



# The Mini News

NOVEMBER 2009

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

Daylight Savings Time Ends	1
Family Conferences— All Ages	2-13
Beavercreek Closed	6
Veteran's Day— Center Closed	11
Beavercreek & St. Luke Closed	13
Parents' Night Out, 6pm-12am	14
Thanksgiving Feast	24
Beavercreek & St. Luke Closed	25
Center Closed	26,27



### Reminder:

The center will be closed for Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11th.

## Three Things to Do With Apples

### Shrink 'em

Who wouldn't love to have these creepy characters hanging around? To bring them to life, peel the apples, then use a small knife to carve faces (for well-defined features, cut out deep eye sockets and leave prominent noses). Bake the carved apples at your oven's lowest temperature for three hours, then let them sit in a warm, dry place for at least a few days. Once they're dry and shrunken, press black-bean eyes and rice-grain teeth into place. We also pressed on bundled-yarn wigs and tied on fabric strips cut from bandannas.



### Bake 'em

This classic dessert is gooey and delicious, and our version can be cooked by kids with just a little help from a parent. To make it, heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a saucepan, stir together 1 cup of brown sugar, 1 cup of water, 2 tablespoons of butter, and a pinch each of nutmeg and cinnamon. Bring this mixture to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes to make a syrup. Core and peel the top third of 4 baking apples, such as Cortlands. Place them in a baking pan, fill them with raisins and walnuts, then pour the syrup over them. Bake the apples for 40 minutes. Serve them warm -- topped with ice cream, if you like.



### Print 'em

Brushing paint on a cut apple gives our fruit-tastic stationery its crisp lines. Cut a round apple in half, then poke out its seeds with a toothpick and set them aside. Blot the cut surface with a paper towel until it's dry. Brush white acrylic paint all over the cut surface, then add a line of red or green paint around the edge. If the stem is attached, brush brown paint on it. Stamp the apple on a folded piece of card stock. To print the seeds, spear one with a pin, then dip it in brown paint and stamp it where desired.



**Easy to be Green:** Once a week – or once a month at first – take a consumer/culture holiday. Don't drive anywhere; don't buy anything.

### Thanksgiving Feast

All of our families are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 24th. Mr. Shawn and Ms. Sharon have planned a traditional Thanksgiving meal for lunch. Please sign up in your child's classroom if you are able to attend.

### **Holiday Program**

Mark your calendars, Mini University's annual Holiday Program will be held Friday, December 4th at 7:00 pm. The program will take place in Schuster Hall (formerly the Concert Hall) at WSU. Please arrive 15 minutes early and have your child behind the stage. The Front Office will have maps available for directions. We look forward to a wonderful evening!

### Family & Teacher Conferences

Conference time is coming soon. Family and Teacher conferences will be November 2-13, 2009. Conferences are an important time for the teachers and families to discuss and review your child's progress. Please schedule a conference with your child(ren)'s teacher. Sign up sheets are posted in each classroom.

### Family Surveys

During the month of November each family will receive a NAEYC survey through Survey Monkey via email. Your opinion is important to us. Please take the time to fill out the survey. If you do not have an email address, please see the Front Office for a hardcopy of the survey (do not include your name on the survey). The surveys are anonymous, but we are required to track the number returned. Please help your child's classroom receive \$100.00 in books by having 100% of family surveys returned. Thank you for your participation and continued support of our program.

### Hannah's Treasure Chest

November and December is a time we can teach our children about those less fortunate than us and what we can do to help. Each year, Mini University looks for ways to support our community. We will be supporting Hannah's Treasure Chest again this year. Each family will receive a hand-out with information on how you can help this organization. We will also have a tree in our lobby to hang hats and mittens on. These items will be donated to the Greene County Domestic Abuse Shelter. We appreciate your help in supporting these organizations.

*"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver"*

~Maya Angelou

# Purple Room

In Purple room, the months of October and November will be full of fun studying the months of the year. We are looking at Fall, Winter, Spring, and then Summer. We will be going on walks in the courtyard and woods as well as participating in some fun activities led by our student teacher Ms. Jenna. We are all getting excited about the falling leaves and are enjoying being detectives to search for the season.

Here are a few activities we have been doing in our room:



Alex, and Jeremiah playing in Toys ing trains and build-beautiful pictures.



Allie and Julia painting ings.

Wesley, and Games build-



Ms. Sarah and some of the Purple Room Friends

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To provide the best working environment for  
 our team, so they can provide the highest quality  
 accredited early childhood programs for children.