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The Cobbler

a newsletter of the Cobb Meadow School

What's New

LANTERN WALK

November 10th,

Starting at 5:15pm

Our next school festival will be the Lantern Walk.

Parent Teacher Conferences

I have had 5 of 23 parent conferences! I will be holding parent meetings on Tuesday, October 24th. These meetings are shore check ins for teachers and parents. Please look for a schedule: if none of my posted times will work for you, we will find a time that does.

New Students

Cobb Meadow is fully enrolled! Please welcome to Cobb Meadow Ruth and Samuel Clark. They have a big brother, Asher and baby sister, Eliyah. Their parents are Keith and Daleen. Also arriving soon is Cody Linen, with parents Erica and Cameron, new to New Hampshire from New Jersey. He has a big sister, Kaya and a baby sister, Ellery.

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Hello Parents,

We have had so many wonderful fun mornings. The children are so busy, and the play so rich. Ivy and I were glad for the days of rain when it seemed right to be spending more time indoors. We have had many car days, a day with several restaurants in operation and of course many sand and water days. Energy fills our morning, whether energy for zipping around pushing a chair that is on its back, or energy for noticing and watching and really seeing.

Rain rain rain!! We have had so much rain. If you are one the many families waiting for the shipment of rain pants and other gear to arrive, just please be sure that your child has good warm spare clothes at school. We play outside in the rain!! We will need some extra cozy spare clothes to warm them up if they have gotten soggy. The children love being outside, and need to get out for fresh air, natural colors, and distance. You should see the Cobb Meadow children stream out to our field. They love love love being outside.

*Our next school festival is the **LANTERN WALK**, on November 10th, at 5 30. I love our Lantern Walk at Cobb Meadow. When the children arrive they see a glowing campfire and a fairy string of real flickering candle lights leading down our hill and around back up to the play field. We gather around the camp fire, sing for a while, and listen to a story. After the story we all walk the lit path together, singing and carrying lanterns that the children have made. We circle back around the campfire, sing and pass out warm cider and biscuits. I hope you all come.*

The lantern walk is a revival of an old Martinmas tradition. St Martin of Tours is known as the deeply religious man who shared his Roman Army cloak with a beggar.

"As the days grow shorter and stars appear early, the light of man wants to shine out into the darkening world."

The Lantern walk is like a school day, except that it will be very dark, very cold and there will be a fire!! I need all parents to keep their children with them at all times, so we can be safe. The children are sometimes tempted to run about or roll down the hill, and this does not work, because we can not see them when they lie down. We will enjoy the fire and then all will leave at roughly the same time.

Please dress your children in a few warm layers, top and bottom. I will be looking for several helpers for this event. Keep an eye out for sign up in the boot room.

I hope you all can come.

Song Book

I am putting copies of some of our songs in a purple folder that sits in the boot room. Feel free to borrow it for a morning or night, if you would like to make copies of anything. Your children love it when I sing songs they know from home or an old school, and I bet they would love it if you knew some of the songs Ivy and I sing.

Here is a song that Ivy and I have been singing about at school lately. Yesterday while outside, I was singing along, and had just sung the final line when a child asked me what I had just said. "Autumn good morning, summer goodnight" I said, and he smiled. The song is in our purple folder collection.

*Yellow the bracken, golden the sheaves
Rosy the apples, crimson the leaves,
Mist on the Hillsides, clouds gray and white,
Autumn good morning, summer goodnight.*
Florence Hoatson

Drop-Off Times

Our morning begins at 8:30. Please try to drop off your child by 8:50. I know some of you have to go to two schools in the morning and of course I understand that you can't be in two places at once.

We have 14-16 children enrolled on each day, that makes for quite a bit of traffic at drop off time. Here are a few tips on how you may contribute to a smooth drop off time.

- Enter quietly with your child and be respectful of the fact that there are many of us involved in the morning.
- If your child is crying or upset, Ivy or I are more than willing to hold them, acknowledge that they are uncomfortable with saying good bye that day, and help them ease into the morning. We have been working with more than one family to make the morning transition into school comfortable, joyful and encouraging for all parties. If your child is upset and you are ready to leave, please get our attention if we have not already come up to you.
- Limit adult conversation while still in the boot room. I wish we had a parent room for you.

Thank you so much for all you do. I know it is not always easy to get little ones out the door and off to school.

Pick-Up Times

If your child is not staying for lunch, pick up time is 12:15. If your child stays for lunch, pick up begins at 1:45, Monday –Thursday. We hope that everyone will be ready to go by 2:00; Lunch pick up on Friday begins at 12:45 and should be complete by 1:00 pm.

Phone Tree

We have an updated phone list and phone tree. I will post a copy in the boot room and ask you to please check your information before we copy and distribute them.

You can check: www.cobbmeadowsschool.org for info and downloads.

Wish List

- ❖ *Almond Butter*
- ❖ *Organic Raw almonds*
- ❖ *Lovely Cream to churn into butter*
- ❖ *Hand me down rain gear to keep on hand.*
- ❖ *White drawing, 8¹/₂ x11 paper- (printer paper works)*

Birch Logs

We need birch saplings, that is, we need about 26 feet total of nice white birch logs that are 3"-5" in diameter. Anybody have a choice of trees out there? I would love to do some of the sawing at school, and could accept the logs in long pieces.

Fund Raising

Cobb Meadow is starting a fund raising drive soon. Please be on the look out for a letter from Sarah Sandback, Jane Ann's mom.