



Trinity Times Newsletter

Developing Imaginations and Foundations

A Message from the Director:

Dear Parents,

Thanksgiving is now behind us, but we hope the memories of the Season of Thanks remain fresh and inspire us throughout the year. In the classrooms, we will continue to use the words “*thankful*” and “*grateful*” to extend and cultivate an attitude of gratitude. The children in the 4-Year-Old and KE Classes will continue to explore ways to “fill the buckets” of family and friends and, in turn, notice when someone is “filling their bucket.” These concepts come from the books *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud and *How Full Is Your Bucket?* by Tom Rath.

So . . . we turn a page on the calendar. Regardless your religious or cultural background, December is most likely a time to reflect and celebrate the love of family and friends. That is what we will be doing at TCNS. We will be sharing simple information about the joyous festivals of Christmas and Hanukkah. We will celebrate the season through books, music, art, and food as we learn about different customs and family traditions. We hope the children will learn to understand and appreciate the diversity in our society as we celebrate our similarities as citizens of the world. We welcome YOUR participation! If you have something to share with us PLEASE tell your child’s teacher.

Finally, as we enter the Holiday Season, we may embark on a quest for our personal vision of holiday perfection. However, the universe will quickly remind us that perfection is a myth. (A dear friend who is also a clinical psychologist often reminds me that “perfect” parents raise neurotic children.) We know this time of year can be stressful, and our to-do

Dates to Remember:

- 12/4-Session 2 Lunch Bunch Begins
- 12/5-Observation Day (Prospective Parents)
- 12/6-TCNS Gives Back: Gingerbread House
- 12/19-RTG Cookie Party
- 12/19-PM KE Holiday Party
- 12/20-3 AM & 3 PM Cookie Party
- 12/21-4 AM & 4 PM Cookie Party
- 12/21-AM KE Holiday Party
- 12/22-Holiday Caroling at Mather Place
- 12/25-1/7 Winter Break
- 1/8-School Resumes

list long. Please keep in mind that the simplest things make the warmest of memories: a dance party in your PJ’s, snuggling with a good book, family movie night, letting the kids wrap gifts, and the list goes on! Children will remember our attitude as much (*perhaps more*) than our words. Let’s be mindful what we are teaching them. We are their examples of how to respond to stress and life’s challenges. As the teachers and I know, when things feel out of control, laughter can be the best medicine!

The staff of TCNS sends warm Holiday wishes your way! We hope you enjoy PEACE, JOY, and LOVE with your very precious children! May your days be HAPPY and BRIGHT!

With love and gratitude,
Sue



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A Word About Fundraising at TCNS

I hope everyone has February 10th marked on their calendar. That is the day we will gather to party as we raise funds for the programs we have all come to know and love at TCNS! We have *very low* student to teacher ratios, and wonderful specials like music, movement, yoga, science, and even an Academic Readiness Specialist.

Tuition alone does not cover the complete cost of our programs. The gap in the operating budget is provided by fundraising. The FUNdraising committee is a hard-working and fun-loving group of Trinity moms who are planning to put together the **GREATEST PARTY ON EARTH!**

There will be auction items galore, sign up parties for parents and kids and even some surprises!

So...how can YOU help? We hope you come! Plus, if you have any leads on cool

auction items such as sports tickets, vacation homes, restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, cool, behind-the-scenes tours, and/or *ANYTHING FUN*, please contact our Ringmaster, Stacy Shedivy at stacy.shedivy@gmail.com.



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TCNS Gives Back:

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TCNS is on Facebook!



Trinity Church Nursery School is growing its web presence! Please “like” us and follow our school on Facebook.

You can also help us spread the word by reviewing us on Google, Yelp!, Great Schools, or any other helpful community resource website.



SPREAD THE WORD! Nursery School Registration for 2018-2019

Applications available via email blast and hard copy very soon!

All applications are due in Mid-January (Final date to be announced soon)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's placement for next year, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you know of a family that may be interested in our preschool, please contact Sue at sue@trinitywilmette.org.



YOU'RE INVITED to a COOKIE PARTY!

