

Tanque Verde Lutheran Preschool and
Kindergarten

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November 2009 Newsletter

"Be anxious for nothing but in everything, with prayer and THANKSGIVING, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

From the Pen of Our Director, Robin Abbott

We praise God for all He has done for us throughout the first quarter of our school year. October was a blast! We had a fun filled Fall Fiesta. We've smiled our best for our school pictures. Our Giraffes (4 year olds) and Owls (Pre-K) walked across the street to meet our neighbors, the firemen. Our Kindergarteners had the opportunity to visit some of our local establishments here at the Bear Canyon/Catalina Highway and Tanque Verde intersection. They are still talking about what they saw "behind the scenes." Wow! Those personal pan pizzas tasted better than ever because we got to make them! Two weeks later our Kindergarteners had a wonderful desert experience as the docents at Sabino Canyon introduced them to the world of plants and animals around them.

School portraits went great! We are looking forward to the beautiful portraits that will be coming our way on Nov. 9 & 10. We would like to thank our "picture moms" for stepping in and helping out in the classroom those days.

We are so privileged to have such a wonderful team of teachers and staff. I thank God for them everyday. This school wouldn't be the same without them.

Thank You's All Around

I would like to thank all the parents who have called or stopped by the office to let us know

about an alternate pick up person. I appreciate your effort to help us keep your kids safe. We appreciate, too, that your children have been able to stay home during their time of illness.

We would like to congratulate our little Lamb, Brandt Bober, who has a new baby sister, Lillian Sarah, 7lbs. 11oz.!

From the Desk of Wendy Roe, Special Events Coordinator

Thank you to all of the folks who helped me with the Fall Fiesta. I could not have done it without you! This school is so blessed to have such an amazing group of parents and grandparents! We are now planning our next big event, our annual Casserole Sale. This is the school's largest fundraiser so please consider helping. More information will be sent home next week.

"Praise the Lord, give thanks to the Lord."
Psalm 106:1

Chapel Lessons for November

Parable of the Mustard Seed
God Loves You
Moses in the Bulrushes
Thank You to God

As always, you are welcome to join us for chapel Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. and 12:50 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. and 12:50 p.m. Lambs are at 11:15 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. on Tuesdays and 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays.

November Dates to Remember

with More Info Below

- Nov. 9 and 10 Portrait Packages go home
- Nov. 11 No School, Veteran's Day
- Nov. 13 Portrait Retakes for true retake needs
and absences
- Nov. 15-20 Scholastic Book Fair - Chapel
- Nov. 19 Kindergarten Open House
- Nov. 26-27 No School, Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30 pick up pans for Casserole Sale

Our Kindergarten class will be singing for the Primetimers, the more mature generation at TVLC, on Friday, November 13th in Linder Hall. We are excited about joining them again this year!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Sunday, November 15, through Friday, November 20 in the Chapel. These books make wonderful Christmas presents for preschoolers and beginning readers. Last year we were able to donate books both to our Sunday School and the Christmas Food Baskets with the proceeds from the book fair. As you may have noticed, the Book Fair will be open on Sunday, November 15th. Feel free to come and browse and/or make purchases before Sunday School, from 8:45-9:15 and after Sunday School, from 10:30-11:00. We do accept cash, check, and all major credit cards.

Kindergarten Open House will be on Thursday, November 19th. If your child is entering Kindergarten this coming year or you know of a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, this is a wonderful way for them to begin their school career. We have a class-size limit of 18 children with 3 wonderful teachers alternating throughout the school day. They must be 5 years old by August 31, 2010. The children will be visiting the class throughout the day. Parents: on November 19th, from 11:30-12:30 the

teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to visit during that time, please call the preschool office to arrange a time to visit later that day. If the child does not attend TVLC Preschool at this time, please call the office to make arrangements for them to visit the classroom during the day on Nov. 19th.

The Arizona Tax Credit for Kindergarten Tuition program is a win-win opportunity for you and the children of the TVLC Kindergarten! This tax credit is available to any Arizona taxpayer. Married couples filing jointly can donate up to \$1000 and individuals can donate up to \$500. This is a tax credit which you are earmarking, for the Kindergarten, a portion of the taxes that you are paying to the State of Arizona. In order for the tax credit to be eligible for your 2009 taxes, you must make your contribution by December 31, 2009. ACSTO brochures are located in the narthex.

We have two holidays in the month of November that the Preschool Office will be closed. The first is on Wednesday, November 11th, in recognition of our Veterans who have fought to protect our freedom. The second is on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th in order to spend time with friends and family being thankful to our Lord for all He has given us.

