



# FOOTSTEPS@NESBIT PUMA CUBS NOVEMBER 2017 - NEWSLETTER VOL. 35



## CALENDAR – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Veteran’s Day - Footsteps Preschools Closed  
Friday, 11/10

Site Council Meeting  
Wednesday 11/15 5:15-6:00 PM

November Parent’s Night Out  
Friday, 11/17 6:00-11:00PM

Thanksgiving Potluck Feast  
Wednesday 11/22 3:30 PM

Thanksgiving Break  
All Footsteps Sites Closed  
Thursday, 11/23-Friday, 11/24

Puma Cubs & Nesbit Sites Winter Sing  
Tuesday 12/12 6:30 PM  
Dinner and children’s performance

Footsteps Closed – Christmas Day  
Monday 12/25

Footsteps Closed – New Year’s Day  
Monday 1/1

Footsteps Preschools Closed – Professional Development Day  
Monday 1/8

## THIS MONTH’S NEWS

### INFANT/TODDLER



November is all about **ZOO ANIMALS!** It should be a fun and wild theme. We will say goodbye to **Naomi** and **Dexter**, as they turn 2 November 8 and head to the Preschool Room! We welcome new friends to our class. **Naomi** will be join the Toddler side, **Elizabeth** and **Isabelle** will join the infant side.

We will unfortunately say goodbye to **Teacher Linda** on Friday November 3. Linda has made the decision to move closer to her family in Southern California. We are sad to see this very dynamic and energetic teacher go, but wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



### PRESCHOOL

November is ALL ABOUT ME, with cultural snacks, self-portraits, body tracings, fingerprints, and collages for the Preschool family tree.

**Anya**, **Hunter**, **Dexter**, and **Naomi** will join us from the infant/toddler classroom and **Austin** (Alexa’s younger brother) will join us as well! We are excited to have some new friends join us!

However, with all of our new friends starting, some are leaving. **Zephina** is moving to our City Center Plaza preschool; we are sad to see her go but know she will have fun at her new school!

**Callie**, **Alexa** and **Sylvie** are joining the PreK class and we are excited to see them continue to grow and learn!





We are making some changes to the Preschool Classroom by splitting the room so there is a defined two-year old space and a defined older preschool space. This is a more developmentally appropriate approach and acknowledges the differences between a two-year old and a three year old, promote smaller group curriculum focus, and have a better ability to individualize more frequently. The two-year olds will use the front yard, which is developmentally suitable for their age group, along with time in the back yard. The group will be together at the beginning and end of the day, but will divide during the day.

### PREKINDERGARTEN

**Theme: All About Me!** The children will discover what makes them special and unique with activities centered on themselves and their family - recognizing our body parts, make mirrors, feather necklaces, Popsicle stick homes and self-portraits, measure their foot, and make themselves out of patterned paper.



We are asking all families bring in a family photo or two to display in the classroom. We will send home a Family Project with your child, an All About Me Bag. It includes with instructions and is due Wednesday November 15 for Share Day.

**We look forward to learning more about your child and your family!**

### UPCOMING SITE EVENTS

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK FEAST**

**Wednesday November 22**

**3:30 PM**

Sign-ups will go out on Shutterfly so we can insure a variety of foods. Please be sure your items fit our Footsteps Health and Wellness guidelines. If you would like a copy of them please find them on our website or ask Jenn.

### WINTER SING PERFORMANCE

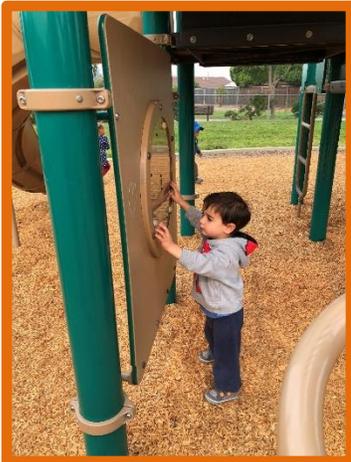
**Tuesday, December 12**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

Children will perform seasonal and holiday songs and sharing with their families in a gathering in the Nesbit School Multi-Use Room. The children will rehearse songs to prepare a special show for all! This event is done with our Footsteps@Nesbit location, so please arrive early to get your seat!