Join us for cookies, music, laughter, and love on this special occasion! In anticipation of this special day, the children will be learning songs and decorating the room. There might even be a few surprises!

If you cannot attend, please arrange for someone else to be at school so that every child will have someone in attendance. It truly is a wonderful day!

(For your classroom's date, see PAGE 1 of this newsletter!)



The Time to Order Holiday Cards and Gifts is Here!

Earn 13% for our school at Shutterfly and Tiny Prints when you enter through our storefront AND earn money for our school!

To participate, follow these easy steps:

Step 1: Go to our link: tcns.shutterflystorefront.com

Step 2: Click "Shop Shutterfly" or "Shop Tinyprints" and create your project.

Step 3: Use ANY valid promo code at checkout (if applicable)

Step 4: Pass the TCNS Storefront link on to family and friends and earn MORE for our school! Thank you!

Shutterfly

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Summer is Just Around the Corner!

OK, not really. But that doesn't mean you can't start planning.

Everyday is a special day at Camp Amigos! We will laugh, play, create, sing, climb, dig, paint, cook, and discover great wonders, ALL while learning Spanish! Special days include: Super Silly Day! Olympic Day! Water Days! Treasure Hunt Day! All Star Sports Day! Cooking Days! Surprise Day! Carnival Day! Dance Party Day! Fiesta Day! Mystery Hunt Day! Talent Show Day! And **MORE!!** Half day & extended day options. Open to children completing RTG-KE.

Applications to arrive via email in January.

Chair's Corner

Rebecca Johnson, TCNS Parent Advisory Board Chair

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

-Hamilton Wright Mabie

If you are reading this, you have successfully grabbed a minute of time in the month of December. And that, my friends, is a feat!

There's nothing more festive than a preschool in the month of December. It is filled with all of the best things of childhood: friends, music, laughter, and just a bit more magic and excitement in the air. Cookie parties are just around the corner, too!

It may seem cliché, but all of my favorite memories from the holidays as a child are very simple. (I try to remind myself of this when anxiety asks, did I need to get tickets to that now sold-out polar express train ride?) Some of my favorites include sledding at night with my brothers and cousins (we still had snow back then), trying to determine "plane or Rudolph's red nose?" in the sky, singing along to my mom's favorite record (the Barbara Streisand Christmas album), my uncles playing cards, telling stories and making everyone laugh. I especially remember my grandparents dancing around their living room to polka music and teaching us all how to polka. Just writing this makes me want to go back. It was magical.

Take some time this season to remember your own favorite holiday memories or write them down for your kids or parents and grandparents. One of the perks of parenthood is getting to relive those memories with your own children and creating the new.

I hope to see you at the TCNS Gives Back - gingerbread house decorating or holiday caroling events. We are a community of doers, and I thank everyone who is helping our school to be such a

vibrant community. From our wonderful teachers to our hardworking parent board members, I am continuously inspired by and grateful for each of you.

All my best to you and your family this December. Have a terrific break and Happy New Year!

Cheers,

Rebecca Johnson
Chair, TCNS Parent Advisory Board

P.S. If you get a chance, ask Miss Sue about her favorite "Parade of Pots" holiday memory. It's the best!



TCNS Gives Back:

Spreading Kindness and Cheer This Holiday Season

Gingerbread House Decorating

Wednesday, December 6 @ 4:15 - 5:15pm
TCNS Bike Room

Help us create the sweetest gingerbread village that will be distributed to local nursing homes!

A \$20 fee per family includes one gingerbread house kit, and all the trimmings.

RSVP to sue@trinitywilmette.org

Warm a Heart at Sacred Heart

On Tuesday, December 12th, we will be putting together simple gift bags filled with drugstore type items that are useful for the Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent. These will be ready for the children to pass out after caroling wraps up during our visit.

Be on the look out for a sign up genius!

You can drop your donations off in the classrooms during the week of 12/4-12/8.

We will also have a collection bin at the Gingerbread House event on 12/6.



HARK!

Community Christmas Caroling!

In the famous words of Buddy the Elf, "The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear!" Join us for a favorite Trinity tradition, and brighten the day of senior residents at Sacred Heart Convent and Mather Place Wilmette.

