

SIBLEY ELEMENTARY

**November 2016
Newsletter**

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Dear Sibley Families,

It was great see so many of you attend conferences. Roughly 99% of Sibley students had at least one parent/guardian attend conferences during our October conference sessions. We really appreciate seeing parents and guardians in the building and we believe it is important to meet with you during the first six weeks of school in order to keep you posted on your child's progress and hear any questions or concerns you may have. Maintaining that partnership between home and school is vital to your child's education.

At a recent PTO meeting, we discussed whether or not the monthly Sibley Star is a still relevant. After some reflecting, we've decided to publish the Sibley Star on a quarterly basis. Teachers will still maintain their weekly communication with you and you will receive pertinent and timely information from Sibley via email. The next Sibley Star will be sent out around February 1st. Next year, I anticipate the Sibley Star will be sent out September 1st, November 1st, February 1st and April 1st. Moving forward, please check the [Sibley Homepage](#) as the calendar and other important information will be updated often. The Sibley PTO also has a Facebook presence where a lot of great information is shared. If you get a chance, check out the [Sibley PTO Facebook Page](#).

Have you ever wondered what teachers do on Wednesday morning late starts? They meet in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's), which in most cases are grade level teams at the elementary level. PLCs are in place to provide teachers with time to analyze data and set goals. The goals are grade specific and teachers work together to meet the needs of the students they have in their classrooms. In PLC's, teachers demonstrate their commitment to helping all students learn by working collaboratively to address the following critical questions:

- ~What do we want students to learn? How will we know if they have learned?
- ~Are we monitoring each student's learning on a timely basis?
- ~What will we do if they don't learn?
- ~What systematic process is in place to provide additional time and support for students who are experiencing difficulty?
- ~What will we do if they already know it?

As teachers are given the time and support to work together to clarify essential student learning, develop common assessments for learning, analyze evidence of student learning, and use that evidence to learn from one another, they look closely at every child. We are not only striving to meet the needs of our more at-risk learners, we are striving to meet the needs of all learners and accelerate them to the next level.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Scott Sannes



Queridas familias:

Ha sido estupendo ver cuántos padres y tutores vinieron a las reuniones con los maestros. Casi un 99% de los estudiantes de Sibley tuvieron a un padre, madre o tutor/a que asistió a las reuniones durante el mes de octubre. Todos nosotros agradecemos enormemente la presencia de padres, madres y tutores en Sibley. Es vital para la educación de sus hijos el que mantengamos una estrecha relación entre la casa y la escuela.

En una reunión reciente del PTO estuvimos hablando de si enviar cada mes un boletín de noticias del Sibley Star sigue siendo relevante. Después de pensar sobre este tema decidimos publicar el Sibley Star cada trimestre. Las maestras y maestros van a seguir enviando sus comunicaciones semanales y van a recibir información importante y actualizada sobre Sibley a través del correo electrónico. El próximo Sibley Star lo recibirán cerca del día 1 de febrero. El año que viene pensamos que los vamos a enviar el primer día de los meses de septiembre, noviembre, febrero y abril. En general, por favor, consulten [la página de internet de Sibley](#) ya que el calendario y otra información importante se actualizarán y pondrá al día con frecuencia. El PTO de Sibley también tiene una presencia en Facebook donde se comparte gran cantidad de información. Si tienen una oportunidad, visiten la página de [Facebook del PTO de Sibley PTO](#).

¿Se han preguntado alguna vez qué hacen los maestros los miércoles por las mañanas durante la hora en que la escuela empieza más tarde? Se reúnen en las que se conocen como comunidades profesionales de aprendizaje (PLCs) que en la mayoría de los casos son equipos de profesionales del mismo curso en el nivel de primaria. Los PLCs existen para ofrecer a los maestros tiempo para analizar los datos y establecer metas para los estudiantes. Las metas son específicas para cada curso y los maestros trabajan juntos para satisfacer las necesidades de los estudiantes que tienen en sus clases. En los PLCs los maestros muestran su compromiso en ayudar a todos los estudiantes a aprender trabajando en colaboración entre todos para enfrentarse a las siguientes importantes preguntas:

- ~¿Qué queremos que aprendan los estudiantes? ¿Cómo podemos saber si han aprendido?
- ~¿Estamos evaluando a cada estudiante de una forma oportuna?
- ~¿Qué podemos hacer si no aprenden?
- ~¿Qué proceso sistemático existe para dar apoyo y tiempo adicional a aquellos estudiantes que tengan dificultades?
- ~¿Qué hacemos si ya lo saben?

