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Otter Creek Child Center **October News**

From the Office:

Workday: Thank you to Jeff Meyers, Jennifer Murdoch, Varna, Sunder and Srivatsan Ramaswamy, Puanani and Justin Perdue, Liz and Jason LeBeau, Heather Potter and Ray Dora. Because of your hard work the Parent Workday goals were accomplished. But those parents who could not make it should not worry, it was too cold to do any exterior painting, so you'll get your chance in the spring! Thank you also to Jennifer Cyr for delivering the delicious home made muffins.

Outdoor spaces: If you would like to be part of the planning and implementation of outdoor learning environments here at the center, please come to the workshop on Oct. 24th from 6:00 till 7:30.

Reminder: The center will be closed on Friday, Oct. 20 for Inservice.

Family Boards: In the past we have had family boards in our hallway as a way of making our commitment to children and families visible. As a staff are thinking about new ways to acknowledge the importance of families to the center. Input from parents is a necessary part of that process, so included in this newsletter is a questionnaire. Please respond and return it to the baskets in the front and upstairs halls marked "For Johanna or Marie"

Toys From Home: We are asking families to please limit toys from home coming to the center. If our child needs to bring a transitional item, please allow only one toy that can fit in your child's cubby and is not a superhero toy or weapon. A stuffed animal or a special blanket or pillow usually works best for this purpose.

Day light saving: Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 28th. Do you think any of our children will stay in bed for that extra hour, so we can get some sleep?

Family Board Questionnaire:

What do you think would best represent your family for friends and visitors to the center?

- Family photo
- Photos of children only
- Family photo with cultural info.
- Collaborative work of art to which all families contribute
- Other ideas

What do you think best tells friends and visitors to the center about Otter Creek?

- Family photos with cultural information
- Family photos with family history pertaining to Otter Creek
- Family photos alone
- Children's photos
- Collaborative work of art to which children and families contribute
- Other

Where would you like to see this information?

- Common areas
- Classrooms

Comments: