



November News

Greetings Acorn Families and Community,

November, or as I like to refer to it as “Yes”vember, is traditionally a month to reflect on our blessings and give thanks. Even though 2020 may not be everything we had all wanted and hoped for and we find ourselves having to dig deeper into our pockets to find that gratitude; there is still appreciation, love and happiness to be found. There is such joy sharing days with your children out in TimberNook as they create a pot full of Pumpkin Soup or build wolf dens, walking with them as they parade down the driveway with their Halloween masks, reading to them dressed up like Princess Prunella, sharing a caldron of witch’s brew with bat poop, eyeballs, spiders and ghost teeth as the main ingredients, playing a game of Babyhood, hiking on the Nature Trail and watching them jump in the many rain puddles and sledding during our first snowfall. Your children are resilient and are becoming quite weatherproof right along with the teaching staff.

As many of you know but maybe not all, Acorn relies heavily on our yearly fundraising events to meet our bottom line as tuition does not cover all our expenses. It has yet to be determined if we will be able to pull off our big fundraising event which was initially scheduled for this fall but has been moved out to May. The Board is actively pursuing other fundraising alternatives and sources of funding, but can I say what an amazing Jack-O-Lantern Jog event. We met and exceeded our goal – YES!! Thank you for supporting this endeavor – we look forward to and depend upon your continued support as we navigate this unusual school year.

I send you the best as we all figure out what our holiday plans will look like this year – wishing you health, safety and happiness.

Sue Bendroth, Director

Thank You to Everyone Who Participated in the First Acorn School Jack-o-Lantern Jog!

Thank you for participating in the 2020 Jack-o-Lantern Jog - with your help we **raised \$5,625.25** for Acorn School! A very humble thank you to each of the 76 donors who made this fundraiser a success, to our families who fundraised for Acorn, and to all who registered. 100% of the proceeds will go towards Acorn's annual costs. As a 501(c)(3) non profit school, Acorn School depends on fundraising to help fill the gap between tuition and Acorn's annual expenses.

Top 8 Fundraisers for Acorn School:

Dolce Family
Vardakis Family
Basenberg Family
Cunningham Family
Meierdiercks Family
Merril Family
LaRochelle Family
Slack Family

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support!

We had **over 60 families participate in the 1 Mile Any Style, 12 people complete the 5K, and 3 people complete their 10K!** The closing ceremony was a hoot. We loved coming together as a community to celebrate your families, our school, and have some Halloween fun. Additionally, at the closing ceremony each class showcased their own class scarecrow! Earlier in the week children brought in a special item from home and worked together to build a special scarecrow. Check out the video below to find your class scarecrow!

Thank you again for your participation! We look forward to making this an annual tradition!





The MOST SPIRITED AWARD went to the Grande Family! Congratulations on your AWESOME matching family Frozen costume.



Harvest Day

Acorn School celebrated Harvest Day the first week in October. The children had so much fun participating in Acorn favorites such as pumpkin bowling, scarecrow making, shucking corn for the birds and turkeys and much much more!





The Power of Play



Let them play: Why free play is crucial for kids

These days we're all spending more time at home. And as the days get shorter and the weather gets colder, you may be wondering how to keep your kids busy if they're home all day. Consider letting them play.

[Read more](#)
[discoveries.childrenshospit...](#)

Cold Weather Clothes Check List:

Winter has come early! Make sure your kiddo stays warm while exploring and learning in the outdoors by layering! Don't forget to label everything!

First Layer: Base Layer Long Underwear (wool, silk or polypropylene)- No cotton

Mid-Layer: Long sleeve wool or fleece sweater; fleece pants; wool mittens

Outer Layer: Winter Waterproof Coat with Hood; Insulated Waterproof Snow Pants;
Wool Socks; Waterproof Mittens

- Slippers for inside
- An extra pair of gloves in backpack
- Two masks in their backpack in case their first one gets wet

Special Thanks to Blessed Day Photography For Hosting Acorn School Family Pictures

Everyone had a great time at pictures with Megan Edmonds from **Blessed Day Photography**. The weather could not have been better and everyone was full of smiles. Thank you Megan for making family pictures so easy and a lot of fun! Blessed Day Photography donated a generous portion of the proceeds to Acorn School's **Audrey Frances Myers Scholarship**.

Staff Highlight

Hi Everyone! My name is Melissa
Guy. I live in Exeter with my
husband Darren, our two girls,
Delaney and Callahan along with

our 1 year old Goldendoodle, Parker. I spent many years as a fourth grade teacher and am so excited to be heading back to school with the Mighty Oaks! We are so thankful for the experience our girls' had at Acorn School, a simply magical place.



The Gratitude Game

Have you heard of the Gratitude Game? It is a wonderful game to play around the table with the little ones. It supports conversation and reflection on all that we are thankful for (which is exceptional helpful during these uncertain times).

What You Need:

- A fun size bag of skittles or m&ms (great way to use up that Halloween candy!)
- Color Chart (see attached below)

How to Play:

- Each person takes a turn pulling out a piece of candy. They use the the color chart to answer the question that corresponds.

