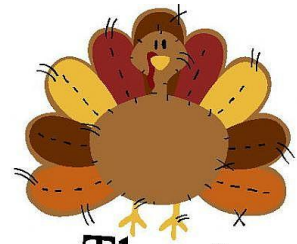




ONEONTA Montessori School

November 2015



Happy Thanksgiving

*School Holidays: Veteran's Day - Wednesday 11th
Thanksgiving - Thursday, 26th, Friday 27th*

ANNUAL SEES CANDY FUND RAISER

Fri, October 23rd - Fri, November 13th

Forms have been sent out and we are hoping **ALL** our parents get involved in selling Sees candy to help us achieve our goal of raising \$13, 000.

- Please take candy forms to work & take orders from coworkers.
- Take orders from family and friends
- If you operate your own business; ordering Sees for all your customers is a good way to say Thank You @ Christmas.

SUMMARY SHEET is due back on: **Friday, 13th** with the money (cash and checks). Checks made out to: **Oneonta Montessori School.**

SEES FLIER WITH PICTURES: *You keep.*
You will need the flyers (with names) for distribution.

*Candy will be delivered & ready for pick up on:
THURSDAY, DEC 3rd*

Student with the highest sales will receive:

*\$200.00 tuition credit and a
\$50.00 gift certificate to Toys R Us.*

Students with sales totaling over \$ 700.00:

Will be treated to a special lunch.

Class with the highest student participation:

Will have a pizza & ice cream party.

Winners' names will be posted in the December newsletter. We have always had a wonderful response from all our parents and are counting on you once again to help us this year. Thank you for your continued support.

ONEONTA STUDENT BODY

Our student body census this school year comprises of: 35% Caucasian, 31% Hispanic, 23% Asian and 11% other. As per our survey this year, our students and staff ethnic backgrounds indicate they hail from **40** countries. We value our diversity and believe each culture is unique. We are determined to teach our students to be inclusive and to learn each other's customs & traditions. Thanks for filling survey.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Wed 25th, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Parents, please join us for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. This is a time of togetherness and a time to be thankful for everything we have. We would love to see all of you at the luncheon, so please make an extra attempt to join in. Potluck signups will be posted in each classroom shortly. We need one special volunteer from each class to roast the turkey, which the school will provide. We hope to see all of you on the 26th! A Happy Thanksgiving to all!

LOCK DOWN DRILL

Thurs, November 5th

We practice this drill just in case our school has to lock down due to any unavoidable circumstances. We want the children to get used to the words "Lock Down" which is the command they have to listen for to get down on their knees crawl to their designated safe zones & wait for instructions.

VETERAN'S DAY FIELD TRIP

Class #5, #6, #7, #8, #9

Dates to be announced

Students will walk to the Alhambra Park to pay their respects at the Veteran's Wall, honoring all the brave men and women who died fighting for our country. Students must wear their green school shirt and bring a sack lunch. The students will have lunch and return to school.

BOX TOPS

Look for Box Tops for Education on Cereal, Hanes, Ziploc & other products. Keep collecting box tops all year long. Turn box tops in to the big brown box in the Preschool library. Thank You for your support.

SICK CHILDREN

When your children are sick, we request that you please keep them at home. It takes one sick child coming to school to infect all those who are well. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Ms Esther's Ladybugs – Class # 1

Wow, time flies! It's almost the end of 2015 and your children have grown so much. We will be learning about different fruits and vegetables that are on the cornucopia. We will talk about Thanksgiving and being grateful, as we explore the pilgrim's voyage to America. Children will learn to be courteous and use appropriate manners. For geography and science, we will review the continents and planets. Your child will work on a special art project to celebrate Veteran's day. Our Ladybugs will definitely keep busy! Thanks for everything, we are very grateful to have our wonderful children! Happy Thanksgiving All!