To accommodate our young children's schedules the Preschool classes sing first.

**Dinner - A suggested donation of \$10.00 per family!**



### SHARE DAY & THEMES

Share Day themes are updated on Learning Genie the Monday and Tuesday before Share Day on Wednesday. Share Day items should be placed in the designated Share Day Box. Items will be in the box until share time and then will be placed back in the box for pick up the same day. Please be sure items are labeled with your child's name so they are not lost or stolen from the box. If items are misplaced in the classroom it will be much easier when found to return them to their owner.

### STAFF UPDATES

Footsteps@Puma Cubs is pleased to introduce new staff to you!

- **Diego Z – Assistant** - Diego is in his final year of his Bachelor's degree in Human Services at NDNU. Diego has a passion for educating and motivating young minds and brings dedication, motivation, and patience to his teaching practices. Diego has been a behavior technician, a flight commander, and a Rose Bowl Float Construction Team Member. He enjoys music, running, and international travel.



- **Candace G-P – Teacher** - Candace has worked in the field of education for 15 years. Over the course of her career she has taught; Introduction to Sociology, Social Work, Social Problems, Criminal Justice, Cultural Anthropology and Early Childhood. In addition, she has two semesters of Music Education and is a certified Yoga instructor. In April, Candace and her family relocated from Little Rock, AR for her husband's career. At that time, she was a full-time faculty member for UA-Pulaski Technical College.
- **Delta A – Teacher** - Delta holds an AS in Early Childhood Education and she is working towards becoming a Master Teacher. Delta received training through Head Start and worked with the elderly teaching basic computer skills and comprehension. She is excited to work with young children to promote their physical, social, and cognitive development and partner with families. Delta enjoys walking, music, camping, and is an avid fisherwoman.
- Footsteps will say good-bye to Linda Y Friday November. Linda has made the decision to move closer to her family in Southern California. We are sad to see this very dynamic and energetic teacher go, but wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



## LAST MONTH'S CLASSROOM NEWS

### INFANT/TODDLER



During October, we explored Dinosaurs. We learned about different types of dinosaurs, big and small. We enjoyed deciding what sounds the dinosaurs made, doing sensory projects, fine motor skills art projects, and making the best dinosaurs!

We would like to welcome **Mira** to the infant and toddler classroom! **Hunter** and **Anya** have transitioned into preschool; they have adjusted well. **Dexter** and **Naomi** have also been visiting preschool, they will be preschoolers in early November; they are also adjusting well and enjoy playing with both new and old friends.



### PRESCHOOL

October was all about COLORS & SHAPES!! It was a very hands-on month for the preschool classroom. We were very busy mixing colors and learning new shapes through many activities, games, songs, dances, and stories. We welcomed Teacher Candy; we love and appreciate her help this month.



### PREKINDERGARTEN

Our October theme was Colors and Shapes. The children worked on shape and color recognition as well as color mixing. The skittles experiment was a big hit, everyone wanted to participate more than once. **Mia** and **Elliot** were very creative with their circle art. The children are excited to have daily classroom jobs. We also offered Halloween arts and crafts, had a Halloween parade, and played Halloween themed games. We had a great time at Lemos Farm. **Berkeley** was all smiles as she rode a pony. **Alex** and **Brady** loved the train ride. **Josephine** and **Jamie** could not get enough of the bounce houses. We welcome **Callie**, **Alexa**, and **Sylvie** into our Pre-K class; they are settling in and are having a good time.



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Sign-ups to meet with your child's teacher are out! Please look at which child your teacher is assigned to and sign up for an available time. Conferences are a great way to meet with your child's teacher to talk about your child's development and how your child is doing at Puma Cubs. It is important to spend this time with your child's teacher so that we continue to work with your child and you.



**PRE-K MAKING  
COLORFUL &  
HEALTHY  
SMOOTHIES**

# HALLOWEEN FUN!

We had lots of fun at our Halloween Parade and Carnival! The children and family members enjoyed healthy Halloween snacks.

