

# Windmill Creek Academy Gazette

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## Letter from the Director

Dear Parents,

Wow – can you believe the holidays are fast approaching!?! October was a great month – we enjoyed learning about Christopher Columbus, Fire Safety, Animals on the Map, Our Senses and, of course, we had a great time celebrating Halloween! Our Halloween Party and Parade were a great success! A big, “Thank you!” to all parents and teachers for helping make this year’s festivities so much fun!

In November we will be learning about our “Five Senses,” the first “Thanksgiving,” “Manners,” and “Shapes.”

Following are a few important dates to remember:

### “Fall Backward” on Sunday, November 5

On Sunday, November 6th, turn your clocks back one hour for the end of daylight saving’s time.

### Picture Day - Thursday, November 9

On Thursday, November 9th, Life Touch will be here to take the children’s photos. Please have your child here no later than 9:00 a.m. if you would like your child’s photo to be taken.

### Pizza Fridays

Each Friday we offer “Pizza Fridays” to your child. For a nominal fee of \$4.00 your child will receive Little Caesar’s Pizza, a vegetable, fruit selection and milk. Pizza Fridays are purely optional and provide a break from making daily lunch for your child. No advance notice is required, simply provide \$4.00 to your child’s teacher.

### Thanksgiving Feast

On Thursday, November 16th, the students will be offered a special Thanksgiving Feast at lunch time – including turkey breast, cranberry, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie. We will be practicing our best manners at this special luncheon! If you would like your child to participate, please sign up with your child’s teacher no later than Wednesday, November 15 and provide \$5.00 to cover the food costs (exact change or check, please. Thank you!).

### School Closed November 23 and 24

Windmill Creek Academy will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Parking Lot Safety

Please be careful that you, your guests and children are careful in the parking lot. Be sure to lock the doors to your car and keep

valuables out of sight. A window-breaking/purse theft was recently reported to the Naples Police Department. Also, please be considerate of the vehicles beside you. Recent incidences of “dinged” car doors from over-zealous door openings have also occurred. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### “Holidays Around the World” Pageant

On Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m., the Giraffes’ class will perform an exciting holiday pageant, “Holidays Around the World.” Stay tuned for more information!

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us – we all have so much to be thankful for. I know all the teachers here at Windmill Creek Academy join me in wishing you and your families a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

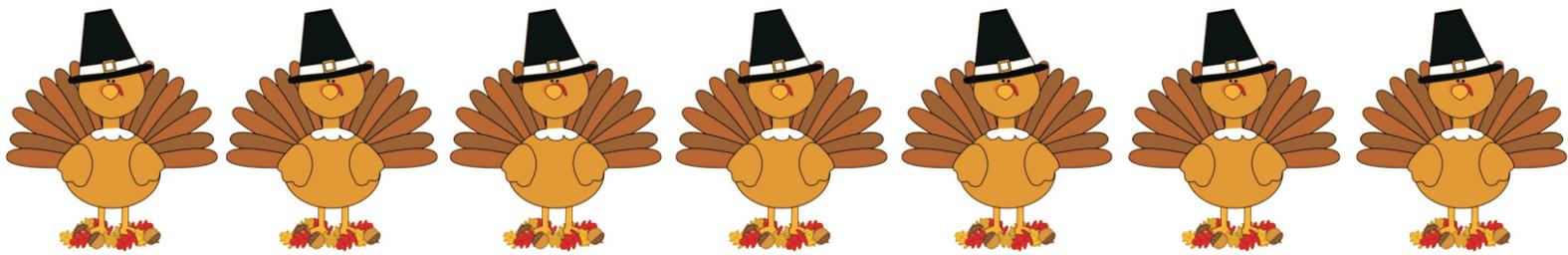
Warmest regards,

*Janine*

Janine Connell  
Founder & Director  
Windmill Creek Academy



The Giraffe students get some assistance from Amaya’s Mom while decorating pumpkins