Conseguir que los maestros puedan estudiar con cuidado a cada niño/a se logra dándoles a los maestros el tiempo y el apoyo para trabajar juntos para clarificar lo esencial en el aprendizaje de cada estudiante, desarrollar evaluaciones comunes sobre el aprendizaje, analizar el progreso del aprendizaje de cada estudiante y utilizar esa evidencia para aprender los unos de los otros. No sólo pretendemos satisfacer las necesidades de los estudiantes que tienen dificultades, sino que queremos satisfacer las necesidades de todos los estudiantes y ayudarlos a pasar al siguiente nivel.

Si tienen alguna pregunta o comentarios, por favor, pónganse en contacto conmigo.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Sannes".

Scott Sannes



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Green Team Meeting 7:40 am Student Council Meeting 7:30am 5th Grade field Trip to Quarry Hills & HS Planetarium	2 1 Hour Late Start	3	4
7 No School - Teacher Workshop	8	9 1 Hour Late Start	10	11
14 School Board Meeting NHS 7pm	15 PTO Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Media Center	16 1 Hour Late Start	17	18
21	22	23 No School - Teacher Workshop	24	25
28 School Board Meeting NHS 7pm	29	30 1 Hour Late Start		

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- 12/6 - Sibley Choir Concert 2:10 at Sibley Gymnasium / 7:00pm at Middle School Auditorium
- 12/6 -Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m
- 12/6 -Green Team Meeting 7:30 a.m.
- 12/19– Sibley Orchestra and Band Concert 2:10 p.m. Sibley Gym
- 12/20– Elementary Orchestra Concert NMS 7:00 p.m.
- 12/23 -1/2 - Winter Break - No School
- 1/9 - School Board Meeting
- 1/10 - PTO Meeting
- 1/16 -No School MLK Jr's Birthday/ Teacher Workshop
- 1/23 -School Board Meeting
- 1/27 - No School/Teacher Workshop



Check out the Lost and Found...



If your child is missing any items, make sure to check out the lost and found. It's next to the Music Room in the back of the school. The lost items are starting to pile up and all unclaimed items will be packed up and donated before winter break.

Cold Weather Reminder

As we enter the month of November, please send warm outdoor apparel for your students to wear during recess. All students will be outside each day unless there is inclement weather. Also, please make sure to label your child's outdoor gear.



Art Room - Erica Ness

Hey Folks! Thanks for all those who stopped in and colored with me during Conferences. It is such a wonderful thing to get to see the parents and guardians of kids I see every week! Most exciting was getting so many people registered for ARTSONIA! If you aren't signed up yet, use the access code attached to your conference papers, or email me at eness@northfieldschools.org and I can help set you up. If you don't know what Artsonia is, take a moment and check out the website www.artsonia.com. This is a digital portfolio that we build as students at Sibley Elementary. Everything your child makes is stored in the online database and can be shared with anyone you choose. While I upload all artworks from every student, the art remains private and can only be seen by me until you give permission to share. I highly encourage you to share your art, here are a few reasons why.



1. Artsonia lets you easily share your child's artwork with family and friends. - If you have family out of town or out of state, sharing what they make can be tough. But Artsonia allows you to add them to your child's fan page and they will automatically get an email with a picture whenever new artwork is posted.
2. It builds self esteem. - If you or friends make comments on pictures, share them with your student. If you show your child what other people say about their artwork, it helps them feel more proud of their artworks.
3. You have a digital portfolio of their work from all their years at Sibley. - I know it is easy to misplace a work of art, or to give a student's artwork as a gift and later on miss having it to look at for yourself. Artsonia saves all the artwork as high quality JPGs. that can be printed and saved to your computer. You can print them out poster size, or print them out as a little picture for your desk, or even make them your desk top image. There is no more worries about losing an artwork or wondering where to store everything. Also as a parent you can upload any work of art your student makes at home too.
4. Artsonia has high quality keepsakes that can have your child's artwork printed on them. - The Artsonia gift store allows for any fan to purchase a high quality print of your child's artwork printed onto a variety of gifts, including t-shirts, mugs, bags, mousepads, jewelry, or even a stretched canvas. My favorites are the cards that I have seen families order and use to write special letters to grandparents or family. Also, 20% of every purchase comes back to Sibley Elementary to buy art supplies for classroom teachers to use and sketchbooks for students to use in class.