We will be having our Annual Casserole Sale. They will be for sale after the church service Saturday night, December 5th and between services on Sunday morning, December 6th. Rolls will be included with each casserole. We will be charging \$10.00 for each casserole. Part of the proceeds will be used to support Newborns in Need and Step Up with Therapeutic Loving Caballos (TLC) with the other part for the preschool and kindergarten.

We will be donating to two charities this year. One is Newborns in Need. A bag is filled with blankets, layettes, bottles, etc., that a newborn needs and presented to new mothers. The other charity that we will be giving part of our proceeds to is Step Up with TLC. Their mission is to bring smiles, foster therapeutic healing, both emotionally and physically and build self-confidence and social skills through people-interaction with horses. They minister to children and adults with special needs, at risk youth, elderly/senior groups and the terminally ill.

Thank You for all of the Pennies from Heaven that you donated during our Fall Fiesta. You will continue this opportunity to give each week on your child's chapel days. There will be a jar outside the classroom in which the children can put loose change (or bills, if you prefer). All the money will go to our two charities, Newborns in Need and Step Up with TLC.

Jean DiMaria has volunteered to count the pennies, nickels, quarters and dimes that come in throughout the year. If you would like to join in the fun and work with Jean, please contact her at 794-3895.

From the Desk of Mrs. Rovner and Mrs. Upson

There's a chill in the air, finally fall is here! It's wonderful to see the lambs waiting by the door and walking in with lots of confidence to start the day! We're noticing lots of friendships blooming and the chatter among them is more and more.

It was nice to see your families enjoying our Fall Fiesta last Friday. Your preschoolers love to show off their school.

We would like to welcome Elli Lipscomb to our M/W class.

Our themes for November are: corn and apples, healthy foods, thank you, God, blessed Thanksgiving and getting ready for Jesus (Advent). Lots of fun art, songs and books will be applied to these themes. We'll paint with Indian corn, taste different apples, learn about healthy foods, talk about what God has given us and what we are thankful for. After Thanksgiving, we'll talk about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and Jesus's birth.

We have three birthdays we'll celebrate this month: Clementine D.'s (M/W), Sam N.'s and Gibson S.'s (T/Th AM). Thank you to the mom and dad helpers for filling in when either of us have been out. Also, we'd like to thank Andrew M.'s and Jameson C.'s family for donating books in honor of their birthdays as part of the reverse giving. We love books!

We'll send home an evaluation about your lamb in a few weeks. On our chapel days, we'll be putting out a collection jar to help Newborns in Need and Step Up with TLC. You can have your lamb drop in your loose change to support these wonderful organizations.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please ask one of us. Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families. We all have so much to be thankful for!

God Bless,

Barb Rovner and Jackie

Upson

From the Desk of Mrs. Casolari and Mrs. Grimwood

How quickly October has passed! We have had fun learning about bubbles, music, apples,

pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns and fall. The bunny books are now completed. The children have worked hard on their books. Be sure to ask them about each page. They have done so well with colors. The bunny color game at the end of the day is always a fun time.

A special "thanks" goes to Miss Abbott for visiting our class with her chapel activities on Tuesdays. She'll be back to share with us again this month. We want to thank Mrs. Collins for helping the children make applesauce as we learned about apples. Picture day went well. Thank you, Mrs. Clayberg, Sam's grandma, for your help in the classroom. We loved carving a jack-o-lantern with Sam's dad. Please let us know if you would like to help in the classroom. You are also welcome to stay on Tuesday mornings and join us for chapel.

We appreciate how you keep us informed about absences and any pick up changes. Thanks for taking the time to stop by the office. Feel free to drop us a note any time. It truly helps us stay informed about your child and any needs they may have. We can always meet after class if needed. Thank you!

November will be another fun month. This month we will be making another book based on the numbers one thru five. Shapes will also be reviewed in November. We'll be learning about the desert, Indians, Pilgrims, turkeys and Thanksgiving. It just wouldn't be Thanksgiving without hand print turkeys! The children will continue to work on their cutting skills. Extra practice at home is always helpful. (They enjoy clipping coupons!) Exploring with painting and art is an important part of early childhood development.

Vinyl paint smocks are worn when painting, yet, sometimes our Bunnies can be some very "enthusiastic painters." Please keep that in mind when dressing your child for school.

Our "Heaven Cent" program, benefiting Newborns in Need and Step Up with TLC started at the Fall Fiesta.

Watch for a Fall Evaluation going home on November 17th. It's just a quick review to let you know about your child at school.

We will be talking about being thankful to God for all that He has given to us. May each of you find the time this month to reflect upon the many blessings in your own lives. There's nothing like a hug from a child to remind you of all that is good in life! Thank you for sharing your child with us!