Please arrive 15 minutes early. Our set list isn't long, but the smiles we create will warm your heart for days.

December 12, 4:00 PM
Sacred Heart Convent at 2221 Elmwood.

December 22, 4:00 PM
Mather Place at 2801 Old Glenview Rd.

We hope you join us for this festive and sweet holiday tradition!

Coming Soon...



TCNS
PROUDLY PRESENTS



UNDER THE BIG TOP

Step right up to the 2018 TCNS Benefit!

Saturday, February 10th

Michigan Shores Club

The Best Live and Silent Auctions on Earth!

Featuring chances to win incredible experiences and getaways to MARVEL and ASTOUND!

Bid on:

A Tesla VIP Weekend

A family getaway at ~~Kinnikinnick~~ Farm

SOLD OUT!

...and more to come!

Silent auction fun includes tickets to the Cubs and Hawks, great golf packages, and more!



Thank you to our platinum Sponsors!

Thank You to Our Benefit Platinum Sponsors!

We would like to take a moment to recognize our platinum sponsors for Trinity's 2018 benefit. Thanks to their generosity, Trinity is able to underwrite some of the costs of the event. Please be sure to thank them for their contributions if see them or visit their store fronts to support these local organizations.

If you are interested in being a benefit sponsor, please email Ali Straitiff at alistraitiff@gmail.com or Meghan MacKinnon at Meghan@trinitywilmette.org. Or visit the TCNS benefit website at <https://tcns.ejoinme.org/sponsorship> for more information.



Sara Brahm

Sara Brahm, mom of three Trinity alums, is a top producing Real Estate Agent on the North Shore and the Winnetka Baird and Warner top producer the past five years running. Sara specializes in helping families buy and sell their home in the area. She has helped numerous Trinity families find homes and would love the opportunity to help you on your next move! Email: sara.brahm@bairdwarner.com

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Total Performance Swim Camps operate 5-day overnight swim camps for competitive swimmers ages 10-18 at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Campers train and learn from nationally ranked collegiate coaches while having fun in a safe and beautiful campus setting. For more information, please visit www.tpscamps.com.



Classroom Updates



What's new?

Here is a glimpse of the hard work (and play) going down between drop-off and pickup as told by the teachers themselves.



Parent-Tot



The children in Parent Tot continue to amaze us with their growth and development each week! Watching them gain confidence and independence is so exciting. The children are getting to know each other and their friendships are blossoming.

Our color for the month of December is BLUE! We will be exploring this color through the many mediums we have available to us in the classroom, including glitter, paint, glue, water, and play dough. In addition to our color of the month, we will also learn about some of the winter holidays. We will learn some new songs, as well as continue to sing old favorites. We are also preparing for the parents to say their good-byes next month, as we begin our happy separations in January. This is an exciting step in the Parent Tot class.

We wish everyone a peaceful holiday season filled with family fun and wonder.

Kristen Bowie and Kathy Stein

Trinity Kids say the darnedest things!

If you've never read the book *Stellaluna*, you should. It's a tale of love between a mother bat and her child. Tuula O. (3AM) really enjoyed the book and when it was over she sweetly sighed and said, "When I grow up, I might be a bat."



Ready-Two-Grow



This month we focused on fall and the changing colors. We dipped golf balls in red, yellow and brown paint, put them in a box and rolled them around on a piece of paper. The children learned how to made tracks of paint when they tipped the box in different directions. Eye dropper art was fun and a great fine motor activity. The children learned how squeezing the eye dropper and letting go sucks up the colored water. Then they watched it soak into the paper and mix with other colors. We made autumn wreathes by gluing silk leaves onto paper plates rings. We are always happy with the children's

efforts. Sometimes they want to cover the plate with leaves and sometimes just one or two is fine and then they are done and off to play with something else. It is the process, not the product, that is important and also their willingness to give something new a try.

Even though the weather was changing, we were able to play outside every day! One day the playground was a bit wet, so the children helped dry off the slides with paper towels. They love helping and doing this important job almost as much as playing. They are also getting very good at putting on their coats by themselves. The *Trinity Flip* helps: lay the coat on the floor upside down, put both arms in at the same time and then flip it over your head. Tada!

