

Puddle Jumpers Preschool Parent Newsletter October 2018



Hello Everyone. September has just flew by and I can hardly believe it is already October! The kids are settling in nicely, getting into the routines, and making new friends. We had a successful field trip this month and went to the Craig Road Fire Hall. The fire hose seemed to be the big hit, but they also enjoyed the hand pump and getting the sidewalk wet! Thanks to all the parents who participated that day.....it was a beauty! Our September parent meeting went well and we have most of the parent jobs filled, but there is still a few jobs left over if you want to participate. I am especially grateful for all the enthusiasm shown to get the jobs done with such a small group! We are also starting to gather prizes for our Lund Christmas Craft Fair fundraiser/raffle. Please contact Melissa or me if you have a lead on a prize for this raffle. We also were very successful fundraising at the Fall Lund Flea market...with over \$500 raised for the preschool....thank you to all the parents who contributed!

The leaves are falling, the squirrels are collecting nuts, and the salmon are starting to swim up the rivers. These are all good signs that autumn is here. The kids will be exploring these things this month along with some Halloween fun as well. Please let your child wear their costume to school on Tuesday, October 30. We will make some spooky snacks, play some games and have a Dance party! Let me know what your child's favorite dancing songs are and I will put together a playlist.

We will also be going to the Tla'amin Fish hatchery to see the salmon and participate a bit in the Cultural days. The date of this is not yet determined depending on the cultural week. Sometimes it happens near the end of October and sometimes the beginning of November. We will need an extra parent for this trip. I will let everyone know when I know! I am also hoping to get Sosan in again as a guest to do some Tla'amin songs and drumming. October is a really long month so there is lots of things we can fit into our explorations of the Fall season....like nature walks to collect cool things, jumping in piles of leaves, and creating a "bear" cave to hibernate in, and yummy baking to be done. I especially thank those parents who picked up extra duty days to make this 5 week month work! We are also blessed to have Sandy do her music class again, and have an "alumni Puddle Jumper" big kid (Nahila) that wants to hang out with our class once a month. I am also excited that one of our parents, Pierre, brings in so much French language into our classroom. I feel great support from this community! Our next parent meeting will be Wednesday October 17 at 6:30. I hope we can start getting our parent education series going again with Sheila for the first hour of our parent meeting. Please let me know if there is any topic that you would love her to bring information about. If you have anything to add to this month's agenda, we have a sheet on the wall outside the classroom.

I feel very blessed to have such a sweet and wonderful group of kids this year...thanks for sharing them with me!