

## Annsworth Academy October 2023 Newsletter

**Rooms 1–5 Parent-Teacher Conferences** – We are currently scheduling Parent Teacher conferences for you to discuss your child’s progress. Each teacher will be available for 15-minute individual/family conferences via phone or video chat on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. To schedule your appointment, please see someone in the office or call 850-668-9072, to see what time slots are available.

**Picture Day** – Picture Day for Rooms 1-5 is Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and for Rooms 6-10 is on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Richard’s Photography will be taking individual outdoor portraits (weather permitting). We will start around 9:00 a.m. with the younger children and move on to the older classrooms. Richard suggests that you dress your child in solid color clothing for the best results with the outdoor photos. For attending siblings, if you would like them photographed together, please let the office know and we will have both children photographed together and individually on the scheduled day for the younger attending sibling.

All children will be photographed unless you request in writing that your child’s picture not be taken. You will be able to select the portraits and packages of your choice via a secure web site once the proofs are available. Flyers will be filed in your child’s folder in the front office with further details soon.

**Pumpkin Patch** – With the Fall Season and the approach of Halloween festivities, our Annsworth Staff will create a “Pumpkin Patch” outside in our green space for the children to enjoy. This area will be visited by all our classrooms individually and will be used for story circles and for a variety of math and science activities. The “Pumpkin Patch” will be enjoyed by the children Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, with each child selecting a pumpkin to take home with them on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are asking each child to bring *two pumpkins* to school between Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> so that we may begin to prepare the area for these activities. All sizes and colors of pumpkins are welcome (including miniature) as we would like to have a good variety. When bringing your child’s pumpkins to school, please place them in the baskets which will be available in the lobby. We will then transport the pumpkins to our “Patch”.

**Halloween at Annsworth** – Halloween is just around the corner! On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will have our Halloween snack parties. Each classroom will post a sign-up for Halloween item donations for the children to enjoy during their morning snack. The children should wear orange and black to school, but please, no costumes. Also, if you are preparing goodie bags or when packing your child’s lunch, please remember that Annsworth has a no candy policy.

**Poinsettia Sales** – Once again, we are offering parents the opportunity to order gorgeous florist quality poinsettias while helping raise money for special projects and staff training. Each poinsettia will be 16-18” high with 5-7 blooms in 6 ½” foil wrapped pot. The cost is \$12 each. The deadline to order is Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias will arrive at Annsworth sometime the week after Thanksgiving. They make great gifts and beautiful additions to your holiday décor. Remember to order some for your co-workers, friends, and family. Order forms will be sent out on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark Your Calendars** – Annsworth will be closed Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Classroom Wipe Off Boards** – Did you know that the teachers write on their classroom wipe off boards daily to let you know about what the children learned and/or something special they did that day? Be sure to read the classroom wipe-off board every afternoon to find out something special that happened that morning; this is a great conversation starter for you and your child.

**Many THANKS** – Thank you to the DeVeau and Mayo families for donating books. Thank you to the Baggett family for donating balls and a shape sorter. Thank you to the Manocha Family for donating diapers. Thank you to the Causseaux family for the de-choking mask. Thank you to the Bennett family for donating neck ties. Your donations are greatly appreciated!