



Dear Sunshine Families,

November 2, 2020

Well, the weather has gone a bit wonky, but we're still making it outside every day! Thank you for sending appropriate clothing. At this time, it would be a great idea to buy a reusable shopping bag from a grocery store to label and fill with snow gear to be kept here at school. Watch for extra gently-worn snow gear available from friends and neighbors (or favorite online thrift sites) as two pairs (snow pants, boots, mittens, wool socks) are ALWAYS better than one! Label. Label. Label.

Dates to Remember:

11/3 Yoga

11/11 SNS will be closed for Veteran's Day.

11/25 Yoga

11/25 No Stay & Play SNS closes @12:30, 12:45, 1pm due to Thanksgiving Break.

Flu Clinics:

The Arlington Health Department will be hosting a series of Flu Clinics for children ages 6 months to 18 years old. These clinics (at Ottoson, Stratton and AHS) will be open to any child living in Arlington. Details will follow in a separate email.

The cold and flu season is upon us! We are already beginning to see symptoms. Unfortunately, many of these common cold symptoms are also symptoms of the Coronavirus. We are so grateful that everyone is erring on the side of caution and keeping their children home when any symptoms appear. If you are unclear please don't hesitate to call your PCP for advice.

As always, if your child is involved in other **group activities after school** and on the weekends, we ask that you remember to keep the groups small, practice social distancing, mask wearing and frequent handwashing even while away from Sunshine. Our actions in and out of school affect the wellbeing of our entire SNS community.

Community Service: As in the past, we are partnering with AYCC (Arlington Youth Counseling Center) in a long-standing tradition to provide **complete Thanksgiving meals** to families in our community who are facing economic hardship. Each year, we invite Sunshine families to sign up to donate an item for Thanksgiving dinner. We also include a few gift cards so they can purchase a turkey and extras themselves. We then assemble all the donations into beautiful baskets that we give to AYCC to be delivered to the families. Details on this lovely project will follow in a separate email

Arlington Eats: Thank you for all of your cereal donations last month and to Consuela Harr for filling the back of her car with Cheerios and delivering them to the food pantry. Next month we will begin a new collection based on the needs of the food pantry.

School Photos: Your school photos just came back and will go home in backpacks tomorrow. If you did not order any but like the proof, you can still order. Sunshine receives 15% of all sales.

Room Parents: I have asked a parent or two from each classroom to act as “Room Parent”. If you have not yet, you will soon be hearing from your room parent. (Jessica Wadden/3s, Liz Crowley and Shaunna Baird/4s, and Ashley Silverman and Brittany Granger/PreK) These parents will collect \$ to create a small classroom “slush fund” and may contact you additionally if they need help for events throughout the year. Details will follow from your Room Parent.

Thanksgiving Visits: If you are planning to travel or visit family over Thanksgiving, please remember that your actions affect the entire Sunshine Community. If you or a family member travel out of state please visit <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form> for an update on any travel restrictions to and from Massachusetts.

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So grateful for our good health and supportive community,

Jenn