

# SCOTTY'S NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2024



### DIRECTOR'S KORNER



It's the month of giving thanks, and I would like to extend my sincere THANK YOU to all of our wonderful families in trusting Scotty's to care for your precious children. We are honored and understand the magnitude of your decision. Nothing brings us more joy than seeing those sweet faces every day.

As many of you know, my youngest son, Steven, is a Major in the US Army Reserves. I would like to extend a special **Thank You!** to all who have served our great nation.

About half of the children so far have received their Flu Shot; thank you! Whether it is on the form we gave you, or a signed note from their pediatrician, please bring these in before December 13th.

Please make note that we will be closing at 2:00pm on Tuesday, December 31st in order to give time for families and staff to attend New Year's Eve festivities.

Please note that our Pizza Days for Weeks 3 & 4 will be on Wednesday due to our Thanksgiving Feast and being off for Thanksgiving.

With the cold weather approaching, please take the time to sign up for the WFSB Text Alert system (info found on back of this Newsletter). It is the quickest way to know if we are closed, delayed opening or early closure.

I hope you have a beautiful Thanksgiving filled with lots of love, quality family time and good food!

*Lillian*

This & That

#### CALL OUT POLICY

If you know your child is going to be absent, please give us a call to let us know. This lets us know that your child is safely home with their parent. This goes for all Latchkey children also so we know if a child will not be needing school transportation.

#### PARENT'S EMAIL ON FILE

It is important that we have a working email for at least one parent on file. This is how we will let parents know of closures / delayed openings / early closings in the event of severe weather. This is also our first line of communication in an emergency situation. Once children are brought to a safe location only then will we be able to make phone calls. Please send an email to [skkpdc@skkpdc.com](mailto:skkpdc@skkpdc.com) if you are unsure if we have your email on file, or if you would like to add an additional email to your file.

★ A Special **THANK YOU** to all those Veterans who have served. ★  
★ Home of the free, because of the brave. ★

### Just for Fun

Q: What did the turkey say to the computer?  
A: Google, google!

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### November Highlights

**November** is a month with lots of learning, but also lots of fun and anticipation for the upcoming holidays.

**Week 1** we take the time to learn about **American Heroes**, focusing on a different **MILITARY** branch of the military every day and why they are so important to the safety of us and our Nation.

**Week 2** begins our unit on **Early Life in America**. Focusing on Native Americans and their traditional clothing and foods is a way for children to learn about the Indigenous People of America. This week we will also take time to learn what Veteran means and why they are important to America.

**Week 3** continues with learning about **Pilgrims**. We will continue learning about traditional clothing and structures, but the real fun comes on Thursday when we have our annual **Scotty's Thanksgiving Feast!** Please look for the party sign-up in your child's classroom, and please let their teacher know of any allergies/dietary restrictions.

**Week 4** is a short week where we focus on some cute **Thanksgiving** crafts, and have the children open up their minds and hearts and think about what they are truly thankful for. Their responses are sure to put a smile on your face, and warmth in your heart.

**Reminder:** We will be **CLOSED** both Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.



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### 2024 HOLIDAY & VACATION CALENDAR

**Thanksgiving - Nov 28-29**  
Scotty's is closed on **Thu, Nov 28th & Fri, Nov 29th** in observance of Thanksgiving  
Full tuition is due the week of Nov 25

**New Year's Eve- Dec 31**  
Scotty's will close early at **2:00pm** on **Tuesday, Dec 31st** in order for staff and families to enjoy New Year's Eve celebrations.  
Full tuition is due the week of Dec 30



**Winter Vacation Shutdown**  
Scotty's will be closed the week of **December 23 thru December 27** for our Winter Vacation Shutdown  
**No** tuition is due the week of December 23

**New Year's Day - Jan 1st**  
Scotty's is closed **Wednesday, January 1st**  
In observance of New Year's Day  
Full tuition is due the week of Dec 30



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### Health & Wellness



**IT'S GETTING COLDER:** and Parents should change over their child's extra clothing, that they have here for emergencies, to warmer seasonally appropriate clothing. Also, each child is required to bring a coat/jacket and sneakers for outdoor play in the colder weather. If there is snow on the ground, children will need snow boots to go outside. Children are not permitted to participate in outdoor play unless they have a coat/jacket and sneakers/boots.



