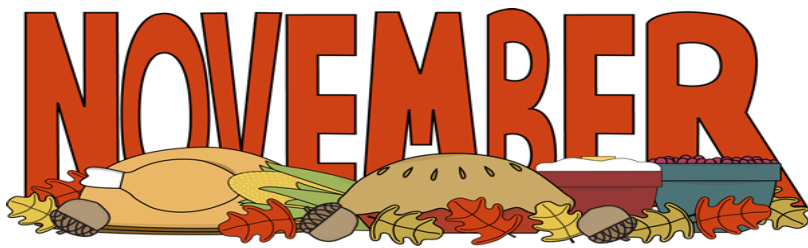


NOVEMBER



Dear Parents,

October was a busy month filled with lots of fun events for all of us at First Steps! Our month consisted of the annual Great Shake-Out Drill, our festive Pumpkin Patch, and Armenian Cultural Week. We want to thank all the parents for contributing to our Artsakh fundraiser by purchasing masks and cookies! We donated all the funds collected to "Focus on Children Now" and the money will specifically be allocated to help the children displaced by the war.

NOVEMBER is going to be another busy month!

- **Sunday, November 1st** – Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks turn **BACK** one hour)
- **Wednesday, November 11th** – Veteran's Day: School Closed
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, November 24th & 25th** – PSC Thanksgiving Pie Sale Fundraiser (More info to follow)
- **Wednesday, November 25th** – Thanksgiving Lunch (for all students)
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th** – Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will take place during the entire month of November and early December. Please confirm with your child's teacher and make sure to mention if you would like to come in person for the meeting or do it via zoom.



REMINDERS

- As the weather is cooling down, we ask you to please send a jacket to school with your child. Make sure to label your child's every article of clothing including sweaters, jackets, extra clothes, etc. Also, please make sure to send your child's uniform to school at the beginning of each week.
- It is extremely important to notify the school in case of absences, especially if a child has a serious or contagious illness. Also, we would like to remind everyone to continue following the guidelines and protocols in place and inform the school if there has been any exposure to COVID by any of the family members. Only by cooperating together we can continue to keep our school safe.
- We ask that you please drop off all checks to the office staff and always include your child's first and last name in the memo of the check.
- Please refrain from leaving young children or infants in the car when picking-up and dropping-off students at First Steps. This is extremely dangerous under any circumstance and it is against the law (Please see CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 15620).
- Please make sure to be extra careful when picking up and dropping off your children when around cars and observe the 5 mph speed limit in the school (during drive-through hours). We also ask that you are careful when exiting from Honolulu Ave. and if turning left, you turn in the center divider before merging into traffic. Kindly convey this message to grandparents and anyone else who might be picking up your child.
- Lastly, we kindly ask parents not to take pictures of students while on school property. Per our school policy, we advise parents to only use their cameras/phones to take pictures of their own children and not of any other since they don't have the consent of the other child's parent. Thank you!