

# Bernie's Monthly Notes

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Bernie's Newsletter  
December 2020

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### In the spirit of Thanksgiving

We changed the Thanksgiving feast this year to follow best practices for Covid-19 protocol. Typically, all classrooms would feast together in one room, enjoying each other's company. As in previous years, all rooms participated in food and decoration preparations for the day and teachers made these experiences fun and meaningful. And, we all enjoyed each other's additions to the menu. 2020 has given us challenges to overcome and this is just one example of our attempts to keep the spirit of Bernie's community present and working for the children. The staff has worked creatively to continue some of our traditions at the center and for their work, I am forever grateful. Each staff member has shown so much courage during our reopening. Again, I am eternally grateful. Parents, I am equally grateful for your sacrifices to Bernie's, for your adherence to protocol, for your encouragement to us, and for chocolates/cupcakes/treats/etc. Your continued support for our center is noted and appreciated. We hope you all had a safe Thanksgiving and we look forward to next year's feast when we may all be able to be together again.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

December:

- 11/30: Coffee sale begins
- 7: Early Closure
- 18: Coffee deliver anticipated
- 24-31: Bernie's is closed!

January:

- 1: Bernie's is closed!
  - 18: Bernie's is closed!
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## Parking:

Please remember that all families and staff should park only in the blue stalls in front of the building. All other parking stalls are assigned to residents and vehicles have been ticketed and towed in the past. Also, please do not idle your car while bringing your child in to the building. Lock your doors and take your keys. And, don't leave children in the car, please. Thanks for your cooperation in these safety requests.

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## **Baby, it's cold outside!**

**As winter will soon officially be here, please help your child be prepared for outside play.**

**Please make sure these items are in your child's cubby:**

- 1) Extra seasonal clothing**
- 2) Two sets of mittens or gloves**
- 3) A warm hat**
- 4) A warm coat or jacket**
- 5) Inside shoes or slippers**
- 6) Extra socks**
- 7) Snow pants and boots!**

**Just as a reminder, boots, all boots, everyone's boots are to be taken off at the front door so that our floors stay dry and safe. This means parents as well as children and it means at the front door. Thanks for complying with this.**

## **Vacation requests:**

**If any parent with a 12-month contract for your child is planning to use vacation credit during our extended closure in December, please find a form in the front hall and complete it. It can be turned in to Amy's mail basket. Thanks in advance.**

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## **Inclement Weather Closure Update**

**The current policy for snow or cold days is typically aligned with MMSD and any closure they may have. This has been our system for many years and has typically worked for the center. As MMSD is virtual, there will not be this system available. The board will meet in December to finalize this year's system. Once this is voted on, we will send out particulars for all families.**

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