



I Am A Prepper

A Prep Community Newsletter
To help busy parents with their busy lives!



November Events



November 14th – 18th

OSU vs Michigan Food Drive

Thanks to everyone for participating in the food drive. It appears that OSU won at both locations again this year. Either way, the real winners are the families that will benefit from your generosity. Thanks for making it a success again this year!

November 18th

FUN FRIDAY

Students in the preschool program enjoyed the day off from wearing their uniforms and many showed great spirit in supporting their favorite team. Looking forward another Fun Friday on December 16th.



November 22nd

FRIENDSHIP FEAST

Parents are invited to join us for our annual Friendship Feast luncheon tomorrow. It will be a great time to get in the holiday spirit and enjoy a meal with your children!

November 23rd

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There is no school on this day for the preschool program. However, childcare enrichment is available.

November 24th and 25th

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Prep Academy Schools will be closed in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

A Note from Miss Marla . . .

As Thanksgiving approaches I'm reminded of all those who have enriched my journey in life. At this time I'd like to extend my deepest appreciation to the Prep Academy community for intrusting me with the responsibility of overseeing the Polaris Campus. It's not often that you can go to work and be greeted by smiling faces, hugs from kids and see that educational spark in every classroom. For that I'm truly grateful!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the children will focus on what it means to be thankful and will be reminded of the importance of being kind to one another. We are also excited to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast at the end of the month and prepare for our Annual Food Drive for local food pantry's.

I hope this November you have the opportunity take some extra time with family and friends and enjoy the moments of this Thanksgiving holiday. Perhaps extend some thanks to all the people that have enriched your life.

May the joy of this holiday season extend to you and your family throughout the coming year!

Sincerely,

Marla Macatangay

Marla Macatangay, Director
 Polaris Campus

Happy November Birthday to . . .



Dublin Campus:

Ni'Cole Gibson – 10th
 Laurie Beard – 11th

Polaris Campus:

Jamie Chiero – 3rd
 Caroline Bernards – 4th

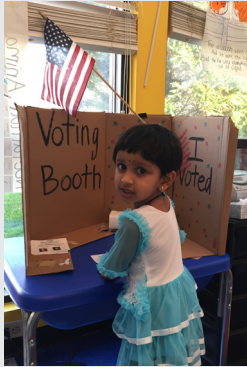
Classroom Corner

Look what we're doing....

DUBLIN CAMPUS

Dublin Campus

Miss Karen's Jr. Preschool Class
In recognition of Election Day, the class discussed voting and then each took a turn visiting the classroom poll booth where they were able to place their vote.



Miss Markie's Pre-Kindergarten Class

The students used Mr. Potato Head to help them learn about each of their five senses.



POLARIS CAMPUS

Miss Kristin and Miss Hannah's Junior Toddler Class

The Jr. Toddler students have enjoyed learning all about Autumn and nature. Their fine motor skills were at work while painting their fall acorns. Great job Jr. Toddlers!



Miss Suzie's Pre-Kindergarten Class

The Pre- K students read " Spookley the Square Pumpkin" by Sonja Ball. They made their own Spookley's, and the students did a graph by themselves using different shapes. They also had a chance to review their graph and discuss the concepts of most and least! ☺



Teacher Feature

Dublin Campus:

Jinni Warne – Infant Teacher

Miss Jinni began teaching at Prep Academy in October 2016.



Why do you enjoy teaching?

A long time ago, when my children were young, I wanted to show them the exciting things this world holds. In return, I saw in their faces excitement, wonder, and pride. I saw in their eyes a sparkle of understanding. What a joy it is to see, so I strive to give each child the same reflection of understanding.

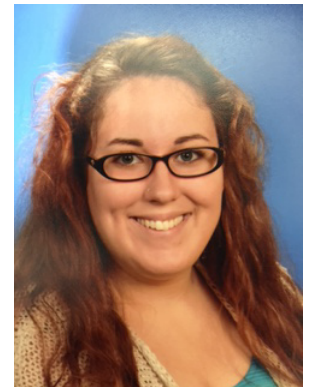
What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time I like to watch football, paint and spend time with my grandchildren. I also enjoy walks in the park.

Polaris Campus:

Chelsea Cain - Spanish Teacher

Miss Chelsea began teaching at Prep Academy in February 2016.



Why do you enjoy teaching?

I am able to grow and learn just as much as the students. Also, getting to know the best teachers and students everyday gives me motivation.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy reading, writing, arts & crafts, and helping others in any way we can.

November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving from Prep Academy!



November Weekly Themes



FIVE SENSES
Oct. 31 - Nov. 4



Hibernation
Nov. 7-11



Native Americans & Pilgrims/Explorers
Nov. 14-18



Thanksgiving
Nov. 21 - 22

October Was Great Fun at Prep Academy!



PUMPKIN PATCH

Despite the wet weather, the children enjoyed picking and decorating their pumpkins. We love fall!



Halloween Celebration

Halloween was a hit! All the children looked great in their costumes, which they got to show off during the parade. Everyone had a great time at the parties and really enjoyed the yummy treats!

ONE Visit

We had a visit from Ohio Nature Education and some of its residents, such as bats, owls and even a bird. Mrs. Van taught the children about each of the animals to coincide with our Nocturnal Animals theme.



Miss Amanda's November Specials Report!



MUSIC

Through October, I worked with teaching the students new Halloween themed songs, accompanied by choreographed movements. We've been working on singing as a group, learning to sing and move at the same time, and singing while playing an instrument to keep a steady beat. Recently, we have started to learn instrument groups through sight and sound recognition. This will be included in a booklet where the students will be learning MANY instruments and which group they belong to: Percussion, Woodwind, String, or Brass. While we are working through our instrument booklets, we will also be learning more about music dynamics, tempo, music notations and symbols.



Gym

Lately we have been playing a variety of games to help students work on their listening and comprehension skills. As they've progressed in following directions, I have started a few "center" activities, which allows the students to run each center as a group, practicing a variety of fine motor movements, as well as their ability to take charge and work more independently. We have been learning about jumping, different ways to walk/run/move, multiple ways to stretch, and some other simple exercises. Currently we are working on our kicking, throwing, and tossing skills, using bean bags and balls, moving freely, as well as using a target.



Art

In art class we have been covering multiple topics this past month. The students have learned their primary and secondary colors now, so we worked on dividing those colors into two groups; warm colors and cool colors, shown in our "Cool Breeze, Warm Leaves" project. Then I introduced a variety of different ways to draw a line, which was represented in our Halloween themed project, created with oil pastels and watercolor. We are now working with a variety of shapes in our new project inspired by Henri Matisse, which will roll over into our next project, differentiating between 2D and 3D shapes.

Easy Ways to make Instruments for Kids

GUITAR



- empty shoe box
- rubber bands
- ruler or stick

Remove the cover from the box. Stretch the rubber bands around the box. Attach the ruler or stick to the back of the box on one end to act as the arm of the guitar.

To play, strum or pluck the rubber bands.

HORN



- paper towel roll
- rubber band
- waxed paper
- pen

Cover one end of the paper towel roll with waxed paper, secure it with a rubber band. Punch a row of holes along one side of the roll with the tip of a pen.

To play, sing a tune into the open end of the horn.



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