

FPNS NEWS



Letter from the Director

It has been an exciting couple of months of school! The children are settling into their new routines with their teachers and they are making excellent progress. We have had many trips to **the New Canaan Nature Center** with our Science teacher, Mrs. Pinchbeck, along with classroom our teachers. **The Fire Department**

visited us with the big red trucks as part of Fire Safety month in October. Halloween songs fill the halls with lots of laughs and squeals!

Our **In-Residence Educational Consultant, MaryAnn DeFelice**, has been at school two mornings a week helping everyone with doing what we do better. She is a wonderful resource for all of us. As you know, we are implementing the Connecticut Early Learning standards. A link to the Parents Guide for families can be found at:

http://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/GuideForFamiliesMar23_2016FINALWeb.pdf

I so enjoyed seeing everyone at **Parent's Night**. It was a great turn out and a wonderful fall evening at school. The classrooms sparkled with the excitement of learning. All of the teachers were so delighted and happy to share all of the fun they have been having with your children!

I am touring with potential new families for our classes for next year. If you have a friend or family member with a little one who would like to join our FPNS family, have them contact me. We have had a limited number of spots open up.

Please remember that **Dad's Day at FPNS is on Saturday, November 12** starting at 8am! All Dads, we hope you can join us at school to experience a little slice of FPNS with your little one!

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. - Mrs. Coutts and Mrs. Hughes
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Mrs. Robustelli, Mrs. Pihlaja and Mrs. Mallozzi

As the weather cools down, please dress your children warmly with jackets, hats and gloves. We love to go outdoors and play on the playground and visit the Nature Center in all kinds of weather. Our teachers are certainly a hearty bunch!

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Shopping & Socializing

Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping on



November 30, when the New Canaan Toy Store opens late (7:30-9:30 p.m.), just for FPNS moms. Rather than attempting to do your toy shopping with kids in tow, imagine sipping a glass of wine while casually perusing the aisles for the perfect gifts. Free holiday wrapping and sweets provided by New Canaan Toy Store. They can even arrange for shipping should you want to shop for out-of-town friends and family. The socializing will continue at South End after the shopping is done.

Holiday Movie Morning



Back by popular demand, our second annual holiday movie morning will

take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 3 at the New Canaan Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 per child and include a snack pack (popcorn, drink and fruit snack). No charge for adults. Tickets will go on sale in mid-November and we're hoping a certain special fellow in a red suit will make an appearance again this year. Feature movie still to be determined.

A Visit From New Canaan's Bravest

In honor of October being Fire Prevention Month, our students were treated to a visit by the New Canaan Fire Department. The children learned how to stop, drop and roll, in addition to dialing 9-1-1 in an emergency. They also got a chance to climb on the trucks and learn all about a fireman's tools.

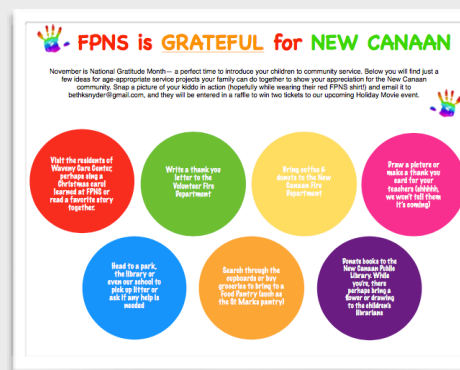


Pick a Leaf From Our Giving Tree

Our beautiful Giving Tree has lots of leaves to choose from this autumn. Each leaf has a teacher's name on it, with an item they would love to have in their classroom. From puzzles to books to craft materials, there are many wonderful items for the children to enjoy. Just pick a leaf and drop it off, along with a check, in the office. We will place the order and deliver your gift to the lucky teacher!



Giving Thanks for New Canaan



It's hard to believe November is almost here! Next week, Community Reps (Hadley Denny and

Beth Snyder) will be e-mailing out this flyer describing how we can help our children give back to our community as part of National Gratitude Month. Use one of the age-appropriate suggestions you find on the flyer or come up with your own! Either way, snap a picture of your child and send it to Beth (bethksnyder@gmail.com). We will include it in December's newsletter and enter your child's name in a raffle to win two tickets to our upcoming Holiday Movie event.

Speaking of giving thanks ... we'd like to thank Beth and Hadley for this wonderful idea and for all of their hard work on the Croquet & Cocktails evening and for creating the beautiful Giving Tree (left). The FPNS community appreciates it!