

## From the President

Hello CHUM Families,

Happy Fall CHUM families!! I hope everyone has been enjoying the last of our nice weather. It sounds like the children have really gotten into the school routine and all classes are doing great and having fun! It's been a busy month with visitors, field trips, Trike a Thon, and our first class party! The children always have so much fun at the Halloween party and "trick or treating" with classmates. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money through the Trike a Thon! Your efforts and donations help CHUM in so many ways. A special thank you to Kim Curie who put in so much work and really made this event awesome. We appreciate all you do! At CHUM we rely on parent participation and input, if you ever have questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact a board member or myself!

Happy Turkey Day,

Nicole England

CHUM President 2019-2020



# CHUM News



## November 2019

### Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Yankee candle fundraiser forms are due November 11th. Please encourage your friends and families to order online in order to get their shipments in time. Our online store will be open until January 8th so if there are last minute online orders they can still be placed. Forms need to be turned in so that they can be mailed and orders shipped out before Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Curie at [kim.m.curie@gmail.com](mailto:kim.m.curie@gmail.com). Thank you!



### Shoe Drive

This Spring we will hold a fundraiser where we collect shoes. We are trying to collect as many shoes as we can before officially starting our drive so we can meet our goal. Ask friends, family members, people finishing up garage sales, friends of friends. If you have shoes and need a place to store them until we begin the fundraiser, contact Bethany Stevenson at [bstevenson8011@gmail.com](mailto:bstevenson8011@gmail.com) or (269)267-9944. Thanks!

### Tuition is Due!

Just a friendly reminder that the next tuition payment is due **November 15**. Tuition is \$179.07 for the 3s class, \$229.03 for the 4AM class. **Please make your check payable to CHUM Preschool. And please write your child's name and class in the memo line.** We cannot accept payment through CHUM mail so please mail your check to our Treasurer:

Josh Dinkelmeyer  
9607 Oakview Dr.  
Portage, MI 49024

Thank you!

### We Need Substitute Teachers

Please consider substitute teaching! It is a great opportunity to spend time in your child's classroom. You will need to be infant, child and adult CPR and first aid certified. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Molitor at [amandammolitor@yahoo.com](mailto:amandammolitor@yahoo.com).

### Peanut Allergy Alert

CHUM attendance has included children with life-threatening food allergies. The allergic reactions can be severe and life threatening. In an effort to keep our CHUM environment safe, we ask all parents to follow these guidelines: No peanuts, peanut products or products containing traces of peanuts or tree nuts are allowed at CHUM.

- Avoid feeding your child peanuts or any nut butters before coming to CHUM. If you do, wash hands and wipe mouth thoroughly—this is crucial.
- When it is your turn to bring a snack, follow the list given in your orientation folder. Please bring all snacks in the original packages so the labels can be rechecked at school.
- NO homemade items may be brought into CHUM.



Please contact Nicole England 269-207-8750

### Like Us

Please like us on Facebook! If you could also like and comment on our public FB posts, along with tagging CHUM on your personal posts about the school, that would be wonderful! Also, we would love a great review on Facebook or Google. If you have a minute to do so, we would greatly appreciate it. If there is ever anything you feel we can improve upon, please let a board member know. Thank you!



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CHUM Co-op Preschool admits students of ANY race, color, national or ethnic origin

## Health News & Notes

Please contact Health Chair, Amanda Molitor if your child has an illness at 269-998-2087 (text available) or [amandammolitor@yahoo.com](mailto:amandammolitor@yahoo.com). If your child is sick on a non-school day, we would also like for you to contact Amanda. Please keep in mind while working in the classroom, washing hands with soap and water is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. Students wash their hands throughout the day and always before eating snack



## Scholastic Book Order

At CHUM we do Scholastic book orders throughout the year with the exception of September, December, and May. This is a great way to purchase books for your children or gifts for others at great prices. The catalogs and order forms come home through CHUM mail at the beginning of each month. Orders will be due November 7th. Orders can be placed online. Instructions will be included with the order forms. If you have any questions, please contact Bethany Stevenson 269-267-9944- or [bstevenson8011@gmail.com](mailto:bstevenson8011@gmail.com)

