



NOVEMBER 2009

Fall has finally arrived in Austin and the children of Child's Way are excited about the change in the weather, their pumpkin patch and all the fun things that come with this great season. Child's Way is planning to undergo a special project in our landscaping. We would love to implement small garden plots on campus, so that every class would be responsible for the initial planting and the maintenance of each garden.

If there any garden lovers out there, we welcome you to come forward and join a committee of parents, grandparents, etc. who would help us get started. We plan to use this project to educate the children in several subject matters, such as science, math and geography. If there are any professional landscapers in our CW family, we would love to speak to you about donations or purchases of good organic soil and other necessary items to make this dream possible for all the children.

The pumpkin patch at the school could never be possible without your help and support. Our younger children absolutely love the transformation of their classrooms as well as the campus.

Many thanks to our chairperson, **Ms. Beth Benavidez**, for organizing our Child's Way team that will participate in the annual **Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure event**, on Sunday, November 1st, at the Domain, this year. We look forward to the camaraderie, and the passion we all share in finding a cure one day for this dreadful disease. Please join us, and I promise, you will enjoy sharing in the rewards and be back each year. I'd like to share a bit of info concerning this event. Seventy-five percent of donations stay in the Austin area, going to organizations that provide mammograms, diagnostics, treatment and support services such as transportation, meals and support groups. The rest goes to the national organization for research.

This month brings many fun activities, therefore, mark your calendars and plan to have fun with us as we welcome in the new season.

We count our blessings each year as we start a new school year with the wonderful family support we get from each of you and believe me we are extremely thankful for all you do for us, especially for sharing your precious child with us. Unfortunately, there are many families in Oak Hill as well as in the city that are not as privileged as we are to have the lifestyle that we have. We would like to take advantage of this time of the year to teach the children the importance of sharing with those less fortunate, in the way of a canned food drive. The children will decorate a box in their classroom as they fill it with can goods. Please involve your child in this project and explain to them just how special this is in sharing with others. The filled boxes will be delivered to the **Oak Hill food bank** in time for Thanksgiving.

Special Announcements: Please notice the new request on this month's calendar: We ask that you place your child's money for pizza, ice cream and any activity for each month in a sealed envelope with his/her name on it and you may pay with a check for the full amount needed for the month. The amount for November for a child who attends 5 days a week is \$11, for a 2 & 3 day a week child, it is \$7.00. Please make out the check to "Child's Way".

Upcoming events:

11/1: Join the CW team for the Race for the Cure today!!!! Check the website for information as to where we will meet. Many thanks for all the generosity in participating in the Pre-K lemonade and cookie sale, it was a total success and all proceeds go to the local Komen chapter.

11/2: Tuition is day today and the Food bank collection begins today, please be generous.

11/4: The City of Austin will be here at 9:30 a.m. for a demo and video about safety. Xander (a toddler) Waterman's grandpa, Ronnie Waterman, is who we want to thank for arranging this great event for all the children.

11/4 & 11/19: Pizza days at school.....Send fruit, drink and \$3 per child.

11/5-8: Ms. Rebecca attends the TLCCA conference in Dallas.

11/9: AISD Holiday! CW is closed.

11/11 & 11/12: Exotic Zoo days....please include the \$3 in your monthly separate check in the envelope with the monthly expenses. *the 5day attendance child ONLY pays once. Infants are exempt from this fee.

11/12 & 11/30: Ice cream days....\$ 1 per child.

11/14: Happy birthday, Ms. RC.....have a super-duper day

11/18 (young side) & 11/20 (older side) : Thanksgiving feast days at school. Please check your child's class newsletter and sign-up sheets for the menu and the plan for these days.

11/23 & 11/24: NO STAY & PLAY ON THESE DAYS!

11/25, 11/26, 11/27: Child's Way and AISD are closed. Have a wonderful, blessed and safe holiday weekend. We are extremely thankful for each family at our school. Be safe and we will see you Monday, **Nov. 30th.**



**Our love & gratitude to all,
Rebecca, Judy & Debbie**