**ANNUAL FLU SHOT:** Connecticut State Regulations require that all children ages 6 to 59 months attending a day care and/or preschool facility receive an annual influenza vaccine. We have passed out the flu shot reminder form to all families and have started to receive some back already. REMEMBER that your child's flu shot must be done before December 13th and the signed form returned to us. Thank you to all of the families that have turned in the completed form.



#### THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulations mandate that a current health assessment record be in your child's day care file.



This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals.

It is required that the Parents fill out and sign Part I on page 1 of the form prior to visiting the doctor.

The doctor must fill out and sign Part II on pages 2 and 3.

Please be sure to review the form before leaving the doctor's office to be sure that they have completed the form, especially that they have:

- filled in the date of the exam - pg 2
- filled in the Medical Evaluation section - pg2
- filled in the TB Risk section - pg 2
- filled in the Developmental Assessment section - pg 2
- filled in the Immunizations section - pg 2
- signed the form - pg 2
- filled out and initialed the Immunization Record - pg 3

(note that a printout of the doctor's Immunization record form is acceptable in place of page 3)

**No incomplete forms can be accepted.**

The forms are available for you here at Scotty's, or on our website ([www.scottyskiddykorner.com](http://www.scottyskiddykorner.com)) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.

### STAFF Spotlight



Miss Destany  
Teacher

This month we would like to shine the spotlight on Miss Destany. Miss Destany has worked at Scotty's since March, and has quickly gained experience in every classroom. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Entrepreneurial Leadership from Landmark College. As a teacher, she likes growing the children's minds and being able to learn their personalities. She grew up in a big family and has always loved kids. When not working, Miss Destany loves spending time with her family and friends, and enjoying movie nights in. A fun fact about Miss Destany is she was born in California and adopted at age 6. It was then she moved to Connecticut and the rest is history.



### Just for Fun

Q: What sound does a turkey's phone make?

A: Wing, wing!

### Letters to Santa

Once again Santa has informed us that he will be placing his mailbox in our main lobby on the Monday after Thanksgiving for children to mail their **Christmas Wish Letters**. Santa says that he will personally read and reply to every letter that has a return address (no return envelope or stamp is needed as Santa uses his own). The main lobby is open Monday to Friday from 6:30am to 5:30pm. Your child's letter must be in Santa's mailbox by the end of the day on Monday, December 16th for Santa's reply to reach your child before Christmas Day.

### ! SAFETY FIRST !

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER:



With the change of seasons, inclement weather is always a possibility. Those of you that have been with Scotty's for years know that we make every attempt to be open daily, but weather and travel safety factors can cause us to announce late openings, early closings and full day closings. We announce these over the radio, television, on the web and through our own emergency email blast to each parent that has provided us with an email contact address. If you have changed your email address recently, please be sure to notify us so we can update our records to make sure that you receive our emergency email announcements. Here is a listing of where to tune in to for our emergency announcements:

**Television:** WFSB-TV Channel 3 and FOX CT Channel 6

**On the Web:** [WRCH.com](http://WRCH.com) [HOT937.com](http://HOT937.com) [WFSB.com](http://WFSB.com) [CTNOW.com](http://CTNOW.com) and [COURANT.com](http://COURANT.com)

**In addition:** WFSB-TV Channel 3 Early Warning Network has a TEXT ALERT system for parents, staff and teachers from Day Cares to be made instantly aware of delays when their Day Care enters their announcement with WFSB. To enroll in this TEXT ALERT program, visit the following link online:

<http://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=c1616077-39d9-4682-b0ca-63a1ee174441>



We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

Ishaan Oleti  
Jackson Quint  
Bennett Willis

