

Annsworth Academy November 2020 Newsletter

School Closed – Annsworth will be closed Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For the Winter Holiday, Annsworth will be closed December 24th through January 1st. School will resume on Monday, January 4th.

Tree House Food Drive – Our food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Tree House Shelter’s pantry starts Monday, November 2nd. The last day of the food drive will be Monday, November 16th. The Tree House is also in need of new or gently used children’s clothes and basic supplies for children ages 2-11 years old. Look for our collection box in the front office.

Rooms 8, 9 & 10’s Parent Program Recordings – Because of Annsworth’s no visitor policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rooms 8, 9 & 10’s Parent Programs will be held a bit differently this year. Each class will still have their designated day for their Parent Program (Room 8 – Wednesday, November 18th, Room 9 – Thursday, November 19th, Room 10 – Friday, November 20th), which we will record and then post to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2jSnsVdUFBtWRQROJH8MhQ>) by the next day. We hope that you will enjoy viewing your child’s program.

Giving Tree – The Giving Tree is one of the most heart-warming projects Annsworth participates in each year. This year, we have the chance to share the true meaning of giving by purchasing a present for a child in the foster care system due to abuse and neglect. Donations are going to Northwest Florida Health Network, previously Big Bend Community Based Care, and will be delivered to children in Franklin county who have the most need at this time.

If you are interested in being a part of our Giving Tree, this is how it works:

- Select a paper ornament(s) from our Giving Tree beginning Monday, November 23rd.
- Take the top ornament for your information and sign your name on the sponsor ornament underneath.
- Return the gift, *unwrapped* and with the informational ornament attached by Monday, December 14th.

These children are in desperate need of books. Any new or used books in good condition, in addition to the gifts can be donated. All items need to be dropped off by Monday, December 14th.

Thank You – Thank you to the Parsons family for donating books. Thank you to Evelyn Bellamy’s mom for donating books and musical instruments and to the Baisden family for donating snacks for the teachers. Lastly, thank you to everyone for bringing in the pumpkins (and gourds) for the pumpkin patch and making it such a success. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities with the pumpkins!

Cold Weather – During winter months children are allowed on the playgrounds if the temperature is 40 degrees or higher. Please be sure that your child is properly dressed to play outside in these colder temperatures. Also, please be sure to mark all sweaters and jackets with your child’s first and last name.

Checking Cubbies – As Fall approaches and the weather changes, please be sure your child has an extra set of clothing in their cubbies. Make sure their extra set of clothing is fully stocked with seasonally appropriate shoes, tops, and bottoms. Also please make sure that your child has not outgrown any of the clothes in their cubbies.

Enrollment – Currently we have two openings in Room 5. The children in this class are all turning three years old by December. We are also looking ahead at the possibility of increasing enrollment in Rooms 6 – 10 in January 2021. This decision will be based on many factors including recommendations from the CDC, the Health Department, and DCF. If you have any friends, family, or co-workers contemplating enrollment for these openings and/or for Summer 2021 or Academic Year 2021-2022, this is the perfect time for them to contact us and get on the waiting list.