If you have any other questions about Artsonia please let me know and I am happy to help give you any information I can. Thank you so much for your support of the Sibley Art Room!

Fifth Grade Band News - Stefanie Bothun

Hello from the band room!

Congratulations to all 5th grade band students on a wonderful first concert! All the students worked really hard to prepare for the concert and did a fine job showcasing their achievement at the district band concert.

We will now be focusing on preparing for a day concert on Tuesday, December 20th at 2 pm in the Sibley gym for the whole school and any family or friends who would like to come hear the band and orchestra. We will continue with our morning rehearsals from 7:15- 8:15 on November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 9 and 16.



Physical Education-Andy Jaynes & Ryan Pietsch

Greetings from the Physical Education Department! Sibley students continue to work hard this school year as evidenced by the completion of our recent units in volleyball, continued soccer games and skill work, activity stations including climbing ropes and the climbing wall, scooters and capture the football for grades 2-5. They have been having a blast learning how to work hard, work together and have fun! We continue to focus on lots of fitness and fitness types of games to get the students moving four times per week.

Remember your PE shoes!

To ensure a fun and safe environment for all students, we require that all students wear athletic shoes to PE class. Please help your student(s) remember to bring their shoes each day to school, or have them leave a pair at school so they won't forget. Since we hate seeing students miss their gym time, we are able to loan shoes out for the day if students forget theirs. Students must have a pair of socks in order to borrow our gym shoes. Lastly, if you have any gently used gym shoes that your child has grown out of, we would gladly take those and recycle for other students who need to borrow shoes for the day. Thanks!

Thanks for your support of our Physical Education program!
-Mr. Jaynes and Mr. Pietsch



Health Office - Jane Ehlers

Prevention and Treatment of Influenza

Get Vaccinated. Vaccination is the best protection against contracting the flu. Everyone six months of age and older should get vaccinated against the flu as soon as the 2016-2017 season vaccine is available in your area.

If you do contract the flu, talk to your doctor about antivirals. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that can be used for prevention or treatment of flu viruses. If you get sick, antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster.

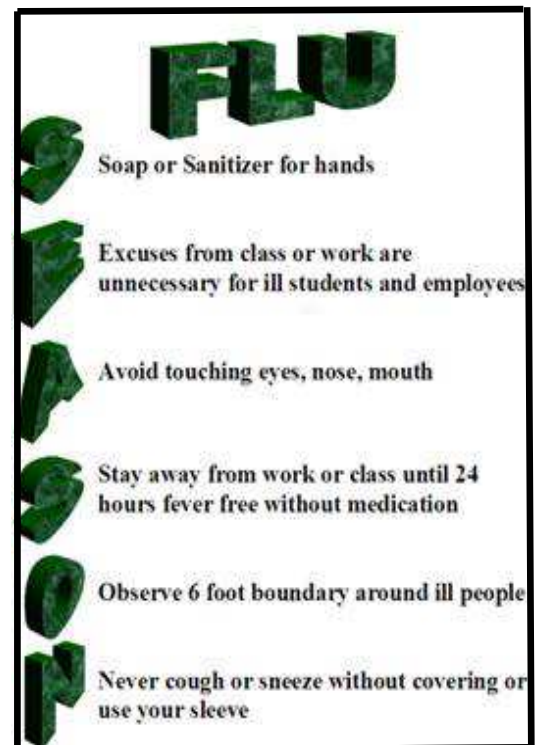
Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.**
Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. You can also use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs spread this way.
- **Try to avoid close contact with sick people.**
- **Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100°F or 37.8°C) or signs of a fever (without use of a fever reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®).**
- **While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.**
- **When is the right time to get a flu shot?**

When you see the vaccine in your community, when it becomes available to you, that is when you should get your flu shot! Ideally vaccination occurs before the flu begins to circulate. (Information from flu.gov)

A Huge Thank You to the many volunteers who helped with vision & hearing screenings on October 11th. Our rescreen day was October 25th. If a problem is detected with your student you will receive a letter prompting further evaluation by a physician.

