

## UMNS NEWSLETTER October 2008

### WEB SITE

We are happy to announce our new web site! Please visit us at [www.mnaskids.org](http://www.mnaskids.org) for information as well as event updates! We will be changing the photos on a regular basis, so if you do not want your child's photo to appear on this site please let us know as soon as possible.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Stephanie Gasser of "*Candid Yams*" will be our photographer again this year. Picture days will be as follows: Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 5Day4's and 4Day4's, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - MWF3's and TTHF3's. The photographs will be taken outside, weather permitting. You can request sibling photos be taken if you let us know ahead of time.

### FIELD TRIPS

Our 4's classes will be going on their first field trip to the New Canaan Nature Center to take part in a program on apples and apple cider making. It is always a fun hands on experience as the children participate in the cider making process! The classes are going on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of Oct. Teachers will be posting sign-up sheets outside the classrooms for drivers and chaperones.

### BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> to Oct 23. This is a fundraiser for the school and a wonderful opportunity to purchase quality books for young children.

Kim Quinn and Kerry O'Dea have volunteered to coordinate the book fair this year, so if you have time to help set up, sell or close that week contact Kerry or Kim.

### OPEN HOUSE

We will hold an Open House at Methodist on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Parents will have an opportunity to socialize and browse the book fair. Parents then visit the classrooms where they can view the children's work and the teachers can talk about class curriculum and the daily schedule.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school calendar differs from the New Canaan Public School calendar this year during the months of October and February. Please note that we are not open October 10 and February 17.

### PARENT COFFEES

Parent Coffees have been scheduled for each of the classes. These are generally held in Wesley lounge. The TTHF3's coffee will be held on Thurs.Oct.16<sup>th</sup>, The MWF3's coffee will be Friday Oct.17<sup>th</sup>. The 4Day4's coffee will be Thurs. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and the 5Day4's will be Fri. Nov.7<sup>th</sup>. All coffees will begin immediately after drop-off. Please come and enjoy conversation and refreshments!

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

UMNS is 50 this year! We are looking for suggestions for ways to celebrate this occasion during the school year! Please let me know if you have any ideas!

### THANKS TO ALL FOR A WONDERFUL START TO OUR SCHOOL YEAR!