## Windmill Creek Academy Classroom Updates

### Bunnies

The Bunnies were busy in October! The Bunnies had a wonderful Halloween – with several of our Bunnies dressing up and wearing the fall colors of the season. We would like to welcome our newest Bunny to the classroom – Vivienne! Ainslee is sitting up unassisted, clapping her hands and is very happy! She loves her food and milk each day! Corbin is standing. He loves to eat and is already saying, “Mama,” and “Dada!” John loves to snuggle and sleep. He is always ready for meal time! Leighton is crawling! She loves her sippy cup and loves to eat tomatoes! Lucas loves to smile. He is eating cereal and loves to observe all around him. Noah is very vocal and loves attention. He enjoys eating his baby food and is sitting up unassisted. Mable loves to play, loves her Lala and is almost sitting up unassisted. She loves to smile at all she meets. The Bunnies look forward to celebrating the upcoming holidays for the very first time!

*Ms. Kaira, Ms. Iris, Ms. Lindsey & Ms. Lesley*

### Cubs

October was a “spook-ta-cular” month for our Cubs! We welcomed a new Cub to our classroom – Edward “Trip” Bouza! He is loving life in the Cub’s classroom! In October we learned about Animals Around the Map, Fire Safety and Halloween. In November we will learn about Senses, Shapes, and Thanksgiving. All our Cubs achieved something new this past month. Mia is walking! Riley turned 1 year old and started walking on that very day! Frances and Lilah love sitting at circle time and interacting with their classmates and teachers. Grant is singing the ABCs and counting to 10! Drew loves dot painting and Trip is getting used to his new friends and walking on his own. The Cubs loved making art projects and making boo ghosts for Halloween. They also loved dressing up for our party. It was a great month!

*Ms. Kayla, Ms. Mariah & Ms. Sofie*

### Bears

The Bears class had tons of fun in the month of October! We loved making boat projects while we learned about Christopher Columbus. We talked about him sailing on a long journey and discovering America. We then learned about different “Animals Around the World.” We made cool walrus and polar bear projects and we talked about the different noises animals make. The Bears love learning about animals! Next, we talked about fire safety. We painted fire pictures and talked about being careful. Our favorite week was all about Halloween. We made pumpkins, ghosts and bats. We laughed and sang loudly to Halloween Songs. Our Favorite was “Five Little Pumpkins!” During our Halloween Party we wore our costumes and went trick-or-treating with our friends and collected fun treats in our goody bags. We also ate yummy party food and shared some with our parents! We even had tangerines that were made to look like pumpkins! Looking forward to November, we will be learning about our five senses, using our manners during “Manners,” week, and we will also learn about different kinds of shapes. We would like to welcome our newest Bears to the Bears’ den – Genevieve, Henry, Oliver and Ruth!

*Ms. Ana, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Lesley, Ms. Gaby, Ms. Kayla C, Ms. Maria, Ms. Kailee and Ms. Rachel*

### Frogs

October was a busy month! We would like to welcome Josiah to the Frogs class! The Frogs learned about Christopher Columbus and the students enjoyed making their handprint ships – the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. We learned about “Animals on the Map,” and “Fire Safety.” The students painted fire flames by mixing red and yellow paint

to make orange. They decorated their fire engines with paint and glued on a siren. During Halloween Week we carved two pumpkins and explored the five senses of smell, taste, hearing, touching and seeing. We painted ghosts and bats and decorated our classroom for Halloween. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to bring in a treat for the party! In November we will learn about manners, shapes and Thanksgiving. We will learn a new poem to say before we eat a meal: “We always say please and thank you because it is polite. We always wait for others before we take a bite” Bon appetite! For Thanksgiving Week the students will look forward to learning about the very first Thanksgiving and making turkeys!