Sibling Day was fun and the children were proud to help introduce their siblings and share their favorite activities. They were such great helpers, too! We made turkeys for Thanksgiving and had fun gluing on the feathers. We also talked about the meaning of the holiday.

Ms. Laurie, Ms. Colleen, Ms. Courtney, Ms. Kathy, and Mrs. Z



November was jam-packed with fun and meaningful learning. Preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast was the backdrop for many of our lessons. Learning to appreciate all that we have and all that we love is a lifelong endeavor. To approach this topic with very young children we began by naming the people and things in our lives that are important to us. To acknowledge who and what we love is the first step toward developing a sense of gratitude. Once the children grasped the concept, they dictated their "Thankful Story" which the teachers wrote word for word. We hope you enjoy them! They can be hilarious, poignant, deep, and sometimes surprising. Take them as a slice in time and treasure them!

In preparation for our Feast, the children created turkey placemats and learned how to use their hand to create a turkey. However, our favorite project was the centerpiece (dried flower

arrangement). Each child created their beautiful centerpiece entirely on their own! They had a vast assortment of flowers to choose from and worked calmly and deliberately in choosing the flowers they wanted. Poking them into the foam was easy for them. And, THEY decided when their creation was complete. Watching them eyeing their project, selecting their flowers, and turning their cups to place each flower in what they felt was the best spot was so interesting to witness! Perhaps the happiest surprise of all was how DELICIOUS our vegetable soup tasted! Making vegetable soup was a TCNS first, but I think it will become standard. The kids enjoyed cutting the zucchini, squash, and breaking the green beans!

As fun as the Feast was, I must say our favorite days of the month were our Sibling Days! We love watching the interactions between the siblings and reminiscing about preschool with our beloved TCNS

3-Year (AM & PM)



alums. They are so happy to be here! I truly believe that what a child loves stays in their heart forever.

Looking ahead, we will enjoy the Holiday Season with music, books, art, cooking and more! We will create a special surprise for our families and create art with the symbols of the holidays. All this excitement will culminate on Wednesday, December 16th at our Cookie Party! You are invited to join us for the last hour of class.

Finally, I want to give you an update on the Spanish your child has been learning. Spanish is introduced in context, while we play Simon Says, Hokey Pokey, read books, create at the art table, or just PLAY! You can find a list of *some* of the Spanish that has been introduced so far at the end of this newsletter. Everyday our list GROWS! We hope you use this list to practice Spanish in your casa!

Miss Deb, Miss Ellie, Miss Laurie, and Miss Sue



4-Year (AM & PM)



We've had a very grateful month thinking about everything that we are thankful for in our life. The children had many ideas about what they are thankful for ranging from the Native Americans, to their health, to "the baby in mom's belly." A story that we read, "Maddi's Fridge," by Lois Brandt, also emphasized how lucky we are to have food on our tables, and just how important it is to share what we have with others. Many of the children took this message to heart and brought in food items to donate. We are impressed by all of the hard work the children put into cooking, art projects and all other preparations for the "Día de Gracias" or Thanksgiv-

ing Day Feast. The children were so excited to share with you their "Thankful stories" and songs!

A special thank you to all of the parents that were able to join us for our feast, as well as all of the parents, grandparents and all other special guests that came in to read for the children! Alumni Day was also a perfect fit for the Thanksgiving theme, and both the teachers and children are happy to have been able to host the siblings on such a special day! We also appreciate Mrs. Dashiell for joining us for science and music/movement, and Miss Lindsey (Sadie's mom from 4AM) for doing music with us! Miss Maria, our academic readiness specialist and especially Miss Sue for all that she does!!!

Now that Thanksgiving is past, Christmas cheer is in the air as we have began decorating our class-



room with trees, gingerbread men, and wreaths! We will soon be getting more in the spirit, not only by decorating our room, but also by learning holiday songs, making gifts and wrapping them too! This holiday season of Christmas (Navidad) and Hanukkah we will be continue to show gratitude for what we have by remembering the beauty of giving and sharing with others. The children are looking forward to sharing with you a special time during our Cookie Party, we invite all of you to join us!

