



# ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2019

Family /fà·m·mel·ee/ n. – a group of people, each a unique masterpiece, sharing unconditional love, hugs and support. One of life's sweetest blessings cherished always.

**October** is a month with many changes in nature. We will begin planting in our class gardens. We will learn about the importance of water and sun for our plants to grow. We will be learning about the season of autumn/fall as we cook, study and experience lots of art. We will also talk about the firefighters and their fire engines and we will have our first **"Fire Drill."**

**Christian Quality: COURTESY, "A Friend Always Loves You" - Proverbs 17:17**

The children will be busy cooking, cutting, pasting, and painting with red and yellow, to make **orange**, the color of the month. The shape is a **triangle**, the number is **2**, and the concept is **"big" and "little."** The theme is learning about **ourselves** and how very **special** we are. We will discuss how it feels to be in school, how we share, how we take turns and how we make new friends. We will talk about healthy habits such as eating healthy food, brushing our teeth, washing our hands and being polite.

### **Important Dates in October:**

- Wednesday, Oct. 2 - Julie Lilly Photography – MWF and 5 Day  
Thursday, Oct. 3 - Julie Lilly Photography – T/Th and Pre-K  
Monday, Oct. 7 - Chapel – MWF and 5 Day – 9:00 am Blessing of the Animals - Parents welcome to attend, will be in the courtyard  
Tuesday, Oct. 8 - Chapel - T/TH and Pre-K – 9:00 am Blessing of the Animals – Parents welcome to attend, will be in the courtyard  
Thursday, Oct. 10 - Spirit Day – SENS gear or red, white and blue  
Friday, Oct. 11 - Spirit Day – SENS gear or red, white and blue  
Friday, Oct. 11 - **Family Fall Festival** – sign up sheet will be circulated for shifts.  
Everyone plan on attending, please. This is a very fun community event!  
Monday, Oct. 14 - **Elk's Eye Screening** – MWF classes  
\*\*Permission slips will be sent home for each day  
Tuesday, Oct. 15 - **Elk's Eye Screening** – T/Th classes  
Wednesday, Oct. 16 - **Elk's Eye Screening:** 5 Day and Pre-K  
Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Kindergarten and Elementary Options Night at Westridge School in Pasadena 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Thursday, Oct. 17 - **Fire Drill** – 10:00 am  
Friday, Oct. 18 - **Fire Drill** – 10:00 am  
Friday, Oct. 18 - Scrip Due  
**Monday, Oct. 21 - Friday, Oct. 25 – Mrs. Nelson's Book Fair in Fellows Hall**  
Wednesday, Oct. 30 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** – MWF classes – 9:15  
Thursday, Oct. 31 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** - T/TH, Pre-K and 5 Day classes 9:15

## Picnic Information:

- Monday, Oct. 14 - Special Halloween Picnic  
Mrs. Doerning, Mrs. Wagner and Ms. Cooper – (This is an optional activity.) Join the fun!  
Additional \$15 charge
- Monday, Oct. 28 - Special Science Picnic - Halloween Science Fun!  
Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Wagner – (This is an optional activity.) Join the fun!  
Additional \$15 charge
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23 – Petite Feet Gymnastics during picnic.  
The cost is \$164 for a series of four.

Picnic afternoons have started and we are having fun! Any enrolled student is welcome to come to any of our picnics (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday,) regardless of the days your child comes to school. Picnic is from 12 noon with **pick up no later than 3:00 pm.** A late fee of \$15 will be charged for any student picked up after 3:05 pm. Picnics are \$25 and must be paid prior to the child attending. Liz or Carol welcome your picnic questions. You can reach Carol at [stedmundsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsinfo@gmail.com).

## Safety First, Please!

Please be extra careful when entering the main parking lot when arriving in the morning...there are distinctly marked signs for entrance and exit. **Please be sure to observe all traffic directions. No car should exit through the entrance driveway.** If there are no available spots when you arrive please drive out to San Gabriel Blvd to park and walk in. Thank you for observing our **reserved parking spots.** These 3 spots are for the families listed on the sign.

Also, please stop in south parking lot and buckle up your children before leaving school at dismissal time.

