



Heartworks Burlington Newsletter October/November 2009

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year!

A letter from the Director

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! September is an exciting month meeting many new friends and welcoming returning friends to our school. The children are all becoming familiar with the rhythm of the day and their classrooms. In each classroom the children are engaged in vibrant activities, learning exciting information, and having lots of fun! Amanda's class loved finger painting a beautiful community art mural and have baked a few yummy treats to share. While learning about famous

artists, the children in Deb's class created beautiful paintings by dropping paint filled socks on paper inspired by the artist, Jackson Pollock. Susan's class learned a lot about community helpers and did a wonderful job acting as fire fighters putting out 'fires' around the school. The children in Ashley's class went on an autumn nature walk to collect leaves to make colorful collages. Michelle's Pre-Kindergarten class were true scientists performing experiments with cookies, oil, milk, and water, and carefully recording their data.

The children in Rebecca's class spent one morning building an entire neighborhood with both clay and blocks. Heather's Pre-Kindergarten class had the amazing opportunity to care for a caterpillar and keep science journals on her progress as she built a chrysalis and later emerged as a beautiful butterfly. It has been such a pleasure visiting all of the classrooms and getting to know all of the wonderful children here at Heartworks School in Burlington.
~Kathleen Schaffner



Dates to Remember:

- OCTOBER 22 **No SCHOOL**
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- OCTOBER 29 & 30
HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS
- NOVEMBER 4 **No SCHOOL**
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- NOVEMBER 5 **HALF DAY**
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES SCHOOL CLOSES AT NOON
- NOVEMBER 25-27
No SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING RECESS

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Who's Who at Heartworks Burlington

<u>Two Year Old Class</u>	<u>Three/Four Year Old Classrooms</u>	<u>Pre Kindergarten Classrooms</u>
Amanda Collis	Susan Robinson	Heather Trombley
Michelle Cheeseman	Ashely Howard	Rebecca Mayhew
		Michelle Dion
<u>Three Year Old Class</u>	<u>Floating Support Teacher</u>	<u>School Director</u>
Deb Ryan Botta	Nancy Marconi	Kathleen Schaffner



Thank you to everyone who participated in Summer Camp. It was a rich and exciting summer!

“As we open our hearts to children we embrace them with love, acceptance and without judgment”

~Louise H. Piché

A Message from the Main Office

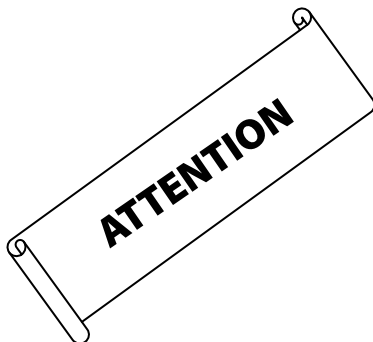
We are so happy to welcome all of the children and parents to a new year at The Heartworks and Renaissance Schools! Each School Director has reported a wonderful beginning to the school year. The teachers and children have gotten into a smooth rhythm and each classroom has a real sense of community. In October, you will be receiving materials about re-enrolling for next year. While it may seem strange to be thinking about the next school year when this one has just begun, it is necessary for the Enrollment Office to know who will be returning next year before opening up enrollment to all the new families who are anxious to hear if they will have a space for the 2010/11 school year.

Many families like to increase their schedules year to year and everyone is enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. To help ensure that you are enrolled for the schedule you want, it is important to return your re-enrollment form in a timely manner. This is also the time to enroll any siblings that will be starting in the school for the first time. Like the children currently attending school, siblings are part of

the first wave of enrollment before we open it up to new families. Your deposit is due with your application. If you cannot pay the full deposit at once, please call the Main Office and we would be happy to set up a plan to pay that over time.

As a reminder, if you are paying your tuition monthly, payments are due on the first of each month. We do not send a monthly invoice. If your payment has not been received before the 10th day of the month, we will add a \$25 late fee to your invoice and mail you a late notice. Many families write out checks that are post dated for each month so they don't have to worry about sending their monthly payments. If you would like to do this, please call the Main Office to make arrangements. When you send your payments, please write your child's name in the memo line of your check. We have many families with the same last names and this will help to ensure the payment is being credited to the right child.

If you have any questions about re-enrollment or your tuition, please call Kelly Libby in the Main Office.



At this time, the two year old class for the 2010/11 school year has enough children to start a wait list. If you have a child who will be entering the two year old class, please submit an application as soon as possible. You can find the application on our website, www.heartworksvt.com, or you can call the Main Office at 985-2153.



Fall

Classroom Themes



The school-wide theme this month is **Creative Arts...**

The school-wide theme this month is **Culture....**



Two-year old class: Musical Instruments

Two-year old class: Vermont

Three-year old class: Famous Artists

Three-year old class: China

Three & Four year old classes: Famous Musicians

Three & Four year old classes: Spain, Mexico, or Peru

Pre-Kindergarten classes: Author Study

Pre-Kindergarten classes: Kenya or Ghana



During October, each classroom is also learning about and celebrating the beautiful autumn season.

During November, each classroom is also learning about and celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving

Halloween Celebrations

Halloween will be here very soon! A separate notice will be handed out answering questions about costumes, parade times, and celebrations

happening on October 29th and October 30th. We hope you can join us to view our festive parade.



"Children's games are hardly games. Children are never more serious than when they play"

~Montaigne

Happy Halloween



Parent/Teacher Conferences

A sign up sheet for conferences on November 4th and 5th will soon be posted on the bulletin board in your child's class. Please be sure to sign up for an individual time with your child's teacher to hear of all the wonderful work your child has been engaged in to date. While we love having children here, please be sure to make alternative child care arrangements for your child as a conference will not take place with a child present in the room.



Outdoor Clothing

As the weather turns chillier, please be sure your child has a jacket to wear while outside. Also, please be sure to check the supply of extra clothing in your child's cubby to ensure that it is appropriate for the new season. Also, please remember to label all outdoor clothing with a permanent marker.



Absent or Tardy

Thank you for thinking about your child's teacher and classmates by calling to inform us when your child will be absent or tardy (651-9343).

We really appreciate it!



Parent Association

If you would like to be involved in a parent association which will coordinate parent support such as library volunteers, holiday celebrations, Teacher Appreciation activities, etc., please contact Sarah Deshaw at sdeshaw@mac.com.



Field Trips

During the month of September, each class took a field trip to Shelburne Farms. The children and teachers had a terrific time visiting the Children's Farmyard where they collected and weighed eggs, helped with a chicken parade, milked a cow, and counted the many piglets! Each class also got to visit the Renaissance School and enjoy a snack in one the beautiful classrooms.

The classes have also enjoyed taking walking field trips to the waterfront park. The children really enjoy this adventure while they stroll along the boardwalk, explore the beach, play games with the parachute, practice running on the esplanade, and share a picnic snack. During the month of October each class will have the opportunity to visit Rock Point School located along the

shores of Lake Champlain. The children will explore a few of the many wooded trails and open meadows within Rock Point's 150 acres. The children will delight in discovering and picking pumpkins to bring back to their classroom to be enjoyed for various autumn cooking projects.

****Thank you to the parent chaperones who helped out on the field trips ~ Your time is greatly appreciated!***



Ashley's class enjoys the beauty of Shelburne Farms