As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

Margaret Casolari and
Pam Grimwood

From the Desk of Mrs. Bachman and Mrs. Meiner

October was a fun and exciting month for our bunnies class. We did many fun things like: painted to classical music, made fall leaves, and decorated pumpkins; just to name a few. We continued to learn our colors throughout the month. In November, we will be focusing on numbers 1-5 and the basic shapes. The children worked very hard on their bunny book. Don't they look great!

Fall has finally arrived in the desert and November is a time for us to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us. We will have lots of fun sharing and making things for Thanksgiving. Be sure to ask your children to "Strut their Stuff" and about their exciting turkey trot they took to the big plantation with our friend, "Tom Turkey." This fun activity is similar to the "Bear Hunt" we did in September and is a wonderful way to encourage their

imagination and focus on important cognitive skills such as sequencing. Please continue to practice cutting skills at home. Children love cutting newspapers, coupons, and old wrapping paper for practice.

We hope you will take the opportunity to help us in our classroom this year. We are always delighted to have our parents volunteer to join us anytime they can. We want to thank all of our parents that volunteered in class this month and a special thanks to those of you that assisted us during our picture day. It went very smoothly and the children did great! Thank you, Julie Schwind, Laura Swensrud, Andrea Schalk, and Kimberly Cock.

Our Fall Fiesta was wonderful and the children had a great time! This year our theme was the farm and we added many new and fun activities. Thank you, Mrs. Roe, for planning our Fall Fiesta and especially to all of our parents that volunteered their time as well. It is always a treat for our staff to be able to participate in this special day and to see all the smiles and laughter in the children's faces.

This year we will be encouraging your child to develop a personal relationship with God that they can take with them throughout their lives as they grow into adulthood. We invite you to join us for Chapel on Tuesdays. It is a heartwarming experience to see your little ones sharing together about God and their world.

You children are a joy to teach and each one of them has already touched our hearts in a very special way. We wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and may God richly bless you and your family.

Love,
Mrs. Bachman and Mrs.

Meiner

From the Desk of Mrs. Casolari and Mrs. Grimwood

October comes to an end and we look forward to November. In October we were busy learning about our five senses, Christopher Columbus, fire safety and the joys of fall. We had a fun visit with the firemen at Station #21! The children enjoyed all they had to share. We want to send a big thank you to our volunteers: Mrs. Corrado, Mrs. Bauldford, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Rustand. Thank you for taking the time to walk across Tanque Verde Road with us! Thank you to our moms who made the cookies for the firefighters. What a nice treat for them. Picture day went well. Thank you to Mrs Jenna for her help in the classroom. A special thank you goes to Pastor Mark for sharing chapel time with us.

The giraffes are hard at work! Each Monday the children enjoy visits with the "letter of the week puppet." We are having so much fun learning our alphabet letters! It is amazing to see how quickly everyone has improved writing their names and their cutting skills. Number recognition and counting skills will continue to be reinforced at small group. Starting in November, the children will work on writing their numbers. The pages will be saved and put into a number book. We are working on learning our phone numbers. Please feel free to help with this at home. This month we will be learning about our world and dinosaurs. We will even be paleontologist for a day! Goofy fun and animals will be a week of giggles and grins. "Goofy Sock Day" is on Friday, November 20th. Wear your great goofy socks to school on that Friday!! We end the month talking about Thanksgiving and all the blessings God has given to each of us. Remember, no school on November 27th as we enjoy Thanksgiving.

We send a big thank you for sharing all the information about absences and pick-up changes. Everyone has done a great job getting that information to the office. We are blessed with

many supportive parents. Please remember, you are always welcome to join us during a project or stay on Wednesday mornings for chapel.

As a reminder, please have your child leave all toys at home. They may bring something special on their show-n-tell day. If your child has a collection or photo that relates to the theme of the week, it may be brought to school to share with the class. Just let us know so we can be sure to show it at circle time. Thank you for your support.

A fall evaluation will be sent home on November 16th. It's a good time to let you know how well your child is doing in class! November

God Bless,

Margaret Casolari and
Pam Grimwood

From the Desk of Mrs. Braucksick and Mrs. Meiner

We hope you all enjoyed the Fall Fiesta! It's always fun to play games, do some crafts and welcome Fall. Thanks to Fire Station #21 for allowing us to tour their facility. What a great job the parents did helping chaperone the children on the field trip. The children especially enjoyed the ladder truck.

Our alphabet letters for November are Dd, Ww, Gg, and Tt. Both classes will start learning their phone numbers this month. Please mark Friday, November 20th, on your calendars. This will be our Goofy sock day. Wear silly socks to school.

