

SCOTTY'S NEWS

December 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



DIRECTOR'S KORNER



It's **December!** 2024 is coming to a close, but not before a month filled with Holiday Fun!

Please make sure that if your child is between 6-59 months that you send in proof of their Flu Shot. It is required by the State of Connecticut Regulations. Scotty's deadline is December 13th so we can properly document it before our Winter Shutdown. If your child does not have proof of Flu Shot by December 31st we will not be able to care for them until they do.

A friendly reminder that we will be closing early on Tuesday, December 31st at 2:00pm!

I also want to end the year sending a big **'Thank You'** to all of you. It does not go unnoticed that you trust us with the care of your little ones, and that is something I do not take lightly. Thank you for making Scotty's a home away from home for your children.

I hope your Holiday break is filled with lots of love, relaxation and memory making. Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy Holiday season!

Lillian

Letters to Santa

Once again Santa has placed his mailbox in our main lobby for children to mail their **Christmas Wish Letters**. Santa says that he will personally reply to every letter that has a return address (no return envelope or stamp is needed as Santa uses his own).

The 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.

If your child is one that mailed his/her letter to Santa in our lobby mailbox, their original letter is available as a keepsake for you to keep with Santa's reply.

Just ask for it from Lillian and we'll discretely return it to you.

Just for Fun

Q: What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?
A: Orna-mints!

2024 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR

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 Eve- Dec 31


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


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


DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

'Tis the **Season** for all of the Holiday fun!

Week 1 we begin the month kicking off the start of the holiday season with a week about **Christmas in America**. Crafting some classic favorites while learning about some American traditions is sure to bring lots of smiles. 

Week 2 we will venture into learning about some **Holidays in December** to include a handmade Christmas card. The children will also create a Kinara for **Kwanzaa** and a Menorah for **Hanukkah**. 


If you have a cultural holiday tradition that your family celebrates and would like to share with your child's class, please let Lillian know.

Week 3 is a time to let the children relax and have fun. **Free art** will be the focus this week; allowing the children to listen to what their little bodies and minds want them to create. We will end the week with a **Holiday Party on Friday, December 20** for **classes Toddler-1 through Kids' Klub**. Our party will include a gift exchange for the children. We ask the parents to bring in a \$5.00 unisex gift so their child can participate in the gift exchange. Please wrap the gift and label it: 

To: My Friend
From: (your child's name).

Also, be on the look out for the party sign up sheet that will be posted in your child's classroom.

If your child has any dietary restrictions, Please let Lillian know.

Week 4 we return from break ready to explore **Ice** and **Snow**. This week, children will also have **Show and Tell**.  This is a great way for children to work on their public speaking skills, as well as their confidence! We ask that the item brought in can fit in their cubby.

Reminder: We will be closed the week of 12/23 for our Annual Winter Vacation Shutdown. We will reopen on Monday, 12/30, and on Tuesday, 12/31 we will close at 2:00pm. We will be closed Wednesday, January 1 for New Years Day.



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Health & Wellness

WINTER WEATHER has arrived and this affects the children's outerwear needs for outdoor play. For outside play during the winter months, **each child must have sneakers or winter boots, gloves/mittens, a coat and hat.** When there is snow on the ground, boots and snow pants are required. Children will not be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed.

NOTE: *Scotty's policy is to not take the children outside when the temperature or the temperature with wind chill factored in falls below 30°F. We will also cancel outdoor play when extreme weather conditions are forecast.*

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) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.



Per the State of Connecticut, we are required to conduct monthly fire drills, as well as other safety drills throughout the year. The staff and children have done exceedingly well during these drills.

If by chance, you are in the building when an evacuation happens, either stay with your child and exit with their class, or leave the child in the care of the teacher and exit the building to your vehicle. If you get into your car, please **DO NOT** move your vehicle. Children are coming from all exit doors to their designated safe spot on the other side of the parking lot near Lower Butcher Rd. and will be returning to the building the same way so we need to exercise extreme caution.

If you are trying to arrive when an evacuation is in place, please **DO NOT** enter the parking lot. A staff member will be located at each entrance of the parking lot to stop you in the driveway until the drill is over.

If you are in your parked vehicle and an evacuation is occurring, please **DO NOT** take your child until the classes have officially been released to reenter the building. You may join your child and their class, but you will not be allowed to leave until the official release. Please **DO NOT** move your vehicle until all children have returned to the building.

We thank you for your cooperation. The safety of our staff and children is our top priority. Please let us know if you have any questions.



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 HOT937.com
WFSB.com CTNOW.com and
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>



 **Just for Fun**

Q: What do cows light when celebrating Hanukkah?
A: A 'manure'-ah

This & That **WHEN WINTER WEATHER HITS**
we do our best to keep our sidewalks, parking lot and driveways clear and safe. Please realize that there may still be slippery spots or accumulation while it is storming. Please take special care when arriving and departing as children and parents may be moving around their cars. Let us all stay safe and be alert during the cold and snowy winter weather season.



Scotty's
Wishes everyone a Very
Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!