## Car Train

When using Car Train either at drop off or pick up, please follow these directions to make things go smoother: Pull up as close as safety allows to the car in front of you. Leave a large space at the drive out onto Romence. We do not want anyone hit because they can't get into the parking lot! Wait in your car until you pull up to the door to meet the parent/teacher. ALL FAMILIES — please wait to strap/buckle your child in until you pull over into the extra spaces. Children whose parents are waiting at the door at dismissal time will be released with the first car train child.. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Holiday Giving Project

For our December service learning project, we will be collecting donations for the SPCA of Southwest Michigan. CHUM Students will also have an opportunity to make something in class to give to the dogs and cats at the shelter. They will be learning about giving, helping others, and treating animals kindly. We may even have an opportunity to visit the shelter to drop off donations and meet some furry friends! We did this giving project last year and the students really enjoyed it. Please look for wish list items on the bulletin board outside the classroom or visit SPCA's website: <http://www.spcaswmich.org>. More information to come!



## Holiday Celebration

Does your family celebrate a holiday in December? If so, please let Lauren know so we can have a month rich with the traditions of all our CHUM families who would like to share. Thank You!



## Lice Checks

12/2 4am Nicole England  
12/3 3am-Amanda Molitor



## Saturday Monthly Cleans

NOVEMBER 2nd  
Meghan H

December 7th  
Curie

## School Calendar

### NOVEMBER

27- No School  
28-29 - No School—Thanksgiving Recess

### DECEMBER

23-31 - No School - Winter Recess

### JANUARY

1-3 No School - Winter Recess  
6- School Resumes  
24- No School

### FEBRUARY

28- No School - Mid-Winter Break

### MARCH

2- No School - Mid-Winter Break

### APRIL

2-10-No School-Spring Recess  
13 -School Resumes

## Play Dough

NOVEMBER—BROWN (WITH CINNAMON SCENT) PLAY DOUGH  
Stevenson

### RECIPE:

3 Cups Flour	3/4 Cup Salt
2 Cups Water (1 ½ - 2 Cups)	1-2Tbs Cinnamon
3 Tbs. vegetable oil (NO peanut or nut oils)	

- 1) Mix the flour, the salt, and the Kool-Aid together.
- 2) Add the oil to the dry ingredients
- 3) Boil the water
- 4) Pour 1 ½ Cups of the water into the dry ingredients and mix with a spoon. Adjust water and flour working the dough until the color is uniform and feels like playdough



## From Mrs. Huberty

Dear CHUM Families,

I can hardly believe we are heading into our third month of school! November seems like just the time to tell you how very thankful the board and I are for our families at CHUM! Thanks to all who assist in providing a wonderful preschool experience and for the opportunity to spend time with your child.

This month, we will focus on safety, families and Thanksgiving. A colored paper 'turkey feather' will arrive home soon to be decorated with family members using any materials you have readily available. Please send the feather back to school to dress up our classroom turkey. I will begin taking attendance using the children's last names, (they enjoy being addressed as "Mister" or "Miss"). The pretend play area will be transformed into a pizzeria and fire station so we can try on the roles of pizza chef and fire fighter coordinating with this month's field trips. Our class cooking will take place at Mancino's.

With the cooler temperatures coming, we will go out each day weather permitting. Please send the appropriate outside clothing and assist your child in learning how to put on (& zip) their coat, hat and gloves. Perhaps your preschooler can show you our 'up and over' trick, it works every time!

A couple of quick reminders:

\*The newsletter calendar lists important days for the month; these are not on the working parent calendar.

\*When working in the classroom, check all bags for INCOMING mail. Parents, write a note on items that might be in question when sent. When working, ask if unsure of something in a child's bag.

\*Please be sure to LOCK and CHECK both classroom doors and the exterior door every time you exit or enter to keep everyone SAFE.

Language development is the focus this month. The links describe how language and speaking are two different processes, ways to support language development and the developmental milestones from birth to age five.

