

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 needs 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. This year, we collected **\$698.39** Yippee !!



Last month, each family received a "Family Heritage Information Sheet." Some families have already shared their family traditions and heritage with their child's class. If you have not completed your questionnaire, please complete and return it to your child's teacher. This project will help us learn more about your family and the traditions you celebrate. This project is another way to build relationships and learn more about each family.

The children will practice for our Christmas Program from Monday, December 9, to Thursday, December 12th, from 9:00 am to 9:45 am in the church sanctuary. Our Christmas Program will be on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:00. Children can wear comfortable attire. Children may over heat if they wear bulky sweaters. On the night of the program, please bring your child to their classrooms by 5:45 pm to prepare for the event. After the Christmas Program, we will have a social in Criswell Hall following the children's performance. Please sign up to bring an item to share and to help with set up and clean up.

On Friday, Dec. 20, we will have a school-wide "Pajama Day." This is also a Minimum Day. School closes at noon. In addition, the school will be closed for Christmas Break from December 23 to December 27, 2024. The school will reopen Monday, Dec. 30th, and be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025, for New Year's Day.

The results of the Family Survey for Fall of 2024 are in. Most survey participants were very satisfied with the overall program, whereas the minority was satisfied. This year, we received 19 surveys out of 25 families. 80% of these results were gathered from the online survey, and 20% were from the pen and paper format. We are glad to meet the needs of both styles to reach the maximum potential of results. Of the families who completed the survey, 100% felt that their child is well cared for, is happy, and enjoys participating in the program. They also felt the program promotes their child's learning and development. The top answers for why families chose our program were the age-appropriate curriculum, socialization, low child-to-teacher ratio, and location. 94.4% of the families like to receive information through Childpilot. We can build a strong community through parent involvement, which is vital to our school's success. 43.7 % participated in fundraisers, 32% said they helped with laundry, and 28 % donated supplies to the school. See the attached survey for personal comments. Thank you to all families who participated in the survey. Your feedback is constructive in our efforts to improve our program.

Dates To Remember

- **Friday, December 6- School Closes at 3:30, for Staff Development. It's SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!** Show your school spirit and wear your AGUMCC t-shirt.
- **Thursday, December 12 AGUMCC Christmas Program 6:00 in the Sanctuary.** A Social will follow in Criswell Hall.
- **Friday, December 20- 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.)
- **December 23 to 27, 2024 Christmas Break**
- **January 1, 25 School is closed for New Year's Day**

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