



REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS: Drop-off begins at 8:45
9:00 - 2:15 or 9:00 - 3:15

528-5600

OCTOBER, 2014 NEWSLETTER

MON/WED/FRI SESSION


Your October tuition payment is due. You may send the tuition check to school in your child's tote bag. If paying by cash or credit cards please bring into the office.


French for Seniors will begin this month (see notes).

Wed. Oct. 1 **Music** with Miss Claudia. 

**ThumNastics today for those who registered for this program, pick-up your child at Dynamic at 3:55pm.


Fri. Oct. 3 **Drumming and Dancing** with Ms. Fre'. 

Mon. Oct. 6 **Physical education** with Mrs. Ruback. 
Sneakers are a must **and** girls absolutely no dresses please.
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities—Rhythm Instruments


Wed. Oct. 8 **Music** with Miss Claudia. 
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities—Rhythm Instruments


**ThumNastics today.


Fri. Oct. 10 NO
Mon. Oct. 13 SCHOOL - COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Wed. Oct. 15 **Music** with Miss Claudia. 
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Keyboard Scale-CDEFGAB

**ThumNastics today.


Fri. Oct. 17 **Drumming and Dancing** with Ms. Fre'. 
Fire Drill –Please do not discuss this with your child.
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Keyboard Scale-CDEFGAB

Mon. Oct. 20 **Physical Education** with Mrs. Ruback. 
Sneakers are a must **and** girls absolutely no dresses please.
Science with Mrs. Aggarwal –the subject today
will be “Slime-Polymer Synthesis”.

Wed. Oct 22 **Music** with Miss Claudia. 
Science with Mrs. Aggarwal –the subject today will be
“Slime-Polymer Synthesis”.

**ThumNastics today.

Fri. Oct 24 **Senior Rotation (see notes)**
Birthday Activity Day for all our **SENIOR** October birthdays,
birthday snacks provided by Tom Thumb.
*3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Card Game formally called
“War” now called “I won”, numbers 2-10.*

Mon. Oct 27 **Physical Education with Mrs. Ruback.** 
Sneakers are a must **and** girls absolutely no dresses please.
*3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Card Game formally called
“War” now called “I won”, continued.*


Wed. Oct. 29 **HALLOWEEN PARTY**
For all classes, regular dismissal times.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD DRESSED IN COSTUME, rubber soled shoes only, NO DRESS shoes! Also,
**PLEASE DON'T LET THEM WEAR THEIR MASKS TO SCHOOL, AS THEY UNINTENTIONALLY FRIGHTEN EACH
OTHER AND THEMSELVES. HAVE THEM CARRY OR WEAR THEM ON TOP OF THEIR HEADS. THIS IS OUR
FIRST PARTY OF THE YEAR. ALL THE CHILDREN WILL SHOW THEIR FRIENDS THEIR COSTUMES AND SING
AND DANCE. THE CHILDREN USUALLY HAVE A LOT OF FUN AND ANXIOUSLY AWAIT OUR NEXT
CELEBRATION. THIS PARTY IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY.**

Please do not send any treats or candy for the class. We have already asked a few moms/dads from each class to send the
holiday snacks. (There will be other parties throughout the year that we will need volunteers for; a signup sheet for these parties
will be at open house night.) **Never send goodie bags** to school for our children. We have so many siblings and twins that it
complicates the drive home in the car. NB

*3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Card Game formally called
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***ThumNastics today.

Fri. Oct 31 **Drumming and Dancing with Ms. Fre’.** 
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OCTOBER, 2014 NEWSLETTER TUES/THURS SESSION


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Thurs. Oct. 2 Physical education with Mrs. Ruback. 
Sneakers are a must **and** girls absolutely no dresses please

Tues. Oct. 7 Music with Miss Claudia. 
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities—Rhythm Instruments


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Thurs. Oct. 9 Physical education with Mrs. Ruback. 
Sneakers are a must **and** girls absolutely no dresses please.

Drumming and Dancing with Ms. Fre'. 


Tues. Oct. 14 Music with Ms. Claudia 
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Introduction to Keyboard Scale-CDEFGAB

**ThumNastics today.


Thurs. Oct. 16 Physical Education with Mrs. Ruback. 
Sneakers are a must **and** girls absolutely no dresses please.
Birthday Activity Day for all our **SENIOR** October birthdays,
birthday snacks provided by Tom Thumb.
3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Introduction to Keyboard Scale-CDEFGAB

Tues. Oct. 21 Music with Ms. Claudia. 
Science with Mrs. Aggarwal –the subject today will be “Slime-Polymer Synthesis”.
Fire Drill –Please do not discuss this with your child.

**ThumNastics today.

Thurs. Oct. 23 Physical Education with Mrs. Ruback. 
Sneakers, please.

Drumming and Dancing with Ms. Fre'. 

Tues. Oct. 28 Music with Ms. Claudia. 
*3:15 Dismissal Session-Enrichment Activities-Card Game formally called
“War” now called “I won”, numbers 2-10.*

***ThumNastics today.

Thurs. Oct. 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY

For all classes, regular dismissal times.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD DRESSED IN COSTUME, rubber soled shoes only, no dress shoes!

Also, PLEASE DON'T LET THEM WEAR THEIR MASKS TO SCHOOL, AS THEY UNINTENTIONALLY FRIGHTEN EACH OTHER AND THEMSELVES. HAVE THEM CARRY OR WEAR THEM ON TOP OF THEIR HEADS. THIS IS OUR FIRST PARTY OF THE YEAR. ALL THE CHILDREN WILL SHOW THEIR FRIENDS THEIR COSTUMES AND SING AND DANCE. THE CHILDREN USUALLY HAVE A LOT OF FUN AND ANXIOUSLY AWAIT OUR NEXT CELEBRATION. **THIS PARTY IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY.**

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Newsletter Notes –October 2014

FRENCH PROGRAM FOR SENIORS--Our French program is taught by Madame Gaspari. This program is designed to introduce them to different languages and as a side benefit they will learn about our own language. Madame introduces our Seniors to many of the French basics that they are now learning in English-colors, numbers weather family and simple conversations. She also has a few French teaching videos made especially for children which we will show in winter.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS - Mrs. Lata Aggarwal is a Chemistry Graduate who worked in the Chemical Research Industry for several years. She is always looking for simple and innovative ways to share the basic concepts of science/chemistry with the preschoolers to get them excited about and interested in the FUN side of science. She hopes to accomplish the goal of getting the preschoolers to love the exploratory and magical aspect of chemistry as much as she loves it herself! We are very lucky that Lata has agreed to return this year. Mrs. Aggarwal has been with Tom Thumb since 2008.

MUSIC –Mrs. Claudia Crispin is our music teacher. She has been teaching music for over 25 years privately and in the public schools and has directed over 60 productions. Claudia studied music at both Carnegie-Mellon and Hunter College and has a Master Degree in Music Education from Manhattanville College. Miss Claudia has taught music at Tom Thumb since 2007.

DRUMMING – Ms. Fre' Atlast is a Drummer, Performer, Teacher, Composer and Founder of The Elders Drum Project. She specializes in drumming for very young children and seniors. Fre' has been with Tom Thumb since 1999. This year she will continue to surprise our Tom Thumbers as well as ThumBelina.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS–If it becomes necessary to close the school in the A.M. due to bad weather, Tom Thumb will be announced on the radio with the other school closings. Listen to WHUD (100.7 FM) or you can look online www.whud.com -storm center. Look for more information next month on our bad weather policies. During a delay or closure the Tom Thumb office is also closed so please do not call the office instead please listen to the radio or go online for information.

GYMNASTICS CLASSES--Many gymnastics classes are available at Dynamic Gymnastics. You may start your child anytime you feel he/she is ready. **The “ThumNastics” Program** is when your child attends a gymnastic class right after their class at Tom Thumb. The students are walked over to the Dynamic building under the care of Tom Thumb and Dynamic Gymnastics staff. These gymnastics classes are offered at 3:10, if interested please call the office for more information.

COMING IN EARLY November--Slayton Studio will be taking individual and class pictures in November. More information will follow.

CODE # IDENTIFICATION CARD--If someone other than yourself is picking up your child; remember to give them your code #. Also, please call the office to inform us of who may be coming.

TELEPHONING THE OFFICE—An Assistant Director is always available to talk to, I am also available if you need to talk about something personal. Definitely talk to us if something is troubling you. All inquiries about your child will be handled by Nancy Cappello, Lisa Cancro or Ann Gaspari. Either one of them will consult with your child’s teacher and get back to you as soon as possible. For tuition or general inquiries talk to Carol in the office. If your child is going to be absent for a session or two due to a cold or virus it is not necessary to call the school. You only need to call for lengthy absences or contagious

diseases (measles, chicken pox, lice, etc.). 914-528-5600 or email tomthumbcampus@gmail.com
Remember, my office is always open! *NB*

PARKING LOT SAFETY--This is everyone's responsibility. Please drive on the right lane in our parking lot area near Route 6. It is unsafe to drive in the left lane. Please drive slowly and safely and make every effort to cooperate with our staff who are trained to get the children to their classrooms quickly and safely. **PLEASE DO NOT EVER DROP OFF YOUR CHILD IF NO ONE IS OUTSIDE TO GREET HIM/HER.** Drop-off is a safety system. Parents should be attentive, have children ready with their bags. Do Not walk your child to the white line. Traffic must move more efficiently. We CAN NOT block traffic on Route 6 or the Fire Station. We must all understand the whole drop-off system so that this will be safe for children. I have asked staff not to have conversations with parents at this crucial time.

SENIOR ROTATION—involves all the Senior Students divided into groups that rotate between rooms (ie. one group has French / one does a holiday project / and the third goes to a room to play), every group does everything. Note from Madame—if you see just “French for Seniors” on the calendar it will be just French and done one class at a time.

– Every student was asked to bring in a folder and it is **VERY important that this folder be in your child’s book bag every day.** --- Tom Thumb staff attached a ribbon to your **child’s lunch box** to help them find the correct lunch bucket for their lunch, please leave these ribbons on their lunch bags.

Tom Thumb has established an **email account** for Parents to communicate with the school. Teacher and Parent communication about children will be handled through the email address below **ONLY**:
tomthumbcampus@gmail.com

Emails will be checked late morning and early afternoon by Mrs. Cancro, Mrs. Cappello or Madame Gaspari. Concerns that need an immediate response must be called in to the office.

Also, thank you for reading the entire newsletter.
Nancy Brophy