November Newsletter

November is a time to stop and be thankful for all our blessings. We are thankful for:

We Appreciate Your Children!
They are a precious gift from God, not only to you, but to all of the staff of SUMC Preschool & Kindergarten. They are our hope for the future!

We Appreciate Your Donations!
We are thankful for your help during the many fundraising opportunities we hold over the school year. From Box Tops, linking your Kroger card to our school account, purchasing weekly lunches for your children, volunteering at our Children’s Consignment Sales, participating in the Canned Food Drive, Cold Wear Accessories, and Birthdays in a Bag mission projects - every little bit you do helps our preschool or a family in need. Stay up-to-date on mission opportunities through these newsletters!

We Appreciate You!
Thank you to everyone who came out for the Halloween parade and volunteered your time and talents by hosting class parties. We couldn’t do it all without you!

Blessings ~
Debbie
Southeast Co-Op’s Thanksgiving Food Feast Drive

For our November Mission project, we will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be delivered to the Southeast Gwinnett Co-Op. We want other families in our community to experience the same fulfilling, festive feast that we enjoy with our families.

We encourage you and your child to think about all of the delicious holiday foods that are a tradition in your family and send in one item that is needed for that dish (i.e. a can of beans, a can of cranberry sauce, a package of stuffing, etc.). Every item will be greatly appreciated.

A collection basket will be placed at the preschool entrance so your child can drop his/her foods off as they go inside each morning.

Our preschool goal is to collect 200 food items for the co-op. Each day we will count the number of items received and will email our families a cumulative drive count.

This year as your family sits down to dinner, your child will be happy knowing he or she helped others to experience this joyous holiday in a yummy way.

Drop Off During Carpool:
- November 1
- November 4-8
- November 11-15
- November 18-22

Box Top Update

A big thank you goes out to all of our families for sending in Box Tops. Ms. Chris & Ms. Rachel’s 3 year old class wins our friendly classroom collection competition for the months of September and October. Their class turned in 196 box tops! They will be rewarded with an ice cream party.

Please continue to clip box tops and send them in to your child’s teacher. The next collection period is November and December.

October Mission Update

Thanks to your generosity, SUMC Preschool & Kindergarten collected many bags of candy to donate to the Fall Festival. Approximately 400 people attended the church wide community event. Thank you so much for all of the support. We hope you and your family were able to attend and enjoy the festivities!
Speech/Language/Vision/Hearing Evaluations

A representative from Kidspeech, Inc., will be on campus to conduct speech, language, vision, and hearing evaluations for our children 2 and up on Tuesday, November 12. Information, including a permission slip, will be sent home next week. Fees range from $10 to $35 depending on screening type desired. Please make checks payable to Kidspeech, Inc., and return in your child’s folder.

Operation Christmas Child

Snellville United Methodist Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. This wonderful ministry allows children in need throughout the world to receive a shoebox filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. This wonderful mission allows children to experience God’s love at Christmas time which they might not experience otherwise. Look for additional information to come home in your child’s folder this week.

Each classroom will be filling a shoebox for a child in need. Shoeboxes must be completed by November 21.

In-House Field Trip

On Wednesday, November 13, David Ginn will be on campus for our November In-House Field Trip. David Ginn is a children’s magician who has performed for children all around the country for over 40 years. He will present a fun and interactive magic show geared towards small children.

School Holidays

Snellville United Methodist Church Preschool and Kindergarten will be closed the week of November 25–29 for the Thanksgiving break. It will reopen on Monday, December 2. Enjoy this time with your family and friends!

Preschool Openings

We still have a few spots available this school year. Please help us spread the word about our wonderful Preschool & Kindergarten program and our amazing teachers. For every family that registers and tells us you referred them, you will receive a $50 referral fee.
Activities Continued

Safety Drills (November 7 & 19)

Georgia state statute requires all schools to have a school safety plan to address policies and procedures for all disasters - natural or otherwise. The planning for all of our drills is overseen by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. I wanted to make you aware of our drills in case you would like to discuss them with your child, emphasizing that all of these drills are for practice. We will be having our first Tornado Drill on November 7th. The tornado drill will be activated by a bullhorn.

On November 19th, we will be conducting a Lock Down Drill. Our goal at all times is to ensure the safety of our students and staff, to keep parents informed, and to prevent any unnecessary anxiety. Teachers will explain the drill to the students in advance. They will talk about ways that you keep them safe at home and ways that we keep them safe at school. They will also explain what they will be doing during each stage of the drill.

- Level 1 - Teachers will lock their classroom doors and children will carry on with their day as usual.
- Level 2 - All SUMC doors will be locked and the children will continue to work and play quietly.
- Level 3 - The children and teachers will huddle silently in the “safe spot” within the classroom.

Best of Gwinnett

VOTE FOR OUR PRESCHOOL - Best of Gwinnett ‘19

SUMC Preschool was voted Best of Gwinnett in 2018. Voting is now open for 2019, and SUMC Preschool & Kindergarten has been nominated again in the Pre-K or Kindergarten Schools category. Your vote is a great way to show your school spirit and let others know about our school. Our goal is to repeat last year and become Best of Gwinnett again!

Voting will run through the end of the year and you can vote every day. Cast your vote at:

End-of-Year Contributions

Did you know that SUMC Preschool & Kindergarten is a self-sustaining ministry of the church? Our school completely supports itself independently from the church budget. Tuition and fundraising are our primary means to pay salaries and supplement program costs.

If you or a family member are looking to support an organization this calendar year, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to SUMC Preschool & Kindergarten. Stock and cash donations, made payable to SUMC Preschool, can be accepted through December 31, 2019. Please contact the office with any questions or for more information.
### Upcoming Events

- **Southeast Co-Op Food Drive**
  - November 1 - 22
- **Assembly Chapel**
  - November 6
- **Tornado Drill**
  - November 7
- **Kidspeech Screenings**
  - November 12
- **In-House Field Trip—David Ginn**
  - November 13
- **December Tuition Due**
  - November 15
- **Lockdown Drill**
  - November 19
- **Thanksgiving Break**
  - November 25-29

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