Jane M. Ehlers, RN
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Social Worker–Noreen Cooney

UNITED CHRISTMAS SHARING



Each year, the Northfield Community Action Center of Northfield sponsors a holiday gift distribution for income eligible families who have children age 18 and younger and live within the Northfield School District. Pre-registration before November 20th

For more information about this program, please call the Community Action Center of Northfield at 664.3550.

NAVIDAD COMPARTIDA



Cada año, el Northfield Community Action Center de Northfield patrocina un distribución de regalos de Navidad a familias elegibles familias que tienen niños menores de 18 años y vivan dentro de el Distrito Escolar de Northfield. Pre-inscripción antes del 20 de Noviembre

Para obtener más información sobre este programa, por favor llame al Centro de Acción Comunitaria de Northfield en 664.3550.

Sibley PTO News– Amanda Tracy

CONGRATULATIONS SIBLEY STARS!!!!!! WE DID IT!!!!!!!

We reached our goal of raising \$15,000 during our Walk-a-thon! That is amazing work! We are still getting the last of the online donation amounts added to our total. We will let you know at the November PTO meeting our final total amount raised. Stay tuned for information coming soon as to when you can expect to see Principal Sannes serving lunch in a superhero costume. Thank you so much to the organizers of the Walk-a-thon Erin Updike, Heidi Brosseau, Mairin Born and Lindsey Downs.

A huge thank you to Corrie Guggisberg for organizing the teacher meals during parent-teacher conferences. Thank you to all of the parents who donated food and their time for making these meals available to teachers. All of your hard work is very much appreciated!

A huge thank you also goes out to Laura Heiman for coordinating our fall book fair. Thank you to those parents who volunteered their time to work at the book fair as well. Laura will share the results of the book fair at our November meeting.

The PTO will again be offering t-shirt sales this fall. Please watch for an order form to come home soon.

Due to November 8th being election night, our November PTO meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30** in the Media Center.

We would love to see you there and get your input on our future PTO activities for this year.



Choir and Music News–Natalia Romero

Hello families!

Don't miss the Sibley Silver Star 4th and 5th Grade Choir Winter Concert! The theme is “Chasing the Winter Blues Away”. We will be singing holiday songs, blues and jazz standards, and inviting the audience to join us for a few tunes.

Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00PM in the Middle School Auditorium.

This is a change from the start of the year calendar.

Students should be on stage, sitting on the risers, ready to sing by 6:30PM.

We will also perform our concert for the Sibley Student body at 2:10 the same day.



2016 WINTER SING SCHEDULE

Join us for a performance and demonstration of all the things we have learned in music class this semester!

5th Grade parents: Note that Ms. Ostermann's class has been split up and added to the other 5th grade sections. Ask your student which class they will be performing with.

Wednesday, December 14th

2:35-3:00 Grade 1 Sasse

Tuesday, December 20th

8:30-8:55 Grade 5 Foley
 8:55-9:20 Grade 5 Sweeney
 11:10-11:35 Grade 2 Soderlund
 11:35-12:00 Grade 2 Seeberg
 1:45-2:10 Grade K Born
 2:10-2:35 Grade 1 Craft
 2:35-3:00 Grade 1 Swenson

Wednesday, December 21st

9:25-9:50 Grade 4 Fox
 9:50-10:15 Grade 4 Day
 10:20-10:45 Grade 3 Johnson
 10:45-11:10 Grade 3 Guggisberg
 1:20-1:45 Grade K Wacholz
 2:10-2:35 Grade 1 Sieger

