

ChildRoots

November

2010 Newsletter

The Wonderful WinterFare

WinterFare is our next community event. This is a busy weekend day packed with music, food and friends. You can also do some holiday shopping and support local families by buying hand made treasures, clothing, crafts and toys. Three classrooms will be transformed into enchanted places where you can visit a wizard, a fairy and a very gentle and friendly brown bear.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 5th. Our WinterFare starts at 9:00AM and ends at 2:00PM. We welcome all ChildRoots friends, families and neighbors. We will also be inviting retired teachers of CR and graduated families as well.

Come hungry, ready to dance, watch a puppet show, create a craft, get your face painted and have an all around good time.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the WinterFare or know someone who does— please stop into the office and talk to Cory or Nina.

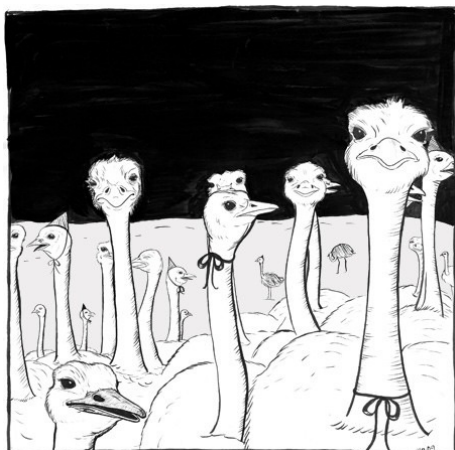
See you there!



Coming and Going

If you drop off in the morning to a room other than your own, please make sure that you sign your child IN on your classroom clipboard that will be in the opening classroom. The opening teachers move all classroom clipboards to the opening rooms.

When picking up your child in a closing classroom other than your own, please make sure you are signing your child OUT from the teacher on duty on your classroom clipboard. These will be brought into the closing rooms by the closing teachers.



The Lantern walk was as magical as ever with an impressive 120 child participants and 33 teachers. Thank you all for coming.

Wet Clothes and Wet Bags

With all of the weather, outings of puddle stomping, splashing should be expected. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing AND has a plastic bag to take home wet clothes. We are at a crucial bag shortage and desperately need parents to bring in recycled bags that we can put to good re-use for wet clothes.

Artwork in this month's newsletter from Portland Artist Nicole J. Georges

Do you have a trip planned for the Holidays or plan to keep your child out of care for one or more days? Please let us know so that our teachers can also make their holiday plans.



[A really Great Deal](#)

The ChildRoots Coop is a great opportunity to buy goods at a discounted price. For those who took part in last month's ordering from Haba, we look forward to receiving our order in the next week or so.

For those who are new to the coop, Elizabeth Nardi, mom of Everett in room 2- has taken on coordinating our orders. Elizabeth gets info through the PCC reps about products parents might be interested in getting, then contacts the companies for catalogs and price lists. She posts the current available items on the parent board in our main hall with directions on how to order, collects money and then places the order.

This month we offer Easy/rider Bikes a local company who makes no peddle bikes and helmets. Please check out the parent board for details. And if you are interested in seeing a particular product offered please contact your PCC rep.

[The Woes of 17th Street](#)

We have been corresponding with Portland Bureau of Transportation about the challenges we face as vehicle commuters on 17th Ave. The traffic investigations department conducted an investigation and reported their findings to us and determined the following: 1)They are "not recommending that 17th Ave be converted to one-way operation because this change is not supported by City Policy and the segment operates adequately as a two-way street most of the time". 2)They are "investigating a separate request for the signalization of the intersection of NE/SE 17th Ave & E Burnside St. "

This is unfortunately not the answer we were hoping for. Furthermore, because we have alerted the traffic investigators about our parking challenges we have inadvertently alerted Parking Enforcement and we may see more ticketing as a result of their work with us. Please make sure you are parking on the right side of the street (as opposed to pulling up on the left side).

We are closed for Veterans day Nov 11th for a teacher training day and also November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving. All of our closures can be found on our online calendar.