## Reminders:

- ✓ For the safety of your children - please have them wear rubber-soled shoes. No party shoes, sandals, crocks, or backless shoes.
- ✓ Please label all sweaters, jackets, sharing and lunch boxes.
- ✓ Make sure to read all the notices that go home and that are emailed.
- ✓ If your child is going home with someone else, please write a note or make a comment on the Sign-In sheet (even though they are on your Authorization Sheet)
- ✓ If you are paying for picnic by cash, please label the cash with a slip of paper and include your name and picnic date/dates. Please pay when you sign up. Each picnic cost is \$25.
- ✓ **NO CELL PHONES IN CAR PICK-UP LINE INCLUDING HANDS FREE PLEASE – this includes picnic pick up as well.**
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO CLIMB TREES OR WALLS, ETC. AT DISMISSAL. ONCE YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN SIGNED OUT, YOU MUST KEEP THEM WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. NO PLAYING IN THE COURTYARD AREA. THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

**Have you purchased SCRIP?  
Just think of the possibilities if everyone participated!!!**

Questions: ask, Lisa Nicchita at [lduni@hotmail.com](mailto:lduni@hotmail.com) or Karleen Yniguez at [kardlc.yniguez@gmail.com](mailto:kardlc.yniguez@gmail.com)

**SENS Families and Staff support our community. Our current service projects for this year are:**

- **Hillsides** – Purchase a book at our Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair to benefit Hillsides’ children – details to follow
- Grocery store gift cards to support Hillsides at Thanksgiving – details to follow
- SENS staff provides Christmas for a needy family through the **Door of Hope**.  
Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

THANK YOU ST. EDMUND’S NURSERY SCHOOL FAMILIES  
FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL SO SPECIAL  
FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN!



## SENS Campus Updates

Welcome back to a new school year with lots of new materials for our staff, the classroom and the playground. These new items were all purchased by parent and staff donations from the Annual Fund and the Parent Party fundraisers.

### Classrooms

- All new vinyl flooring and baseboards in the Pre-K and 5 Day classrooms which includes the downstairs hallway
- New Pre-K Lakeshore area rug
- New 5 Day Lakeshore area rug
- Various Lakeshore learning materials and manipulatives
- 5 sets of Lego Duplo blocks
- 16 new children's chairs for Pre-K classroom
- 2 new teacher chairs for Pre-K classroom
- 2 new locked storage cabinets for teacher supplies
- 4 roll butcher paper holder/cutter floor rack
- Various Kaplan Early Learning Company toys/learning materials

### Playground

- 2 additional outside umbrellas
- 2 new Angels heavy duty wagons
- 2 new chrome plated children's shopping carts
- 1 new Lakeshore outdoor craft table
- 2 sets of Lakeshore jumbo magnetic building tiles
- Paint interior of outdoor playhouse structure
- Empty and seal inside of 5 planter garden boxes with black tar to prevent wood decay – seal outside of garden boxes
- Re-pipe and install 2 new children's water fountains
- Bike storage shed repaired and partially re-painted
- Outdoor marimba sanded and sealed

### Courtyard

- 8 new red wood picnic tables with a 15 year warranty
- 16 new redwood benches with a 15 year warranty (balance to be delivered in September)
- 2 wood /metal benches, finish wood and paint metal
- 4 iron benches painted

## Technology

- Installed a high performance wired and wireless network to provide robust internet access throughout the school building, courtyard, and playground
- Six high powered access points were installed for wireless coverage
- New Mac for music program

## Safety

- Installed new gate in front of the steps at the north arrival gate area
- 4 new additional walkie talkies for 3 year old teaching teams and outdoor bathroom
- 2 additional “kid crossing people” with red flags

## Miscellaneous

- New upright freezer for SENS use in the kitchen
- New heavy duty carpet cleaner
- New paint in Director’s office
- Paint lower stair walls leading to Pre-K and 5 Day classrooms
- Pre-school /Church office entry repairs and paint
- Painted gate into staff parking lot

## Fall Festival

- 5 canopy tents – 10x10 pop up for festival booths  
Includes market stall with 4 removable sidewalls and roller bag storage

## Plumbing

- New water line for the outside bathrooms, water fountain and indoor adult bathroom to increase water pressure and water flow