they learned about their country. Our country this year is Israel. Be sure to check out all the doors, the children having been working really hard on decorating them. This is the celebrations of lights around the world.

This month we will be getting imaginative with a week on gingerbread people. We will talk about family traditions and different ways we travel during the holiday. Our next week is one of the children's favorite weeks, our elf workshop. We will also talk about the celebration of lights and how each country uses lights during the holiday season.

We are ready for this month and all the fun things that we have planned.

Reminders

Please remember to dress your child appropriately, it is getting colder out each day; and we do try to get outside 3 times each day.

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Preschool 3

By Merrilee D. & Rocio M.

November was full of fun activities and a lot of learning. We enjoyed the beginning of the month talking about sharing, speaking of sharing we would like to shout out a big thank you for all the donations that our families gave during the food drive. It was a big success! This month we learned about voting. As a class we voted on which room the Prekindergarten classes should have music with Kookie. Preschool 3 won!!! The following week we learned about forest animals. We showed off our cutting skills and cut out our hand prints and used them to make a moose. Next we used our fine motor skills to put together a fox. Next we had fun design Native American and pilgrim headbands which we wore during our feast. We displayed our centerpieces that we made for the tables we had our feast on. The week of Thanksgiving, we made turkeys and discussed the first thanksgiving. We finished off the month learning about animals that migrate and that hibernate as the cold weather comes our way.

We are looking forward to another fun and festive month as we begin December exploring celebrations from around the world. The following week we will talk about different ways families' celebrate the holidays and what traditions they may have. We will also spend a week focusing on books written by Jan Brett. Lastly, we will have fun with our winter wonder land theme.

*With the temperature continues to drop we ask that your child be prepared for outdoor play with hats, gloves, snow pants and boots , Please labeled all your child's belongings so we will have a less of a chance of losing any of your child's belongings. Thank you in advanced for your entire corporation.

A very Happy Birthday goes out to Micah on December 3rd!

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Preschool 4

By Crystal H. & Debbie T.

November has been a busy month of learning. In the first week of November we learned all about voting. We made a voting ballot and discussed how we vote and what people vote for. Then we collaborated with Preschool 3. All the children voted for where they wanted to have music with Kookie; in Preschool 3 or Preschool 4? Preschool 3 won, 29 to 1. Everyone was excited during the count. During the second week of November we learned about Native Americans and Pilgrims. We discussed how the Pilgrim was from England and left to go somewhere new. They left because they didn't like the king and his rules. They came to America and met the Native Americans, who were the first people in America. Together they worked and learned how to survive. We also talked about May flower, the big ship that they came over on. The children learned from the Native Americans and had a big feast to say thank you and that this was the first Thanksgiving. We talked about what a healthy feast was and what un- healthy foods were. They learned why it was important to choose the healthy food most often. The children had a blast going through newspaper flyers to find different food to cut out and glue onto a collage.

To end the month we talked about hibernation and migration. We learned so much about the animals, how some animals stay hidden during the winter months with the food that had collected during the warm seasons. While some animals travel to warmer places to get away from the colder months. We made different animals and different bugs that hibernate and migrate. The children especially enjoyed making the butterflies since they have such colorful wings.

If you thought that November was packed full then watch out for December! This month we will be learning about different holidays around the world. We will learn about what they wore, what they had for food and what were their holiday traditions. The second week will be about the gingerbread jamboree. We will read all about gingerbread men, houses and stories. We will also connect them to family traditions and how every family might have different kinds of traditions. The children will learn that family traditions bring the family closer and make special memories. The following week will be our elf workshop. The children will be making all different kinds of gifts. In our final week of December will talking about the Polar Express, a classic winter story. During this week we will read the story and watch the movie and learn about trains.

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Birthdays...Happy Birthday to....

Shirin on 12/21

Mathew on 12/22

Kindergarten

By: Mrs. Casey, Miss Sylvia and Mrs. Bennett

Do you hear sleigh bells? It's hard to believe we have reached December and the end of 2018!

November was a month filled with fun and thankfulness. We mastered the letters Dd, Ss, and Ll. We also learned all about Native American, Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving. We took time to discuss how lucky we each are and what we are most thankful for. Our annual food drive was a big success. Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity benefited many families in our own town.

In the beginning of the month we learned about a special group of people, veterans. We are so fortunate to have so many brave men and women protecting our country.

December will be a festive jolly month! We will host our annual toy drive 11/29-12/7. Please see our classroom door for all the hard work that the children have done for the classrooms country. We had the country Japan, we learned about how they celebrate the holidays and some of their traditions. Please take a few minutes to stop and look at all the classroom doors and maybe even learn something new about that country.

December is all about giving! We of course will be making gifts for all of our families. We will also

work on the letters li, Tt, Ff and Ee. Due to the holiday we will be working on the letter Ee for two weeks. At the end of the month, we will have a festive pj party to ring in the New Year 2019!!! We want to wish all of our families a happy and healthy New Year.

Happy Birthday to Alex 12/6, Emily 12/21 and McKenzie 12/21

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12/24 SCC will be closing at 3:00 for Christmas Eve

12/25 & 12/26 SCC will be closed Christmas break

12/27 & 12/28 PJ Days, wear your jammies to school.

12/31 SCC will be closing at 3:00 for New Year's Eve

1/1 SCC will be closed New Year's

Happy Holidays to all!

Winter Holidays



