

We Are Thankful for YOU!

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October was such a fun month. Our classes are well established now and it is thrilling to see so much learning going on. November brings the Thanksgiving Feasts. Thank you for being such involved parents in your child's school life. We really appreciate all that you do for us here at First School!

THANKSGIVING FEASTS

Nov. 25 & 26

Each year First School celebrates Thanksgiving with a feast that we share as an entire school. All families send in a **peanut and nut free** dish to share. Each class will be assigned a category of food to bring. You will get a notice from your teacher soon. The sky is the limit! You will send in the item with your child (the arrival team will help) at the normal drop off time of 8:40 or 11:45. You will come back at 9:30 a.m. for morning students to share the program that they have put together for you. Then you will enjoy the feast together. You will then take your child at the end of their normal program. PM Students and parents will stay at the school at 11:45 at drop off for lunch and their program. **Remember, there is no Lunch Bunch on these days and NO MONDAY ENRICHMENT.** The feast is a time-honored tradition that all enjoy!



Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 5 OWL TALK 11:30
- Nov. 11 & 12 Spirit Wear Days
- Nov. 15: Gingerbread Orders Due
 - Nov. 20 Last Day of Yoga
 - Nov. 21 & 22 Color of the Month Wear Yellow or Brown
- Nov. 18-26 Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Feasts—NO LUNCH BUNCH. NO MONDAY ENRICHMENT
- Nov. 26 No KINDERGARTEN
- Nov. 27–29 Thanksgiving Break
- December 7th Gingerbread House Decorating
- Holiday Break: December 20– Jan. 3, 2020
- School Resumes January 6, 2020

WEAR YOUR FIRST SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR ON NOVEMBER 11 & 12 or Green & White!

THERE ARE STILL SPACES FOR THE OWL TALK

Mrs. Ann Merrill, our resident Five Rivers Metroparks Naturalist, will be giving a talk on Owls on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019** from 11:30 to 12:30 for our families. Morning and afternoon students and a family member or entire family are welcome to attend with a reservation. This is the first in our Family Fun Events for 2019-20.

*Did you know an owl can hear your heartbeat?

*Contrary to what you might think, owls are actually not very smart...but their acute senses make it possible for them to do amazing things.

*All owls have either orange or yellow eyes, but one of our owls has brown eyes.

*If an owl could read, it could read a newspaper about a football field away!

*An owl can hear a mouse scurrying under 2 feet of snow.

Call or email Stacey if you'd like to attend!

Limited to 24 families. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE

Mrs. Courtney Adam will be running our Book Sale this year. Please stop by to browse and shop our selection of great books November 18 through November 26. Cash, Checks or Credit Cards will be accepted and we can even hide your selections for gift giving if desired.

Please Label All Coats, Mittens, and Scarves!

JOIN US FOR GINGERBREAD AT FIRST SCHOOL!

On SATURDAY DEC. 7th from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. we will be making Gingerbread Houses together! This is a cherished tradition that Mrs. Schroeder brings to us. These are actual real gingerbread houses that can be eaten! Mrs. Schroeder will make the houses out of gingerbread...they will measure about 9" x 5". The cost for a house is \$8 and each additional house will be \$7. **Please order your houses and pay by FRIDAY November 15th.** Frosting will also be provided. Please bring a bag of candy to share and we will place the candy in a central location and everyone can use all of the wonderful choices. Some good candy choices are: leftover Halloween candy, Tootsie rolls, starlight mints,



sticks of gum, pretzels, gum drops, M&Ms. Please NO NUTS. We hope that you will be able to join us for this fun activity! We will have to limit this to the first 50 orders. Get yours in quickly! Form coming home soon.

SNOW DAYS!

We are prepared. First School has its own listing on the news. If we must close school because of inclement weather we attempt to make the decision between 6 and 6:30 a.m. We will always close our school if the Centerville school system is closed. If Centerville has a 2 hour delay we will have a 1 hour delay and open at 9:40 to 11:10 with afternoon classes occurring as usual. Look for Facebook messages to clarify on those days.

Go to <http://www.whiotv.com/closing/index.html>

On the right side of the screen, enter your email address and "F" for First School and enter. Select "First School, Montgomery County" - you can choose to text also at this point. Go to next step. Follow the directions to set up your account and press submit.

BOXTOPS is changing the way it does business. You no longer have to cut out the little square logo things. Watch for a flyer on the new way to do this soon!

EXPLORERS' CLUB OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER

We will be having a **Holiday Crafting Class** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in December from 11:10 until 12:45. Look for a flyer soon!

Let's Support Our First School Family Businesses!

CLEAN AND SAFE PRODUCTS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN:

Mrs. Sarah Dooley, (Cora's Mom) reps a skincare and makeup line called BEAUTY-COUNTER. Beautycounter's mission is to get cleaner, safer products into the hands of everyone. These are high performing products that are free of over 1500 potentially harmful ingredients that are still used in most products here in our country. Check out this amazing skincare and makeup line. **(There are great items for babies and kids too!)** www.beautycounter.com/sarahdooley.



ORDER YOUR FRESH THANKSGIVING TURKEY FROM THE TROUP FAMILY!

The Troup Family (parents of Riley) operates a small hobby farm, Catalpa Creek Farm, located in Spring Valley and sells farm fresh Thanksgiving turkeys. They are USDA processed and will be shrink wrapped. They are processed Saturday Nov. 23rd. Please contact



kellymklug@gmail.com or call her cell at 937-657-2270 to place an order. You may pick up at the farm or they can be delivered to First School.

KINDERGARTEN/YOUNG 5's Readiness Meeting

We'd like to meet with those parents who have questions about our 2020-21 Kindergarten program and/or Young 5's on **Wednesday January 15th** from 11:30—12:15.

