

# Middleburg Early Education Center



## All-School Newsletter – November 2017

**Help Keep Our Building Secure!** We ask that you do not open the exterior doors for anyone you do not recognize as part of MEEC. We all try to be helpful, but it is better if you let school or church staff allow access to those who should have it!

**Parent Conferences:** Most parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 10. There will be no classes on those days. MEEC staff members will provide childcare in the big classroom on conference days for your children while you attend conferences. We look forward to conferences that will benefit parents, children and staff. Please be prepared with questions and concerns that you would like to discuss.

**Thanks to:** Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band for a wonderful concert on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. About \$2,800.00 was raised for the Marilyn Edwards Scholarship fund for families who need financial help to attend MEEC.

**SpotLight On:** Ms. Jen and Ms. Sharon P. What makes MEEC's speech and language therapy special? Ms. Jen and Ms. Sharon! In addition to extensive experience with preschool children, both of our SLPs (speech-language pathologists) are experts with using sensory integration techniques to enhance speech-language therapy. Using the swings, climbing equipment, balls and other movement activities stimulates the vestibular system, which translates to better language processing and production. MEEC's speech sessions provide this unique approach which helps our students become better communicators.

**Scholastic Books** – You can view this month's selections and submit your order online at [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). Check the website for the due date each month. Class activation code: HD2HK. MEEC earns free books for each order!

**Holiday Shopping Online?** Remember to log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select MEEC as your charity of choice. Then shop as you normally would. MEEC will receive a 0.5% donation of your qualified purchases. It's easy and costs you nothing!

**Save the Date:** Our annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Old Oak Bible Church, 7575 Old Oak Blvd., Middleburg Hts. Please mark your calendars now for a fun evening! More information will be coming soon.

**Winter weather is on the way!** To find out if classes are canceled due to bad weather you can:

1. Check the MEEC website. We will post school closing information on the MEEC home page ([www.meec.us](http://www.meec.us)).
2. Check the local TV morning news programs. Middleburg Early Education Center will be listed if we are closed.
3. Call MEEC at 440-888-9922. If we are closed, we will update the voice mail message to reflect that. However, if the power is off at MEEC, the voice mail does not answer the phone. If this happens, check using one of the other methods. (If there is no power at MEEC, there will be no classes!)
4. Christie will email everyone if classes are canceled.

The information will be posted as soon as it becomes obvious that the conditions make closing necessary. Sometimes that's the night before a school day, sometimes it's the morning. We try to have everything updated and posted by 7:00 a.m.

**Raffle Report:** Thanks to everyone for selling those raffle tickets! The Mini Drawings will be Friday, Nov. 3, Friday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Nov. 17. Get your tickets stubs and money turned in before noon on Nov. 3 to have the most chances to win. The grand prize, second and third place prizes will be drawn on Nov. 21.

**Connecting for Kids** offers programming and support to families who are concerned about their child's development. They have two special programs coming up this month, as well as ongoing programs. Check out their website at [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org). November's special programs are **Modify Your Child's Behavior Using Proven Kazdin Method**, Thursday, November 30, 6:00 pm, Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch and *Elementary Experiences: Social Series: Assessing and Reacting to Problems*, Saturday, November 11, 2:30 pm, Westlake Porter Public Library.

**Santa Claus is coming to MEEC!** Santa will visit with children in the Gathering Place at Bethel on Friday, December 15, 2017. Siblings and parents are welcome to attend and take pictures. Each child will receive a gift from Santa. More information will be coming home soon. Classes will be held as usual on this day. If your child does not normally attend on Fridays, s/he may join us for the assigned "Santa time." If you do not want your child to participate, please indicate this on the permission slip. These children will remain in the classroom for supervised play.

**How sick is too sick for school?** This can be a tough question to answer. When faced with this problem, here are some things to consider.

1. Will my child be comfortable in the classroom?
2. Will he/she be able to participate in all activities?
3. If my child were healthy, would I want another child with these symptoms playing with my child?

Children who have symptoms of contagious illnesses should not attend classes to protect the health of other children and staff. **Children must be fever free for 24 hours without medication, and must be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.**

### **Wish List Update:**

Thank you for donating wish list items! Please let Christie or Cindy know if you are donating an item.

### **New Wish List Items:**

Small (6 inch), cheap cardboard paper plates for crafts

Gallon size zipper bags

Kleenex

Baby Wipes

Please let Christie or Cindy know if you can donate one or more items from our wish list.

### **Recent Donors to MEEC:**

Bethel Members

The Abens Family

### **Dates to Remember:**

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings Time ends - "Fall back"!

Tuesday, November 7

Parent Conferences, no classes. Child care available during your conference time

Friday, November 10

Parent Conferences, no classes. Child care available during your conference time

November 22-24

Thanksgiving Break, no classes

December 15

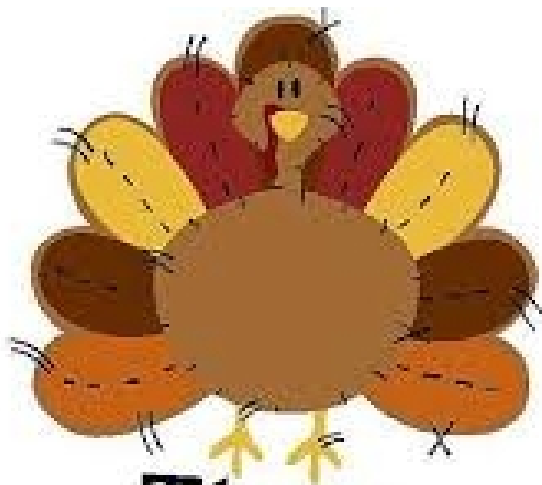
Santa visits MEEC

Dec. 18, 2017 – Jan. 2, 2018

Winter Break, no classes

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Classes resume



# Happy Thanksgiving