*Ms. Ally, Ms. Kailee, Ms. Lena, Ms. Raquel, Ms. Sierra & Ms. Sammy*

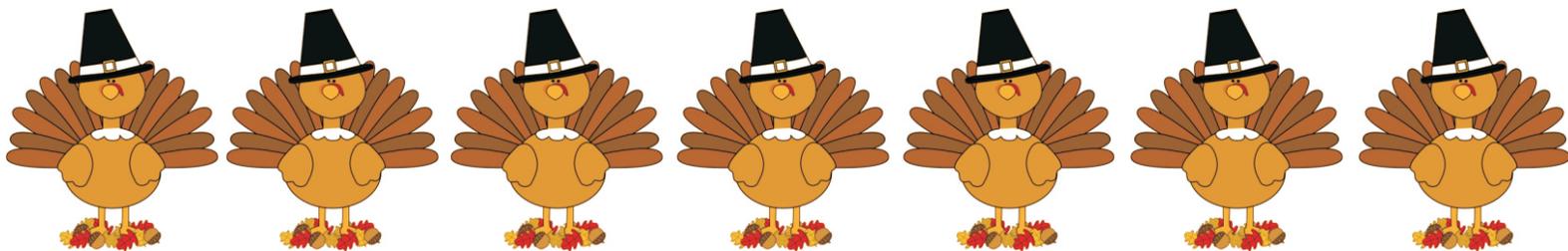
### Giraffes

October was a busy month of learning for our Giraffe students! The students learned about Christopher Columbus and his three, sailing ships – the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. The students got to build their own ships and placed Christopher Columbus on their ship. Then we had a week of fire safety. We practiced how to call 9-1-1 and what we would do if there ever was a fire. We ended the week playing a game of I-spy with Fire Safety pictures and another game called Fire Knock Down. We also had a special guest that came to the school and we learned about being and staying safe. We even got to sit in a police car! During Halloween week we made a ghost fly with a balloon and made black cat eyes glow in the dark with glow sticks. In Art, the Giraffe students made a lot of various projects including Giraffe puppets and puffy paint polar bears. During Fire Safety week we made various shape fire trucks and “Sparky the Fire Dogs.” During Halloween Week we had so much fun carving and painting pumpkins. The Giraffes also made jack-o-lanterns out of candy corn. We also made footprint ghosts and handprint witches. We look forward to the month of November as we continue to work on fall projects and get ready for Thanksgiving. The Giraffe teachers would like to thank the parents that came into the classroom and helped with the pumpkin carving -- it was much appreciated and made the activity so much more fun to have your participation. Finally, in Reading, Writing and Math Readiness, we continue with our letter progress. We are having fun sharing our weekly letter bags. We continue working through the alphabet one letter at a time. We have also started studying numbers. We introduce many tools used in Kindergarten -- 10-frames, tallies and different ways to make Hexagons. Finally, we would like to welcome our newest Giraffe student -- Dylan Nguyen!

*Ms. Daisy, Ms. Kristen, Ms. Krystal & Ms. Sammy*

## November Birthdays

Ms. Krystal - November 1  
Halston T - November 2  
Leila F - November 2  
Thomas I - November 4  
Alyssa A - November 4  
Evelynn L - November  
Leighton S - November 19  
Olivia B - November 17  
Ms. Kaira - November 17  
Edward “Trip” Bouza - November 21  
Emilee A - November 25



"Arrrrgh!! Happy Halloween" from Zachary and his mom!



## Thanksgiving Feast Thursday, November 16th

On Thursday, November 16th we will be offering the students our annual "Thanksgiving Feast!" The spread will include sliced turkey breast, stuffing, cranberries, green beans, mashed potatoes ... and pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream! If you would like your child to partake in our Thanksgiving Feast, please sign up in your child's classroom and provide \$5.00 to help cover food costs (exact change or check, please. Sign up on or before November 15.)

Happy Thanksgiving – Gobble, Gobble!

### Ms. Daisy is Windmill Creek Academy's "Teacher of the Month!"

Ms. Daisy is one of our newer teachers at Windmill Creek Academy but she has distinguished herself as an energetic, well-prepared and creative teacher to our Giraffe students. Ms. Daisy prepares amazing curriculum with innovative hands-on activities - such as experiments about sinking and floating, using air to propel objects, and science projects making "slime!" Ms. Daisy has her Child Development Associates (CDA) degree which stipulates over 600 hours of early childhood education classes. Congratulations, Ms. Daisy on being November's Teacher of the Month! We are so blessed to have such a caring and respectful staff here at Windmill Creek Academy.



Congratulations to the Windmill Creek Academy teachers and staff for obtaining a 100% on our recent DCF Licensing visit!



**Happy Halloween!**