Many of you are wondering how your child is progressing in school. We will be sending home a brief observation on the 17th of November. A more in depth progress report will be sent home in January.

School will be closed on November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving. This is a time is a wonderful time

to focus on being thankful to God for all He has given us.

AM Class News: We had many helpers when we went to the fire station. They were as follows: Gabriela Garcia and Sebastian's uncle, Teresa Compton, Jan Gardlund, Amy Supernaw, and Sharon Dobbin. Thanks so much! Mike Torok visited our class to talk about fire safety in the mountains and forests. He was very informative. The children enjoyed sitting in the fire shelter he brought with him. A big thank you to Mike! Helena Anderson helped us on picture day. We appreciated her help. Parents, feel free to visit our classroom anytime. Just remember to sign in at the preschool office.

PM Class News: We appreciate Traci Garcia who helped in our class on picture day. Our class helpers for the fire station were: Lisa Austin, Jeanette Lloyd, Tara Lopez, Katrine Rush, Nancy Stockel, and Christina Reichardt. Mrs. Stockel and Mrs. Austin got to ride in the basket of the ladder truck. They took some great aerial view pictures. We will be making cucumber pickles in our class this month. The morning class did it last month. Here is the recipe: 4 cups cucumbers, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup onion, 1 cup green pepper, 1 cup vinegar, $1\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar. Divide into containers. Refrigerate for 24 hours. You can freeze them if you put them in different containers.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are a blessing!

God Bless,
Kathy Braucksick and

Jackie Meiner

From the Desk of Mrs. Pacheco and Mrs. Stat

Pumpkins are all the "hoot" in the Owl class this month! Stop in to see our patchwork

pumpkins and our pumpkin paintings. The students have been working so hard and their work is fantastic. They are using their imaginations creating very unique work that is all theirs. They took home their story bag for The Little Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anything. The story bags are a great way to practice their comprehension and sequencing skills.

We are progressing through the alphabet, numbers, shapes and the months of the year. Ask your little one to sing the months of the year song for you. So cute! Evaluations will be going home on the 16th of November. These evaluations are very basic. The more detailed evaluations will be in January. The children are very happy and making great progress! I am sure you have noticed the improvement in their cutting and writing!

A special thank you goes out to Mr. Ellis for visiting our class during fire prevention week. The students enjoyed his visit and the yellow fire hats. A special thank you to Mrs. Soulvie, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Lewis for helping out in the class! Great parents make great kids!

Reminders: No school on November 11th for Veteran's Day or on November 26th for Thanksgiving!

Be on the look out for some prehistoric fun to come in November along with senses, transportation and Thanksgiving.

Thank you for sharing your special gifts from God! We love them and are enjoying watching them grow!

God's Blessings,
Shannon Pacheco and Nancy

Stat

Mrs. Pinelli's Monkeys

We scared up lots of fun in the month of October in Kids' Club. We began the month learning about food from trees. After reading *Sarah Squirrel and the Lost Acorn* the monkeys cut out a squirrel, gave her a fluffy tail made of cotton balls and painted some acorns.

Next, we read the book *Mesquite Trees* and learned that desert tortoise like to eat the flowers on barrel cactus. We colored a picture of barrel cactus, added flowers, sand and a desert tortoise.

Then, we learned about spiders and bats and how they are useful. The can eat up to 600 mosquitoes in an hour. The monkeys made a bat puppet complete with glitter. We, also, discovered how useful spiders are in cleaning up pesky flies. Glitter abounded on our sparkly spider webs.

The remainder of the month was dedicated to preparing for Halloween. The children easel painted a cute pumpkin patch. Halloween would not be complete without reading a Clifford book. For art the children answered the question of what they wanted to be for Halloween and painted a picture of Clifford on his first Halloween.

I hope you enjoyed the foam spiders. No fall celebration would be complete without scarecrows. The Monday Monkeys colored in a scarecrow picture and the Tuesday Monkeys colored in a scarecrow mask.

We hope all the monkeys have a safe and fun Halloween! Parents please retrain from sending a lot of candy to Kids' Club. Please be aware of nut content in candy. Also, because of choking hazards, please do not send hard candy or lollipops.

If you are still have a hard time scheduling your kids in Kids' Club, why not try a Tuesday or Thursday?

The month of November will be dedicated to preparing for Thanksgiving. We will make

placemats, teepees, Clifford turkeys and lots more! Hope to see you there.

As always, a big thank you to Mrs. Upson and Mrs. Grimwood for making Kids' Club so much fun!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

If you read this entire newsletter, thanks
so much!

Please come to the office to receive your
reward!