

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

October 11, 2011

5:30PM

1. Welcome
2. Invocation
3. Old Business
 - a. Fall Charity- 30 backpacks were filled and donated to Mountainview Elementary for new students throughout the entire school year.
 - b. Family Picnic- Good attendance and a nice and relaxed time of fellowship and fun. We will plan to do the same event next September at Chestnut Ridge Park.
 - c. Christmas Program- Proposed dates of December 13th, with the 15th as back up. Shannon will check to reserve the dates at Covenant. Announcement of final date will be made in the next newsletter. Program will begin at 6:30 and POG will close at 5:00. Children will need to arrive by 6:00. Goodie bags will be given out to children as they leave in place of refreshment in order to be respectful of bedtimes☺
4. New Business
 - a. Parent Appreciation- Parent Appreciation Night is set for December 3rd from 5-9PM. The kids will have a movie night and snack. All children should be fed dinner prior to arrival and come in their pajamas. Parents will be offered a first come first served sign up. All children must be signed up by the deadline to participate. Sorry, no siblings, only enrolled students at POG.
 - b. Teacher Appreciation- Looking to create a way to show the teachers how much they are appreciated. It was discussed to create a fund to purchase a monthly surprise for the teachers. Each classroom would be responsible for one month. Tracy Gamble volunteered to organize getting this set up and implemented. Amy Garbrick also volunteered to assist. More information will be distributed to parents.
 - c. Fall Harvest Parties- Fall parties are set as follows: Friday October 28th...8:30 Breakfast for Pre-K and 3's, 2:30 Snack for Toddlers and 2's. The children may arrive in costume for the breakfast parties. Please bring a change of clothes and take the child's costume with you after the party. Snack parties: parents may arrive a few minutes early and bring the costumes to change your child. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Sign up sheets for party items will be placed in the classrooms next week. Please remember no scary costumes or items with ghosts, etc.
 - d. 4th Quarter Charity- We will continue with the work at the Covenant food pantry. Thanksgiving will be providing side items for full dinners. The children will help to sort all the items and talk about where they are going. Parents will be invited to join in with their child during the handout portion at Covenant.

Christmas will be buying a gift for a specific child in need. All gifts will be wrapped with your child during the Christmas party. We will be doing a new charity event in the spring for Timmy's Fund.

- e. Christmas Parties- Suggested date of December 15th. Must be before the handout at Covenant so the date must be confirmed. Times will be set at a later date. Parents will have a station to wrap the gifts with their child.

5. Questions/Comments

- a. Stacey Culp asked the following items: 1. Can we send the newsletters in a different format so that they can be viewed on a mobile device? Chanda will begin sending them in PDF format. 2. Can the 3 year olds line up at a different place in the morning instead of the main entrance door? Children will line up in the classroom at that time to leave the entrance open. 3. Playground schedule changes? Regulations were discussed around the outdoor portion of the day. We are now required to have only the "group" size on the playground at one time. The times are set based on the needs of each group as a class.
- b. General discussion about changing the names of the classrooms to reflect the true nature of our preschool program.
- c. Miss Jess will be the new assistant in the 2's.
- d. Request was made to have Ms Christine in Pre-K offer a book list of chapter books that are to come so that parents can work from home.