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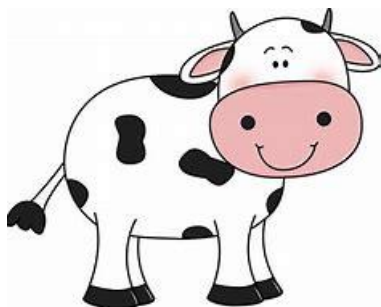
I look forward to another exciting month of preschool with you and your child as we navigate through the daily routine and many social interactions with our peers.

Lauren

## For the 3's

Dear 3's Families,

We've enjoyed our first field trip to Vliestra Dairy Farm, made ice cream that everyone loved, and the sharing bag has been a big hit! Most of the children recognize their own names and some have begun 'reading' the name tags of classmates as we figure out 'who has a job and who has the day off.'



## For the 4's

Dear 4's Families,

Last month, we explored a pumpkin farm, made a bubbling brew and talked about what some animals do to prepare for winter. Most 4-year-olds would migrate to somewhere warm given the choice between adaptation, hibernation and migration. We made delicious chocolate pumpkin muffins and cracked open acorns to see what was inside.

With our talk about families this month, please provide a photo of your family. This can be a snapshot or a portrait; 4 x 6 horizontal. We will use the photo to glue to our art project on Wednesday the 6th. We'll also talk about the letters F and T.

**Date to remember:** Wednesday, December 18: Gingerbread House Day- Parents arrive at 10:45. Children's arrival: 9:00 am for a regular school day. Please note: this is a no sibling event, please make arrangements now for your younger children. If you are unable to arrange to spend this special time with just your preschooler, please plan to pick your child up at the start of our event. Your Gingerbread house and decorations will be available for you to take so you can decorate at home with your preschooler and their siblings.

### 3's Field Trips and Visitors

Wear your CHUM gear on our field trips & arrive 10 minutes before the start time.

**Tuesday, 11/5** Mancino's Pizzeria **field trip** 9AM. Siblings welcome, \$5 if making a pizza, parents can order off the menu. 10100 Shaver Rd, Portage

**Tuesday, 11/26** Portage Fire Department **field trip** 10AM. Siblings welcome, no cost. 7830 Shaver Rd, Portage.

**Thursday, 12/12** Music **visit** with Chapel Hill United Methodist Choir Director Marilyn

**Monday, 1/13** Kids Gym **field trip** 10AM. **Please note this is a combined field trip**; students will attend the field trip Monday and class on Thursday this week. Siblings can watch with a parent from one of the viewing rooms. 9027 Portage Industrial Dr, Portage

**Thursday, 2/27** Dr. Stevenson Dentist Office **field trip** 10AM. Siblings welcome at no cost. 1618 W Milham Ave, Portage

**Tuesday, 3/24** Kalamazoo Nature Center **\*field trip** 10AM. At this time, the class fee covers the cost of your preschooler and 2 additional people to attend; this includes admission for the day if you'd like to pack a lunch and spend the afternoon. 7000 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo **\*Please note, this field trip will be a combined trip with the 4AM class**

### 4's Field Trips and Visitors

Wear your CHUM gear on our field trips & arrive 10 minutes before the start time.

**Monday, 11/4** Mancino's Pizzeria **field trip** 9AM. Siblings welcome, \$5 if making a pizza, parents can order off the menu. 10100 Shaver Rd, Portage

**Friday, 11/22** Public Safety Officer Crouse **visit**.

**Monday, 11/25** Portage Fire Department **field trip** 10AM. Siblings welcome, no cost. 7830 Shaver Rd, Portage.

**Monday, 12/9** SPCA **field trip** 10AM. Siblings welcome, no cost. 6955 W KI Ave, Kalamazoo

**Monday, 1/13** Kids Gym **\*field trip** 10AM. Siblings can watch with a parent from one of the viewing rooms. 9027 Portage Industrial Dr, Portage **\*Please note, this field trip will be a combined trip with the 3AM class.**

**Monday, 2/10** Kalamazoo Valley Museum **field trip** 9:30AM, we will participate in the 10AM story time. Siblings welcome, no cost. 230 N Rose St, Kalamazoo Please plan to pay for parking down town Kalamazoo.