Thursday, December 22nd

8:30-8:55 Grade 5 Baragary
 8:55-9:20 Grade 5 Stulken
 9:20-9:45 Grade 4 Haar
 9:45-10:10 Grade 4 McManus
 10:20-10:45 Grade 3 Rud
 10:45-11:10 Grade 3 Jandro
 11:10-11:35 Grade 2 Spitzack
 11:35-12:00 Grade 2 Bleckwehl/
 Christopherson
 1:20-1:45 Grade K Heil
 1:45-2:10 Grade K Downs



The Reading Corner– Karleen Sherman

Did you know that your child’s oral language skills have a strong impact on his/her reading ability? Parents and caregivers are the most important resource for their children’s language development. Check for the things you already do with your children below and pick which ideas you would like to try:



- Share your fluent, native language(s) with your children.
- Read together every day. Ask your child questions while you read.
- Label what you see when you’re out in the community.
- Sing songs you know or make up new songs about your experiences.
- Encourage interaction between children, including mixed ages.
- Make eye contact when speaking with your child.
- Explain to your child what you are doing while you do it.
- Share highs and lows from the day at meal time.

P.A.L.S. - Peg Witt

Effective praise focuses on a child’s effort rather than on what is actually accomplished. 5 Strong Starters for Giving Encouragement to Your Child are:

- “That’s an excellent idea for...”
- “You have really learned how to...”
- “That’s a cool way...”
- “You are a real problem solver for...”
- “You must feel proud of yourself for...”



Media News- Anne Hehr

News from the Media Center

In media class students practice a variety of life skills. They learn how to find and use resources. They also learn how to create projects on the computer and iPad using a variety of different programs and apps. On the computer we use programs such as Kid Pix, Schoology, and Google Drive.

All students can check their library account or browse our collection from any device that has Internet access. From the Sibley Media Center website, select “Online Catalog” in the middle of the screen. To check a student account, click the “Log-in” button and then the “My Info” tab. Username: 4 digit lunch number. Password: 4 digit lunch number. If books were returned to the classroom but not brought to the media center, they will still show up on the student’s account.



Student Council-Becki Haar/Nancy Fox

Student council is up and running. Each morning student council members pick up media center books from classrooms to be returned and are keeping the lost and found neat and organized.



During the month of November, we will host a luncheon for Northfield veterans. If you know a veteran who might enjoy lunch with our 4th and 5th grade students please extend an invitation to join us on Monday, November 14th from 12:40-1:05. We would love to honor them with a free lunch.



We will also be holding a "Feed the Turkeys" food collection drive from November 8th-14th. Please send in canned or boxed food items during the week and help restock Northfield's Community Action Council food shelf.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 a.m. in Mrs. Fox's room.

Trash to Cash Program Update – Erin Janssens

Fall Trash to Cash Contest Totals are in!

Sibley brought in 35.5 pounds of "trash" that we can turn into \$\$ for the school! Way to go Stars! The 4th grade worked hard to beat the 5th graders and were SO close but the 5th graders won with 8.0 pounds of trash! Nice job 5th graders. Also, a special shout out to Paula Baragary and her fab 5th graders for collecting the "trash" each day from classrooms. Their assistance was greatly appreciated. You could also remind parents that there will be another collection contest in the Spring but if they want to get rid of their "trash" before that they can send it in anytime.

There is a new member of the Trash 2 Cash volunteers to introduce:

My name is Erin Janssens and my husband, Jo (pronounced Yo-it's Belgian) moved to Northfield at the end of August. We have a daughter, Meg, who is 7 and in Mrs. Swenson's first grade class. She loves Sibley and Jo and I am also loving the school and the community. I volunteered to tackle the My Coke Rewards program. Some of you may already have a My Coke Rewards account. If you do...awesome! If you don't, it is super easy to set up.

Each week you are allowed to enter 75 points. People were incredibly kind to donate their codes, but because of the point restriction I am not able to maximize the amount Sibley could be receiving. This is where you come in! If you are willing, I would be happy to send you the codes and have you enter them on your My Coke Rewards account. It takes about 10 minutes a week, and all you would have to do is log on, sign in, and enter the codes, which you could just copy and paste from what I send you. After you enter the codes, you may donate them to Sibley right away, or wait until a date is decided on for putting the order in, which I am assuming would be in the Spring. If you already have a My Coke Rewards account and are accumulating your own points, you are able to designate a certain amount for Sibley, so we would not be asking you to donate your own personal points, just the ones you enter from the people who donated their codes.