Miss Ellie, Miss Agata, Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Lezama

Kindergarten Enrichment (AM)

November in Morning Enrichment was a culmination of appreciation and wonder for our natural world and each other.

The children loved learning about the habitats and habits of bears, deer, wolves, bobcats, cougars, foxes, eagles, owls, bats and woodpeckers through non-fiction, fiction and oral stories.

We first painted trees, following our study and observation of leaves. Then the children cut out their own painted trees



and placed them on our bulletin board to create a gorgeous forest of Birch, Maple, Aspen and pines. The children were very excited to draw, color and cut out their own animals to place in the forest. As they did, Ms. Lauren and I overheard imaginative conversations about what their animals were doing; such as, "Look! My bear is climbing up my Birch tree!" or "My wolf is chasing your deer!"

As the weather in our forest changed, the children wrote and illustrated stories about where their favorite animals would make their winter homes: nests, dens, underground or tree holes. They asked, "Will the animals hibernate or have to forage with little to eat under the snow?" Those questions, and many more, were discussed and explored.

The children have a focused and determined desire to sound out words to spell,

write and read. Ms. Lauren and I share many of the fun, perplexing tips to writing and reading, such as: "If you write MAK, what does the 'A' sound like? If you add a bossy (or silent) 'e' at the end of MAK, to make MAKE, what does the 'A' sound like now?" The children love riddles, and the English language is full of them. As they gain confidence, we have many of the children bringing in books and creating stories to read to the class.

We had a special visit with the Wilmette Fire Department, who shop and donate food to the Trinity Church food pantry every Tuesday. We toured the food pantry, spoke with the kind church volunteers and had a discussion with the firemen about people in need of food. Plus, we read a wonderful book about friends: one who had a refrigerator full and the other whose pantry was empty. This was a beautiful lesson on how each of us can make a difference by giving of ourselves.

Our KE class continues to sing and dance. We will be performing for you at our Holiday Celebration on December 21 at 11:30 am. The children will bake cookies, decorate our room, share their writing journals, present you with all their wonderful work from their portfolios and give you holiday gifts!

Your gifts to us are being with your precious children.

With love,
Mrs. Dashiell and Ms. Lauren



Kindergarten Enrichment (PM)

November was all about kindness, sharing, and gratitude in Afternoon Enrichment. It was also full of special events that made the month fly by, between Sibling Days, the Friendship Feast, Thanksgiving break, and anticipation of the holiday season!

We spent November reading a selection of stories by the author/illustrator team Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen. We read Sam & Dave Dig a Hole, The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse, and Extra Yarn. The kids have been practicing using

clues in the text and the pictures to make inferences about character motivation and plot lines. They have become quite skilled at paying attention to detail! Annabelle, the main character in Extra Yarn, finds a box of magical rainbow yarn, and instead of keeping it all to herself, she uses it to knit sweaters to spread color and cheer across her whole town. The kids loved this story and its message about taking your "extras" and using them to benefit others. In their journals, the kids drew and wrote about what they would do with "extra yarn" if they were in Annabelle's shoes. It was heartening to see that many of their ideas came from a very empathetic and helping mindset; for example, Evelyn said she would use yarn to knit sweaters for all of the homeless people.

We also read Maddi's Fridge, which used the story of friendship between two girls to gently raise awareness of poverty and hunger. We discussed what it means to be grateful for the things that we have, and how we could help others who were not as fortunate. We revisited our

discussion of Extra Yarn and talked about how our "extras"--be they time, money or food-- could be used to make life better for others. During the Trinity Food Drive, we brought our contributions to the Food Pantry donation bin on the first floor. We also visited the Food Pantry to see how volunteers organize donations and distribute them to community members in need. While the Food Drive was in focus in the lead up to Thanksgiving, the kids also learned that donations can be brought to the pantry at any time during the year; there are always people who need a helping hand.