Ms Irma's Dragonflies - Class # 2

This month we will learn about thanking our loved ones. Every moment in life is such a privilege; we will emphasize that we do not need a holiday to remind ourselves that we are thankful for what we have. We will work on understanding the importance of good nutrition by introducing the food plate. If you would like to help encourage healthy eating, please sign up on our healthy snack list. We will discuss the importance of Veteran's Day and the history of the Mayflower. The children will continue with our solar system outer planets project. Please remember to join us for our Thanksgiving Potluck. A Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3

"November is the month for *giving* and *being thankful*." We will start our month off by learning about the Pilgrims, Indians, and the famous ship, the Mayflower. For art, we will decorate huge feathers with paint, stickers, pompoms, and tissue paper to make a Turkey. Veterans Day will be acknowledged with a visit to the school library for stories about all our brave service men and women who help keep America safe. In Geography we will make a hands on project with sand and paint to craft our land and water globe. Please sign up for our Thanksgiving Potluck lunch and be sure to be here on the 25th.

Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4

November has come with all its fanfare and color! We are so excited as we prepare for a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration here at school with our families. To begin this month of Thanksgiving, the Butterfly class will be putting up our own veteran's memorial. Please send in a picture of a family member or friend so that we may post it up on our wall. In between turkey feathers and scarecrow raffia, we will talk about making new friends and count our blessings as we learn about the first thanksgiving. We will celebrate the diversity found in our own little classroom as we examine traditions, favorite foods and customs our families have brought to America. Don't forget, it's time to break out grandmas cookbook – and sign up for our annual Thanksgiving feast & join us on the 25th.

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

November is the month of giving thanks and family reunions. 1st grade: Sentence and its parts, commas, singular & plural nouns, and articles a, an, the. The year and its parts for History, Landforms in Geography, plant experiment for Botany, CNC fish for Zoology. 2nd Grade; Verbs and its tenses, singular/plural nouns and creative writing. Word problems for Math, expanded form and money/coins. The calendar for history, & Earth (equator, orbit, axis) for Geography. Types of plants for Botany and CNC fish for Zoology.

Ms. Blossom – Class # 6

In November, we will learn about the parts of the tree and its functions. For Botany; Nutrition & eating healthy foods. Geography; famous land marks in North America; For History, we look forward to our mini field trip to the Veteran's wall at the Alhambra park to salute our vets for Veteran's Day. Our kids will tap into their imagination while strengthening their oratory skills in public speaking. We are also going to dive into the history of Thanksgiving; the Pilgrims voyage to America. We can't wait to see all of you at the Thanksgiving lunch.

Ms Courtney –Class # 7

Fall is here and our wonderful students are progressing well this semester. 3rd grade will complete the study of the cnidarian in zoology, and begin an in-class research project on either a porifera or cnidarian. 2nd grade will continue their study of vertebrates, and learn all about birds. Both grades will continue learning about time and money in math. They will also explore the different types of polygons. We hope to see all of our wonderful parents at our Thanksgiving potluck on Nov. 25th. Our students will be presenting a short play for their parents to enjoy. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms Sue - Class # 8

We will start off the month extending our heartfelt thank you to all our brave Veterans for their service. We will go back in History to learn the Story of Thanksgiving; pilgrims & famous Native Americans like Pocahontas & Squanto. We will emphasize the need for good nutrition and learn about the Food Plate. N. America will be our focus for Geog. This month will help us appreciate the rich cultural influences of our own families. Celebrating the diversity found right here in our own classroom. K's were excited about their 'Immigrant Interview' presentations where our little TK's were the big audience. Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Ms Ernamarie – Class # 9

Energetic & enthusiastic students are set for discussions & lectures on Middle East, African countries & USA. History continues with religion & philosophy, great men & women of the arts & world leaders. Students show off their talents in public speaking for assigned oral reports. Angles, triangles & circles for Geometry, multiplication, division and algebraic expression, fractions and decimals for math will keep our students busy on this spectacular month of falling leaves and autumnal color.