



News from the Meadow
December 2016

**HOLIDAY EXPRESS DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL
DECEMBER 2nd**

The staff and I would like to thank everyone who has already donated to Holiday Express, and there is still time to donate, if you would like. Any donation will be appreciated as we hope to help the children of the Audrey Hepburn House have a very Merry Christmas.

December is here, believe it or not! It's a great month and before you know it, we'll be caught up in the hustle and bustle of this very special month. We will be playing holiday music, singing songs and painting menorahs and trees. We will also be listening to how our new friends celebrate this wonderful month of holidays. We take this opportunity to invite you to share any of your family traditions with your child's class. Some examples may include: *read a special story, cook a special snack, sing a song in a different language or talk about Hanukkah or Christmas traditions.* We feel that if children learn about different customs at a young age, they will embrace people's differences as they grow up. The teachers at Meadow Flower will not discuss the religious aspects of the holiday season, but families are welcome to come in with their special nativity set or menorah and explain why they are special to their family. The holiday season stretches until January and the visibility, hype and enthusiasm is bound to rub off on the children. Nursery school is a good place to discuss cultural customs and de-emphasize the "gift giving" season. If anyone objects to their child participating in any holiday crafts, please speak to the teacher so we can work it out.

The whisper sound of December won't be heard for long, but *special gifts* will be worked on in each class and the element of secrecy will prevail. It is not easy for the little ones to keep a secret, so try not to ask, "What did you do in school today?" Your help may be needed to find the right place to hide such a treasured gift, but remember **NO PEEKING**, the surprise and excitement will be something you'll remember for years to come.



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Registration for September 2017 is well underway. Everyone in-house should have received their acceptance letter. **The first payment is due in December to hold your child's spot in the class.** Our first public open house will be held on Tuesday December 6th at 9:00 AM. I do appreciate it if you would please tell your friends and have them come for a visit. There will be two more open houses in January. If anyone is unable to attend an open house please have them call the school office to make an appointment for a tour.

Inclement Weather – You will receive an email if school will be closed due to the weather. School is cancelled after consulting with the local police about road conditions and other school closings. We do not have delayed openings. If bad weather develops during a school session, feel free to pick up your child early.

Dress for the weather – Remember we love to go outside in all-weather at Meadow Flower. You can reuse your shopping bags by putting boots and snow pants in them, and hang them on your child's coat hook. It would be greatly appreciated if you send **mittens** instead of gloves. It is not necessary for your child to wear everything when they come to school, as dressing is part of every class's curriculum. Please remember to put your **CHILD'S NAME** on everything.

REMINDERS

It has been brought to my attention that people are leaving their cars running while they drop off or pick up their children. This is a safety hazard and I ask that you please turn off your car's engine.

1. Tuition payment #5 is due. I will be sending out statements in the next few weeks to those accounts that aren't current.
2. **We must have authorization of Flu shot given by Dec. 31, 2016.** If your child doesn't get the flu vaccine by then, I will have to ask that they don't return to school until they receive the shot.
3. Please call the school office when your child will not be in school. If your child is not well let us know.

The staff of Meadow Flower Nursery School would like to wish you and yours a very happy holiday. May the giving of love each day be your special gift to everyone you hold dear.



Happy Holidays!
See you on
Monday Jan.2, 2017