The week before Thanksgiving was the inaugural Kindergarten Friendship Feast, and the kids were so excited to prepare for this special mealtime shared between AM and PM K.E. It was a chance to see old friends from preschool and to meet new ones and discover commonalities. Each student was paired up with a

special buddy in AM K.E., for whom they made a friendship bracelet and decorated a special envelope to put it in. It was a sweet, memorable event!

A big thank you to all of the siblings that joined us for Alumni/Sibling Days. We had a blast with you as our special guests! Parents, please mark your calendars for our holiday celebration on Tuesday, December 19th at 2 PM. All are welcome!

Ms. Lauren & Ms. Anne



Community Column

Mark Your Calendars!

Special Guest Morning is Coming in January!

Get ready for a fun morning at Nursery School with your son or daughter that you won't want to miss. You will have an opportunity to make a special project with your child to take home, experience our famous playdough, build with blocks, play games, read books, have a pretend cup of tea in the housekeeping area, and learn all about our school day. Clean up will astound you, and snack will fortify you as we end our time with songs! Hope to see YOU!

Ready Two Grow: Saturday, January 20, 9:15-10:15
3 Year Old AM: Saturday, January 27, 9:00-10:15
3 Year Old PM: Saturday, January 27, 10:30-11:45
4 Year Old AM: Saturday, January 27, 9:00-10:15
4 Year Old PM: Saturday, January 27, 10:30-11:45



Trinity UMC Live Nativity: Meet Us at the Manger

Trinity invites you to meet us at the manger

Sunday, December 10th, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Animals will be outside for viewing starting at 3:30 pm.

Doors open at 4:00 pm.

Invite neighbors and friends!

A cookies-and-punch reception follows the event.

Parking is available in the lot or on the street.

Questions? Contact Catherine Inserra, Director of
Christian Formation & Student Ministry

cath@trinitywilmette.org



Learn Spanish With the 3's!

(check out the growing list of Spanish words our three-year classes are learning and practice them at home!

cabeza - head	amarillo - yellow	coche - car	niño - boy
brazos - arms	verde - green	bicicleta - bicycle	niña - girl
manos - hands	azul - blue	<u>familia - family</u>	niños - children
dedos - fingers	morado - purple	mesa - table	amigos - friends
estómago - stomach	blanco - white	silla - chair	hola - hello
espalda - back	negro - black	luces - lights	adiós - goodbye
pies - feet	café - brown	casa - house	gracias - thank you
orejas - ears	grande - big	escuela - school	de nada - you're welcome
nariz - nose	pequeño - small	libros - books	por favor - please
ojos - eyes	rápido - fast	puerta - door	
boca - mouth	despacio - slow	juguetes - toys	Numbers: 1-20
lengua - tongue	arriba - up	baño - bathroom	
pelo - hair	abajo - down	manzana - apple	
dientes - teeth	perro - dog	agua - water	
rojo - red	gato - cat	galletitas - cookies	
rosa - pink	mono - monkey	pizza - pizza	
anaranjado - orange	elefante - elephant	comida - food	

MORE:



Trinity Kids Say the Darndest Things!

-Taking a group photo of 20 kids is like trying to keep 20 corks submerged at the same time. So, much to the amazement of the teachers in 3am, the group photo was a snap! As we stood there smiling, we each had to comment on how surprised we were that it was all happening so quickly. Miss Ellie said, "I'm so surprised this is going so well!" Miss Laurie said, "Me too!" I said, "I'm actually shocked!" Then, facing the camera and talking through his smile, we hear Nolan H. say, "I'm shocked, too!"-

-Once a month I miss about an hour of teaching to attend the Parent Advisory Board meetings. When I came into the classroom following the November meeting I was feeling exception-

ally lovey toward my class, so I walked up to a group of boys playing with the cars and said that I missed them all so much and asked if they missed me. Andrew D. (3AM) responded, "Well, I did, but I don't know about the rest of them!"-

-James V. (3PM) was using lots of food in the kitchen and he was hesitant to pass some of it to a friend. Miss Deb suggested that James pass the corn, but James replied, "I can't! That's my appetizer!"-

-Mrs. Dashiell asked Avery S. (4AM) if her sister Kinsley was coming for Alumni Day. "No!", Avery replied! "But she's coming for Sister Day!"