

Good Afternoon Families,

Please take note of the following updates:

Teacher Training

We are committed to our teaching staff participating in professional development and staying abreast of the current trends and research in early education.

- Several teachers had the opportunity to attend the 51st annual 2017 "Together for Children" Conference on October 6th and 7th presented by the Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children. Sessions topics included: Literacy development, Anti-bias Curriculum, STEM and many others.
- On October 9th teachers participated in state-approved professional development. The training topics focused disrupting racism and creating an anti-bias classroom environment.
- The Clifton School is excited to provide the opportunity for our teachers to attend the 2017 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conference being held in Atlanta this year. NAEYC's national conferences bring together early childhood educators teachers, program administrators, students, researchers and teacher educators to explore the latest research and learn from one another.

Flu Shots: Teachers and staff will be protected against the flu virus this season. Emory Healthcare will be providing free flu shots at both schools for all staff this month. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. Getting the flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available each year is always a good idea, and the protection you get from vaccination will last throughout the flu season.- www.CDC.gov.

Parent and Family Workshop: Infant/Child CPR Class: Wednesday, October 18th 4 to 6 PM at the Clifton site. Learn how to recognize and treat breathing and cardiac emergencies common to infants and children. Learn how to clear airway obstructions on a choking baby or a child and learn when to perform CPR. Call 404-636-4073 or email dford@thecliftonschool.org to register. The cost of the class is \$25.00 (to cover the cost of the instructor and material). Spaces are limited! Registration and payment and must be made by Friday, October 13th. (please park in the deck if you are attending this event)

Fall Costume Parade:

Our Fall Costume Parade is a "Clifton tradition" and many families are excitedly preparing children for the occasion. In an effort to minimize the emphasis on Halloween as well as lessen the fears some young children may have about masked figures and other Halloween related items, we ask that there be no scary costumes or masks. This allows us to provide a more inclusive celebration that more closely aligns with our anti-bias education practices. The parade at both schools will take place on Tuesday, October 31st. Please be sure to park in the decks.

- Clifton Road start time is 4:00 PM
- Clairmont start time is 4:15 PM

Thanksgiving Luncheon

As a way of showing appreciation to our awesome teachers for everything they do, The Clifton School is hosting our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00pm. During this luncheon the teachers have an opportunity to relax and enjoy each other's company while dining on a wonderful meal. Parent volunteers are needed to relieve teachers from the classroom so they are able to enjoy the lunch. Sign-up sheets for volunteering will be posted in classrooms closer to the date of the luncheon.

Important Dates:

- October 28th 9am-12pm Harvest Festival at Clairmont Campus
- October 12,13 Picture Day at Clairmont
- October 19, 20 Picture Day at Clifton
- November 23, 24 Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- December 25, 26 Closed for Winter holiday
- January 1, 2018 Closed for New Year's Day

Please be sure to visit and like The Clifton School's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Clifton-School-667812439920439/>.

We are continuously developing ways to improve our program. If you have suggestions, ideas, comments or concerns please be sure to share them with us. Once again, I would like to thank you for trusting us every day with your wonderful children. It is a privilege we do not take for granted.

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