**Tuesday, 3/24** Kalamazoo Nature Center **field trip** 10AM. **Please note this is a combined field trip**; students will attend class Monday, the field trip Tuesday and class on Friday this week. At this time, the class fee covers the cost of your preschooler and 2 additional people to attend; this includes admission for the day if you'd like to pack a lunch and spend the afternoon. 7000 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo

### Songs and Fingerplays

#### Ten Turkeys

(To the Tune of: Turkey in the Straw )

There were 10 fat turkeys standing in a row (hold up ten fingers)

They spread their feathers and tails like so (spread fingers)

They wobble to the left, and they wobble to the right (move fingers left and right)

They say Gobble, gobble, gobble in the bright sunlight



#### Where is Thumbkin

Where is Thumbkin? Where is Thumbkin? (Hands behind your back)

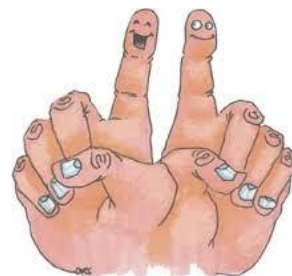
Here I am. Here I am. (Bring out thumbs one at a time)

How are you today sir? Very well I thank you! (Wiggle thumbs as though talking)

Run away. Run away. (Put hands behind back)

Repeat the next 4 verses with the other fingers. Final verse..

Where's the whole family?... (Using whole hand)



### Preschool and Yoga, and Reindeer! Oh My!

Come check out CHUM's Multi-age Preschool Class! CHUM has started a multi-age preschool experience for children ages 2-5.

Cost is \$7 per child. On Monday November 11 from 1-3pm

Mrs. Huberty will be leading a class with two special visitors! A yoga teacher from Santosha Wellness will be guiding the children through a yoga session. Towards the end of class there will be a visit from a live reindeer from the Reindeer Ranch!!!

While the children are enjoying class, the parents will remain on site to share in a discussion led by Rebecca Hernandez, MS, OTR/L, CEIM, the owner of Santosha Wellness. She will be talking about sensory development and beneficial activities from birth to age 5, including sensory challenges and how to provide support when dysregulation occurs. Babies in arms (or carriers) are welcome at no additional cost.

## Crossing Midline Starts with Brooms and Rakes!

At CHUM, we do a lot of activities for Crossing the Midline. Here is an explanation as to why it is necessary for the development of our preschoolers.

Crossing the midline means that the two sides of the brain are working together in activity and is first expressed through gross motor movements. Movements such as erasing the chalkboard, wiping off a table, sweeping the floor, raking leaves, or reaching across the center of the body for passing/retrieving objects are perfect, everyday activities that encourage crossing the midline. Young children are one step closer to forming shapes, symbols, and letters such as a plus sign (+), x, N, and t when they use their hands and arms across the body in functional, gross motor activities. Gross motor development supports the fine motor development of young children!

Two wonderful crossing the midline activities mentioned above are sweeping the floor and raking leaves - children love to be big helpers! But please remember, the perfectly swept floor or impeccable pile of leaves is not the goal when young children sweep and rake. Rather, it is understanding that the physical process of crossing the midline activities facilitates high-level brain development needed for performing the skill of handwriting!

Dr. Marianne Gibbs is an occupational therapist and educational consultant.



### October Board Meeting Minutes

Chum Co-op Preschool Board Meeting  
October 1st, 2019

#### Executive Board Reports:

1. Communications Director: Bethany
  - a. Approve last month's minutes **Troy approve Karen second**
  - b. Make sure to contact Bethany if you need thank you notes. All field trips and visitors should get one. Board members are responsible for writing their own. **Lauren writing thank you notes Kim will start**
  - c. Non-discriminatory ad for newspaper-be sure to get 2 copies and keep the entire page for proof of publishing date. Monday's are cheaper in the Kalamazoo Gazette. **Needed for 501C Will look into online advertisement**
  - d. Scrip update? **Went well one order this month but lots of families registered**
2. President: Nicole
  - a. Thank you everyone for Orientation and getting school kicked off right with the super quick extra meeting thrown in there!
  - b. Reminder that we have Parent Teacher Conferences in spring-- dates? **Monday March 23rd**
3. Vice President: Karen
  - a. Do we have any make-up orientations that need to be done? **Karen will contact Jessica and if it doesn't work Bethany will do it**
  - b. Are we doing a parent's night out? **Bethany will host. Put a poll on FB**
  - c. What else do we need to set up for the multi-age class? **Sign in sheet with parents name, child's name, birthdate, parent email**
  - d. Delegate who will be in charge of those classes.
    - i. Include scheduling, format, contacting people, marketing  
**Karen will take care of the next one. Other dates are November 11, January 14<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>**
4. Treasurer's: Josh and Troy
  - a. Bills paid? **Yes**
  - b. Update of budget sent around **End year around \$16,000-\$17,000. Not as much cost. Budget had historically counted Lauren's taxes twice**
  - c. Are families all up to date with fees/tuition? **Yes**
  - d. Send email reminders to families about upcoming tuition