There will be another Trash 2 Cash contest in the Spring. So, please continue saving your trash! And encourage friends and family to save theirs as well.

If you have any questions or want to start receiving Coke codes please send me an e-mail. erin@janssens.us



Northfield Community Ed

Community Services November 2016 – Sibley Newsletter

Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division has many great programs that start in **November and December**. For more information or to register for these great programs visit us online at www.northfieldschools.org (follow the Community Services link), call 507-664-3649, or visit the Northfield Community Resource Center at 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield. **Scholarships are available for all programs.**

Tae Kwon Do for Kids

grades 2 – 12, \$74

T & Th, Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 (no class Nov. 24 & Dec. 8), Sibley Cafeteria

Beginner (white, yellow and orange belts), 6 – 6:45 p.m., **Class #: 4165-F16C**

Advanced (green – black belts), 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., **Class #:4165-F16D**

Boys and Girls Bowling

grades K – 12, \$89/new participants or \$85/returning participants

Th, Dec. 1 – Feb. 9 (no class Dec. 22 & 29) or F, Dec. 2 – Feb. 10

(no class Dec. 23 & 30)

4 – 5:30 p.m.

Jesse James Lanes

Class #: 1057-F16C or Class #: 1057-F16D

Watch Me Draw: Draw Like A Pro!

grades K – 5, \$75

Tu, Nov. 8 – Dec. 6; 3:20 – 4:20 p.m.

Sibley Art Room

Class #: 4395-F16SA

Mad Science: Science Comes Alive!

grades 1 – 6, \$69

M, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5; 3:20 – 4:20 p.m.

Sibley Classroom 138

Class #: 4390-F16SA

Watch Me Draw: Masters on Canvas – Dragon Slayer!

grades 1 – 5, \$25

Tu, Dec. 13; 3:20 – 4:50 p.m.

Sibley Art Room

Class #: 4390-F16SA

American Red Cross Babysitter's Certification Course

Ages 11 – 17, \$105

Sa, Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Northfield Community Resources Center (Youth Wing 108), Class #: 4355-F16B

Basketball Camp

Ages 6 – 12, \$44

Tu & W, Dec. 27 & 28; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bridgewater Gym

Class #: 1153-F16A



November Library Events and News



The MODEL TRAINS ARE COMING!

Winter Walk
Thursday, Dec. 8th
3 to 8 pm

Remember!
The library will be closed on
Veteran's Day Nov. 11
and **Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24**

Our online catalog is always open!

Northfield
Public Library
210 Washington St.
507.645.6606
www.northfieldmn.info

HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9 am to 8 pm
Friday 9 am - 6 pm
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1-5 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am Infant Lapsit 3:30-5 iPad Club & Nov. 1 and 8	2 10 am Toddler Rhyme Time	3 10 am Pre-school Storytime 3-5 Lego & Duplo Club	4	5
6 OPEN 1-5 on Sundays	7	8 10 am Infant Lapsit 3:30-5 iPad Club last session.	9 10 am Toddler Rhyme Time	10 10 am Pre-school Storytime Special today! Connect with Early Childhood Family Ed staff following the storytime. 3-5 Lego & Duplo Club	11 Veteran's Day the library is closed.	12
						
13	14	15 10 am Infant Lapsit 7 pm Contemporary Women's Book Group	16 10 am Toddler Rhyme Time	17 10 am Pre-school Storytime 3-5 Lego & Duplo Club	18	19
20	21 6:30 pm Mystery Book Group Bunday Conf. Rm.	22 10 am Infant Lapsit	23 10 am Toddler Rhyme Time	24 Happy Thanksgiving The library is closed. 	25	26
27	28 7 pm Sci-Fi Book Group Pye Conf. Rm.	29 10 am Infant Lapsit	30 10 am Toddler Rhyme Time			

