

# TORBANK NURSERY SCHOOL

November 2018 Newsletter



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

November will kick off our parent/teacher conferences. Please be sure to sign up for a conference to discuss your child's day-to-day activities and home experiences with his/her teacher. This is not an evaluation, it is an exchange of information to enrich your child's experience here at Torbank. It helps both teacher and parent to better understand, encourage and support your child.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

**3's + 4's class:** Thursday, Nov. 8th & Friday, Nov. 9th

**2's class:** Thursday, Nov. 15th & Friday, Nov. 16th

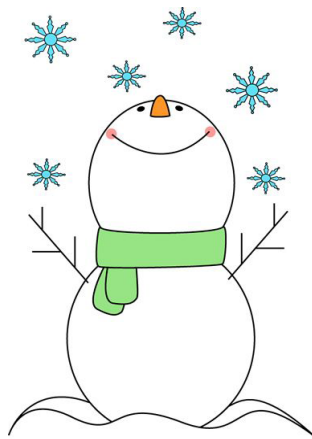
## Snow Happens!

### WHERE TO GET INFORMATION?

It is not too early for snow! When the next snow comes, Torbank will follow the Ossining Public School (OPS) system for closings on a snowy or icy morning. If the OPS are closed, Torbank will be closed. If the OPS are on a 2 hour delay, then Torbank will be closed. Gayle will also send an email and activate the Blackboard Connect.

**WHERE TO LISTEN?** You can tune your radio to WHUD (100.7 FM) to hear school closings on a snowy or icy morning. If snow starts while school is in session, use your judgment about picking up your child. The roads/driveway can get very slippery and you may want to get your child early. As a precaution, if the roads are icy, you may not want to exit the parking lot via the normal exit. It is sometimes difficult to see oncoming cars and it may be difficult to stop. Instead, exit by the way of your usual entrance on Apple Farm Road.

**WHAT TO WEAR?** Winter is a wonderful time for outdoor play if your child is dressed properly. If there is snow on the ground, we recommend that children bring snow pants in their Torbank bag along with warm items: hat, mittens (no gloves please, unless your child can put them on by themselves) and boots. If your child wears boots to school, please send his/her shoes in their bag. Be sure to put your child's name on everything.



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## Give Thanks!

We celebrate **Thanksgiving** in all our classes. We will make Native American & Pilgrim costumes for our pretend banquet.

## Does your employer match charitable contributions made by their employees?

Employee Matching Gifts are donations an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. If you work for a company with a workplace giving program, it can be an additional source of funding for Torbank. If you participate in a Torbank fundraising event, your employer may match a portion of the money you raise. Typically, individuals must submit forms to their employers. You can probably get more info from your human resources department.

# Notes from the Staff



## ABSENCES

Please be reminded to give the school a call if your child will not be attending school that day. It is helpful to the teachers to be aware of the absence in order to carry on with the activities of the day. It is also important for the school to be notified in order to keep a proper record of your child's attendance. Please let us know if your child has contracted a communicable disease. Thank you for your cooperation.



## CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION

Parents are encouraged to participate in the classroom at Torbank. Parents who are interested in partaking in their child's class may do so by speaking to their teacher to set up an appropriate date, one parent at a time. The children love having Mom or Dad in their classroom for the day and this is a great way for you to become familiar with your child's school routine.



## CLASSROOM CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are looking for families to collect empty gallon milk containers and babyfood jars with lids to be used for upcoming classroom crafts. Thank you in advance!

# Fundraising

## SHUTTERFLY (ONGOING)

From photos to holiday cards and everything in between, Torbank has partnered with Shutterfly and affiliates to create our own private storefront. Shop like you usually would except use our storefront site and Torbank receives 13% of all purchases! <http://torbank.shutterflystorefront.com/>

## AMAZON SMILE (ONGOING)

Torbank is now set up on Amazon Smile and will receive .5% on purchases you make via Amazon Smile! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1839665> and select Torbank as your organization to support. You can also go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Torbank there as well. Happy Shopping!

## GOGO SQUEEZE RECYCLING

We are participating in the GoGo SqueeZ/Terra Cycle recycling program. Help us collect empty pouches (any brand!) and we'll send them to Terra Cycle. In return, they'll give Torbank \$0.02/pouch. A container will be placed by the front door of the school for collection. Please rinse and dry all pouches.

# Save The Date

## Pancake Breakfast:

Saturday,  
January 26, 2019

## Words on Woods Party:

Saturday,  
February 23, 2019

## Torbank Night Out:

Saturday,  
March 23, 2019

# November Teacher Talks



Thanksgiving is the focus for November, with several art projects and a fun celebration! We will be making brown play dough, scarecrows, Native American necklaces and rattles. Of course, no Thanksgiving would be complete without a project for you to proudly display in your home! We will also be learning some fun Thanksgiving songs.

Our Thanksgiving Feasts will take place on Monday, November 19th, with the 3 year old class, and Tuesday November 20th with the 3 & 4 year old classes. The two's will be bringing popcorn to the celebration, dressed in pilgrim hats that they will make.

Parent -Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 15th and Friday, November 16th. Please look for sign up sheets the first week in November. Along with November comes the cooler weather, so please be sure to pack appropriate clothing (coats, hats, mittens) for outdoor play. Please label your child's coats and hats. Happy Thanksgiving! **Miss Suzanne and Miss Tina**



November brings a wonderful, festive time in our classroom. We will talk about all of the things that we are thankful for and discuss traditions and celebrations we have with families and friends. We will have our traditional Thanksgiving feast with the 2's and 4's classes at Torbank. Our class will bake corn bread to bring to the gathering. We will read fall and Thanksgiving- themed books and learn fun new songs. We will also work on several Thanksgiving themed projects. Our favorite one is a turkey that we make with cutouts of our hand and foot tracings.

We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! **Miss Leanne, Miss Daria, Miss Cheryl, Miss Meredith**



We'll Start November with a visit by a Fireman and a Town Fire Truck. This will be great fun and will give us the opportunity to talk about fire safety in your home. We will equip the room with miniature fire hats and jackets, as well as small yellow hoses. They can pretend to be Firefighters and experience all that entails.

Of course November means Thanksgiving. We'll talk about how we are grateful for all of our blessings and how we celebrate with our family. We'll learn how the Native Americans were the first people to live in America, and how the Pilgrims came from Europe across the ocean in boats, and that they joined together in the first Thanksgiving Feast.

The children will make Native American headdresses and decorate them using shapes and colors to make patterns. Some of our other crafts will be relating to the Native American who's culture is so rich with stories about their love and dependence on nature and their animal brothers. We will focus on animals and how they are now preparing for the cold months ahead.

We will continue with phonics, learning the sound of each letter of the alphabet.

The children will be rolling up their sleeves and helping to prepare some bread for our feast with the 2s and 3s at the end of the month.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. **Miss Mary and Miss Kris**