HAVE FUN!!

[Click Here to Download a Copy of Color Chart to Play](#)

The Strength of Community

Last Friday when it was cold and snowy, Acorn parents treated the staff to a surprise hot cocoa and tea bar! We are so thankful for the remarkable and resilient staff at Acorn School, and this was one warm and tasty way to show our appreciation.

Remember when it is snowing or raining and the teachers at Acorn School are OUTSIDE making a huge difference in the children's lives and keeping what we all need right now- CONNECTION! Because of these remarkable teachers braving New England weather conditions and adapting to all the new COVID guidelines, we have been able to continue to support the development and growth of the children in our community.

If you have any ideas, or want to share a little love and surprise a classroom/the staff, please reach out to parentsofacorn@gmail.com so we can provide you with support! We would love to continue to host hot cocoa/tea, hand written cards, surprise staff with new wool socks or gloves...anything to show our love and support

to them as they navigate these new teaching conditions.



Shopping on Amazon for the Holidays...

A great way to support our school is by selecting Acorn School (Stratham, NH) as your selected charity when shop on Amazon. Did you know it even works when you use the Amazon App on your smartphone? Prices for your items stay the same. The only difference is when you shop a portion of the money Amazon donates to Acorn School!

[CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL](#)

Select Acorn School in the upper left corner where it says "supporting"
You can also type "Amazon Smile" into the Amazon search box.

Acorn School is a 501(c)(3) non profit, and every penny makes a difference. We are so thankful for our community support!

Acorn Apparel Makes a Great Holiday Gift!

Currently offering winter hats, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, blankets, sweatshirts and accessories. Adult and child sizes are available along with a variety of sizes and colors. These make great gifts and are super comfortable! See link below for more information.

Learn
More



Are you looking for a way to get involved with Acorn School in various ways? Join the "Parents of Acorn!" It's a great way to meet more families and support Acorn School. If interested in joining send an email to parentsofacorn@gmail.com

Acorn Board

Would you like to connect more with the Acorn community and help run the school you love so much? Learn how a nonprofit preschool is run and help make positive change lasting for years to come! We are a group of Acorn past and present parents who come together monthly (currently on Zoom) to support the school. Our door is open for new members to join and we're hoping you'll consider it! If interested in learning more about the Acorn board or to apply, send an email to Sarah Koff at sarahwkoff@gmail.com.

Important Dates:

November 5th

NO SCHOOL AM/PM CHIPMUNKS - Parent Conferences
Mighty Oaks – School as usual

November 6th

NO SCHOOL MIGHTY OAKS – Parent Conferences
Woolly Bears, Chickadees & Tadpoles- School as usual

November 11th

NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day

November 25-27

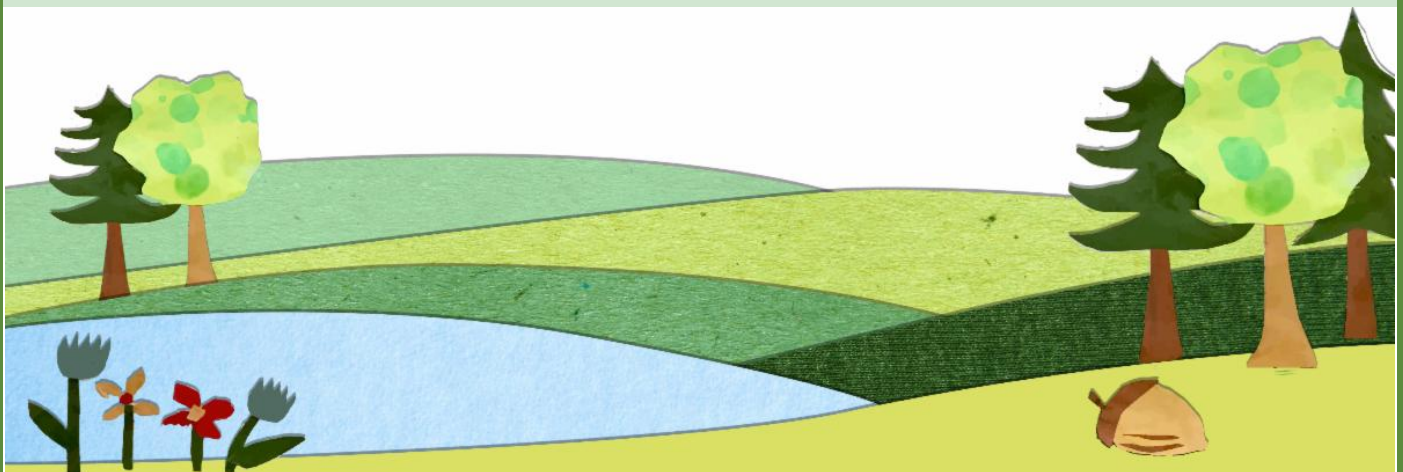
Thanksgiving Break

November 30th

School Resumes

Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

Holiday Break



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