

Helping Hands and Academy Nursery School

News

October 2017

Allergies Reminder

Please remember that there are students on our campus with life-threatening allergies. Peanuts, peanut butter and products containing nuts, including tree nuts, are not permitted at school. Food processed in a facility that MAY have been exposed to nuts is not allowed.

Teachers will make sure that snacks that are safe for all are provided at snack time, birthday celebrations and holidays.

If you would like to send in goodie bags (definitely not an expectation) for a celebration of some type, please **do not** include edible items. Substitutions for edible things could be stickers, pencils, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. It is much appreciated!



Parent Support

Helping Hands offers social work services through our classrooms to provide support, counseling and information regarding available resources. Contact your child's teacher or feel free to call and ask to speak to the social worker for your child's classroom if you would like to make use of this service.

We also have a Parent Library in our lobby which can be a valuable resource for current topics relating to parenting and to a variety of special needs and topics. Feel free to browse and borrow our books!



5 little pumpkins, sitting on a gate. The first one said, "Oh my, its getting late." The second one said, "There are witches in the air." The third one said, "But we don't care." The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run." The fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun." Then whoooo went the wind and OUT went the lights and the 5 little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



Book Fair

Helping Hands School!

Come visit the Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conference & School Hours!

Wednesday, October 18th
Thursday, October 19th

Or, shop online at: www.readingwithcharities.com
Choose the Helping Hands link!! They earn 25% of all sales!



Books endorsed by the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood

We Rock the Spectrum...

is a new facility at 1490 Saratoga Rd. in Ballston Spa that advertises a playful experience for children of all abilities.

According to their website, " We Rock the Spectrum provides children with a fun and motivational environment to help them in areas of strength, movement, sensory processing, communication, positive behavior modification, social interactions and self-care skills.

Phone number is 818-996-6620.



Parking Lot Safety

Our first priority will always be safety so please remember to drive slowly in our parking lot and to be especially careful when backing up. We'll do our best to coordinate cars and buses - coming and going. **Please do not drive past the buses when they are parked. Use the thoroughfare farthest from our building.** Children should be holding hands with an adult at all times when in the parking lot. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and patience during transition times. We do appreciate it!



Holiday Assistance Program

Each year Helping Hands and Academy Nursery School coordinate a gift giving program for our families in need of assistance during the holidays. If you are in need of assistance this holiday season, please contact your classroom social worker or teacher. Many of the resources we use for this program begin enrollment this month. If you would like to participate by making a donation, information will come home with your child in early November.

We will also be coordinating a Food Drive in November. Both of these holiday programs provide a great way to model sharing and thoughtfulness for our children. Sharing boxes will be visible in several locations in our building. We sincerely appreciate your support of these programs.

November

11/10 Veteran's Day (no school)
11/22 - 11/24 Thanksgiving Recess

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL (COLUMBUS DAY)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Usborne Book Fair in our lobby. Stop in to see and to shop. NO MORNING CLASSES* (Parent Conferences)	19 Usborne Book Fair in our lobby. Stop in to see and to shop. NO AFTERNOON CLASSES* (Parent Conferences)	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				
			*On Parent Conference Days, Playgroups and SEIT services ARE held as scheduled. The 5 hour classes will not meet on 10/18 and they will dismiss at 11:30 on 10/19.			