



# Heartworks Burlington Newsletter November 2011



## Welcome to the 2011-2012 School Year!

### A letter from the Director

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! September was 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. It is truly amazing how quickly the children adapt to a new classroom, teacher, and their surroundings. In each classroom the children are engaged in vibrant activities, learning exciting information, and having lots of fun!

During the month of October, Amanda's class was singing and dancing along as they learned all about musical instruments. The children spent a lot of their day playing many instruments, from triangles to hand drums. The

children have made their own tambourines using paper plates and bells, and learned all about high and low pitch while experimenting with xylophones. While learning about famous artists, the children in Susan's class created beautiful paintings of circle shapes inspired by Kandinsky. They also had a fun and 'messy' time creating splatter art just like Jackson Pollock. The children in Lindsay's class are also budding artists as they are influenced by the masters. After learning about Monet, each child painted a beautiful landscape using dot paint. Ashley's class studied famous musicians. The children were very interested in listening to the different musical styles and would often dance along with the music. While

learning all about the famous children's author, Eric Carle, the children in Heather's Pre-Kindergarten class made their own Eric Carle inspired books. The children are learning the many steps in the writing process and all the work that goes into publishing a book. Nicole's pre kindergarten class learned about the author Leo Lionni. After reading, Swimmy, the class did a wonderful performance reenacting this special book and have made a few beautiful cooperative murals inspired by Leo Lionni.

It has been such a pleasure visiting all of the classrooms and getting to know all of the precious children here at The Heartworks School in Burlington.

~Kathleen Schaffner

### Dates to Remember:

- NOVEMBER 7: HALF DAY  
CLOSE AT NOON FOR  
PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES
- NOVEMBER 8: CLOSED FOR  
PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES
- NOVEMBER 23: HALF DAY  
CLOSE AT NOON FOR  
THANKSGIVING RECESS
- NOVEMBER 24 & 25  
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING  
RECESS

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### **Who's Who at Heartworks Burlington**

#### Two Year Old Class

Amanda Collis  
Nancy Marconi

#### Two/Three Year Old Class

Susan Robinson

#### Three Year Old Class

Lindsay Dorey ~ Long Term Substitute  
Michelle Cheeseman ~ Returning November 14th

#### Three/Four Year Old Class

Ashley Howard

#### Pre Kindergarten Classes

Nicole Mandeville  
Heather Trombley

#### School Director

Kathleen Schaffner



## Parent Teacher Conferences

A sign up sheet for conferences on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are posted on the bulletin board in your child's classroom. 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. If your child stays for the afternoon, you are welcome to sign up for a conference with your child's afternoon teacher as well. 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

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

~Louise H. Piché

## Field Trips

During the month of October the classes enjoyed taking walking field trips to the waterfront park. The children really enjoyed this adventure of strolling along the boardwalk, exploring the beach, playing games with the parachute, running on the esplanade, and discovering hidden pumpkins along the way!  
**\*Thank you to the parent chaperones who helped out on the field trips ~ your time was greatly appreciated!**

## Emergency Info.

Please remember that if you move or change any of your telephone numbers ~ work, home, cell ~ to let us know of the new information.

Thank you!

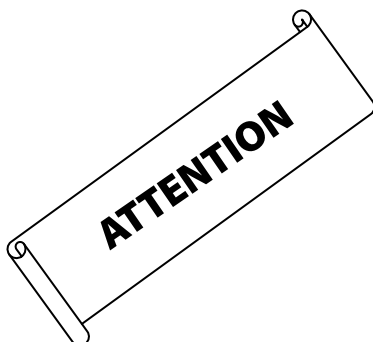
## Parent Night

Thank you for attending your child's classroom parent night. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear about the rhythm of the day, meet other parents, ask general questions, and view all of the excellent work

## Renaissance School Open House

On Wednesday, November 30 from 10:00-11:30 there will be a Kindergarten Open House at The Renaissance School. The meeting will take place at the school on Shelburne Farms. If you are interested in hearing more about The Renaissance School, please RSVP to Kelly Libby, Director of Enrollment, at 985-2153 before Tuesday, November 29th.

We hope to see you there!



Applications for Re-Enrollment for the 2012/13 school year are due by Friday, November 18. This is also the due date for enrolling younger siblings that will start next September. If you need a copy of the applications, please see Kathleen.

**Please remember to check your mail-boxes each day.**

## Classroom Themes

Fall

November



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

Amanda's Class: Australia



Susan & Lindsay/Michelle's Classes: China



Ashley's Class: Mexico



Nicole & Heather's Classes: Kenya



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



Thanksgiving

## Halloween Celebrations

On a bright fall morning, the children arrived at Heartworks Burlington wearing their Halloween costumes. The children were dressed as princesses, animals, explorers and storybook characters among many other creative costumes. Each class was able to participate in a costume

parade throughout the school and around the play yard. Other children, teachers and parents enjoyed seeing the costumes and hearing "Happy Halloween" as the classes paraded by. The children also enjoyed a special Halloween project and some special homemade treats. What a fun day!

Happy Halloween



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

~Montaigne





### **Absent or Running Late**

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

We really appreciate it!

### **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. Remember to label all outdoor clothing with a permanent marker.



### **Friendly Reminders**

- \*Please label all items, including nap items that are brought to school
- \*Your child may appreciate having a water bottle in her/his cubby
- \*Please send your child with sturdy indoor shoes.
- \*Thank you for checking your parent mailboxes daily.
- \*It is important to park in the designated parking spaces and to turn your engine off while dropping off and picking up your children.

**Thank you!**

