

# Heartworks Schools Williston Newsletter October 2009

*Dear Friends,  
Thank you so very much for being a part of our school community. We sincerely thank you for choosing Heartworks, sharing your child with us, and allowing us to spend time with your child.*

*Children are so very special and have so much to offer when we give them the time to learn, to think and to share their thoughts when in a caring and respectful environment. We can learn a lot from them, and we can share a lot about our world with them. How tackling new tasks, skills or being asked to do something new builds confidence and a sense of self and to celebrate those achievements. How important it is to listen to each other, to learn to compromise, to help each other, to take turns and have the patience to wait for a turn, to ask for help, to talk with each other in a respectful and kind way, to believe in each other and to trust each other. We see all of this each and every day at school.*

*Thank you for believing and trusting us with your child; we understand how precious they are and we will do our utmost to provide them with love, kindness, respect, care, and also spark their interest in learning. ~ Lisa ~*

## October Classroom Themes

The school-wide theme this month is: "Animal Homes and People Homes" (Biomes). Each class will learn about the following biomes:

Two year old classes:  
*Life in the Forest*

Three year old classes:  
*Life in the Desert - hot and cold*

Older three/young four year old class:  
*Life in the Mountains*

Four/five year old classes:  
*Life in the Rainforests*

## October and November Calendar of Events

**Thursday, October 22:** No school for Teacher Professional Development

**Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30:** Halloween celebrations

**Wednesday, November 4:** No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences all day

**Thursday, November 5:** School closes at noon for Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 25, 26, 27:** No School for Thanksgiving Recess

## Outside Clothing

As the weather becomes chillier, please be sure your child has a sweatshirt or jacket to wear outside. Please also be sure to check the supply of extra clothing in your child's cubby to ensure that it is adequate for the season. Thank you for writing your child's name inside all of their clothing.

## **Halloween Celebrations**

A separate notice was sent home highlighting the Halloween parade that will take place on October 29 and 30. If you have any questions, please be sure to ask your child's teacher or Lisa.

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

A sign-up sheet for the parent/teacher conferences on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is posted on the bulletin board in your child's class. Please be sure to sign up for a 30-minute individual time with your child's teacher. This is such a wonderful opportunity to have the complete attention of your child's teacher for 30 minutes.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the conference times begin at 8:00 AM and on the November 5<sup>th</sup>, the times begin at 1:10.

Please be sure to make alternate child care arrangements for your child as a conference will not take place with a child present in the room. If the above days/times do not work for you, please speak with your child's teacher to arrange a time that works for the teacher and yourself. Thank you.

We look forward to meeting with you, to answer your questions, and to share all of the wonderful work your child has been engaged in to date.

## **Emergency Contact Information**

Please remember that if you move, change any of your telephone numbers - work, home, cell - to let us know of the new information at any point throughout the school year. Thank you.

## **Thank you**

We would like to extend a thank you to all the parents who drove and chaperoned for our apple orchard field trips for the four oldest classes and the pumpkin patch field trips for our six oldest classes. It was wonderful to have you with us.

It is also nice to know that each classroom writes a thank you note to the hosts of the field trip. It is always fun to read the children's comments of how much they enjoyed the hay ride, picking a pumpkin, their amazement on learning how to press apples into apple cider. Recently the thank you cards were delivered to the apple orchard, and the person receiving them was so appreciative and glad to hear the children had a wonderful time. These simple gestures of writing a thank you note and showing appreciation towards others are only a couple of qualities that we wish to share with children in our day-to day work.

## **News from the Main Office**

Please read the attachment from the Main Office about our enrollment process that will begin soon for September 2010 and tuition payments. Thank you.