

Saint Clement Episcopal School
Parent Connection

November 2010

Dear parents,

Today is our big annual Thanksgiving feast! The children are all excited, having helped prepare the foods to be served, and the thrill of eating in Marshall-Rutter Hall all together at one HUGE table. The Green Room's bulletin board turkey is covered with feathers, and it truly warms the heart to read the feathers. We as a community are so blessed, and want you to know how thankful we are for your tremendous support, your trust in us, and more than anything else, the opportunity to get to know your wonderful children.

We are thankful, too, for the good weather that has allowed us to enjoy our outside play. The morning chill offers a hint of the cold days to come, so please be prepared and provide your child with a hat and mittens for outside play. We prefer mittens to gloves, as gloves are not as warm, and are more difficult for the children to manage independently. As ever, please LABEL every thing so that it can be promptly returned to you. As the season is changing, please check your child's school bag and be sure that the extra clothes there are seasonally appropriate.

We are always thankful for our PTO volunteers! The PTO was very busy this month, between the Kindergarten Panel (thank you to Diana West for coordinating that) the Fall Festival (thank you to all who braved the cold, especially Sheryl Crockett for the face painting!), the PTO lunch, school photos, manual labor (thank you Erik, for carrying that cabinet upstairs) and of course, today's feast! Your support makes it possible for us to do so many things!

We are grateful, too, for the support you've given to our fundraising efforts—to all of you who ordered either bulbs or food, and a special thank you to Karen Olmstead, who managed to coordinate the bulb order from the west coast!

We WILL be grateful if any private school recommendation requests can be turned in as soon as possible. We are happy to fill them out, and want to give them the attention they deserve, so please turn them in early.

We are thankful that we have so much to look forward to in the coming months; next Friday is the Feast of St. Clement, where we will celebrate "our" saint. The children will learn about St. Clement, and enjoy his feast day with our own feast, complete with foods he might have eaten in first century Alexandria, Egypt. We are also looking forward to our Christmas program, held on Friday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 in the Sanctuary. And to chase away those winter woes, the school will have a dinner and a movie night, free to all St. Clement community members. And even further out, we are excited about Rocknoseros, coming January 22. Ticket sales will begin in December. And mark your calendars, the Silent Auction is Feb. 26!

Finally, we are thankful that our community continues to welcome new families, interested in our program, with many tours scheduled for potential families. It's a very busy time!

From all of us, to all of you, our best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 3 Feast of St. Clement, no lunch needed
- Dec. 6 Santa visits!
- Dec. 17 Christmas Program, 9:30 am School closes afterward
- Jan. 3 School reopens
- Jan. 7 Dinner and a movie, 6 pm
- Jan. 11 PTO meeting
- Jan. 17 MLK Jr. Day, no school
- Jan. 22 Rocknoceros Concert
- Jan. 28 PTO lunch provided