#### Teacher Reports: Lauren Huberty

**Dog Biscuits went well. Visitors engaging Pre Saturday clean duties have begun**

#### General Board Reports:

1. Fundraising: Kim
  - a. Profit from t-shirt sales? **\$168.55**
  - b. Profit from Erbelli's? **\$50**
  - c. Trike-a-thon
    - i. What equipment do you need?

- ii. Who do you have for set-up/tear down?
- iii. Do we have an RSVP on Facebook for an estimate on numbers?
- iv. Blast reminders on Facebook and send a reminder home for families to turn in their pledges.
- v. Please be aware that if we are forced inside due to weather we will be in our classroom and the area where we were for orientation. We will need to pick up after ourselves and clean the bathrooms; the church has an event there later that day.

#### 2. Student Services: Amanda

- a. Remind our first family that they have the clean this Saturday and make sure they get the keys.
- b. Any playground equipment that needs repairs?
- c. Do we need a babysitter for the November board meeting?
- d. Help Kim with volunteers for Trike if she needs them!
- e. Picture day: do we need helpers? Which day is it? **October 14<sup>th</sup>**
- f. Supplies all purchased? **Will need a few things later**

#### 3. Personnel: Amanda

- a. Update on our sub list? CPR/Redcross on file?
- b. White cards completed? **yes**
- c. Do we want to adopt a family for our holiday project? Stick with SPCA?
- d. State Medication at school forms on file? Emergency action plans all set up?
- e. How did lice check go?

#### 4. Field Trips: Lauren

- a. How have our visitors been?
- b. Make sure to get Bethany the updated days and times of visitors and field trips.
- c. Who is doing the Facebook reminder post? Do we need to send something home to our families in CHUM mail for field trip reminders?

#### 5. Admissions: Bethany

- a. When we get new families please be sure to email the entire board so we ensure they are getting added to everyone's list.
- b. Enrollment update
- c. How many postcards should Kim get? Can we get a list of former CHUMmers? **I will look and get back to Kim**
- d. If we stay open- do we want to ask the Church about asking for some sort of discount on our rent and offer a discount to their parish in return?

**Old Business: Vote on keeping CHUM open for 2020/2021 School year**

**New Business:**

**Adjournment Karen and Josh 2nd**

November				2019			3AM-Yellow 4AM-Red
				<b>3am please bring diaper wipes</b>			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	4AM-Mancino;s Pizza Field Trip 9AM	3AM- Mancino;s Pizza Field Trip 9AM	4AM-Family Picture Due/Letter F				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	4AM-Letter T	3AM-Brown Day-Please wear brown	4AM-Brown Day-Please wear brown	4AM-Square Day-bring or wear a square	3AM-Square Day-bring or wear a square		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
					4AM-Public Safety Officer Crouse visit		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	4AM-Portage Fire Department field trip 10AM	3AM-Portage Fire Department field trip 10AM	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break		



# Munch & Learn with



## Everyday Fun With Math

December 4th — 11:30am-12:30pm

Please RSVP to Lauren by November 27th

Using fun and simple activities that occur naturally throughout the day, you and your child have the opportunity to explore more math concepts such as part-whole relationships, shapes, spatial awareness, measuring, patterns, and data analysis. Join us for ideas on how to be intentional about everyday math moments.

**Snacks & Beverages provided**