

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "AGUMCC's Community Service Project" and gave their spare change for the Pennies for Turkeys Drive. This is a simple way to help the children understand the need of others. The Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry also greatly appreciates your contributions. They will use the money to purchase turkeys for the Christmas Baskets, which will be given to families in our community. Did you know that every \$1.00 we contributed is equivalent to \$10.00 at the Food Pantry?!



This month, each family will receive a "Family Heritage Information Sheet". This is another way we can work together to build the relationship between home and school. Please complete and return it to your child's teacher. This project will help us to learn more about your family and the traditions you may celebrate. If your family has a tradition that you would like to share with your child's classmates, please make sure to tell your child's teacher or message them through the Child Pilot App. We hope everyone feels welcomed and connected here as we invite you to share your family traditions with us.

We are selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. Don't stand in the long line at the store; order your see's candy Online through **SEE'S CANDY YUM-RAISING**. The last day to order is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**. The candy you order will be mailed directly to the address you provide. This Fundraiser will help purchase supplies for the classrooms. If you are not familiar with ordering on line please contact the school office at 805-481-2223.

Friday, Dec. 17, 21 we will be having a school-wide "Pajama Day". This is also **Minimum Day**. School closes at 12:00 noon. In addition, school will be closed for **Christmas Break Dec. 20-24, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2021** to observe **New Years Day**.

The results are in from our Fall 2021 Family Survey. Of all participants, 96.4% were very satisfied with the overall quality of this program. We are so pleased that 100% of the families surveyed felt their child was well cared for and that they are happy and enjoy participating in the program. Also, 100% felt the program promotes their child's learning and development and that the staff meets their child's individual needs. According to the survey, families choose our program for these reasons: the age appropriate curriculum, socialization, and low child to teacher ratio. Parent involvement is key to our school's success. Over 40% said they helped with laundry, 46% donated supplies to the school, and 7% participated in fundraisers. The most popular way families like to receive information is through Child Pilot, which was the preference for 92% of those we surveyed. The next best way is in person. (See the attached summary for more details.) Thank you to all families who participated in the survey. Your feedback is incredibly helpful in our efforts to improve our program.

Dates To Remember

- **Friday, December 3-** School Closes at 3:30, for Staff Development. It's **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!** Show your school spirit and wear your AGUMCC t-shirt.
- **Friday, December 17 - Pajama Party Day and a Minimum Day.** Children get to wear their favorite pajamas to school. School will close at 12:00 noon. (No lunch that day.)
- **Monday through Friday, December 20-24 - School is closed for Christmas Break.**
- **Friday, December 31 School is closed to observe New Year's Day**

Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN.

Make a difference in a child's life with a "Year End Gift" or "Monthly Pledge". Your tax deductible contribution can secure the future of the AGUMCC program.

Give two ways:

1. Safe and Easy on line at <https://www.worshipweekly.com/giving.html>
2. Mail to: AGUMCC
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