

**DECEMBER NEWS 2014  
CRAFTON HEIGHTS  
COMMUNITY PTRESCHOOL**

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**SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:**

- There is NO Hoagie Sale in December.
- WQED Math IQ— Dec 9th @ Propel
- Christmas Songs & Festival Dec. 17th
- Winter Break- Dec 22-31
- Jan. 5th Return to school

**THANKSGIVING- A TIME OF REFLECTION**

This is a wonderful time of year to reflect on the blessings in our lives and in our program at CHCP. I am Thankful for the support from our families, through our hoagie fundraisers; your sales and donations really make a difference!. We earn three dollars on each hoagie we sell, in November we sold 275 hoagies. Our hoagie sales are just one way we raise money to supplement our tuition. At CHCP we need to raise over \$13,000 each year to meet our costs. This is done through hoagie sales, fundraiser dinners, special events, donations and contributions from our friends, families, CHCP supporters and community partners.

On November 18th a fundraiser dinner was held at MAD MEX

restaurant in Robinson Twp. 43 diners came out on a frigid evening to enjoy dinner, wings and dessert with friends. 100% of our tickets sales went to support CHCP. A huge Thank-You to MAD MEX for their generous dinner contribution



*A buffet of wings, salad, fajitas with trimmings was enjoyed.*



and support.

**WQED MATH IQ**

On December 9th from 3:40-4:30pm this will be the third math intervention for our children and their third grade mentors at Montour Propel Charter School.

This partnership between WQED, CHCP and Montour Propel is a collaboration between

schools & community mixing technology, hands on learning and student mentoring to reinforce educational skills with the newest apps and devices using IPADS, computers and video to teach young children with a fun engaging approach to learning using the problem solving skills of PEG and her side kicks-

Ramone & CAT.

In our classrooms we use a variety of educational games on our 6 IPADS and laptops to give all of our students an opportunity to use the devices for letter & number recognition, pre-writing skills, music making and songs.





### CHRISTMAS SONGS & FESTIVAL

Family & friends can join us on **Wednesday, December 17th** at 9:40am in the sanctuary of our building. The children will sing a few Christmas songs before we enjoy the activities, games and refreshments in Fellowship Hall. This light hearted morning is open to everyone and will conclude around 11:15 am. We only need a few families to sign up to bring in a few refreshments to share. We are asking for cookies and fruit. If you contributed to the Thanksgiving program you do not need to sign up for anything unless you really want to.

*DROP OFF all items in the Kitchen the morning of December 17th*



### DECEMBER'S LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In December we will talk about the true meaning of Christmas and will read a few versions of the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus. We will learn some seasonal songs to share with you on the 17th . We will be reinforcing shapes, & numbers; pre-k will be counting by 10 and writing in their alphabet books. We will update our bulletin boards with signs of the season- Nativity, snowmen and winter! Watch as we work on making them this week.

*On Tuesday we will be taking pictures of your child in their winter coats when they arrive at school.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**to Will!**  
**Turning 4 on**  
**December 9th**



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**@ Montour**  
**Propel**



October was a month full of learning about farm life! We learned that farmers grow a variety of food, raise an assortment of animals, drive different types of equipment. We sorted vegetables and fruit, tasted veggies, learned about corn and what can be made from corn. We enjoyed the farmers market, tending the store, being a cashier and helping customers and buying produce.

We read a few classic stories, *"The Little Red hen"*, *"Mrs. Wishy Washy"* and sang a few classic songs; *"BINGO"*, *"Farmer in the Dell"* & *"Old MacDonald"*. Library time included *"The big red barn"* and *"The leaf blew in"*

The children colored barn pages to remind them of the stories.

We are ending the month with "The three little pigs" Activities included a take home project with a house of straw, sticks & bricks and the characters so your child can re-tell you the story.

Playing the cooperative game; Count the chickens, was a fun game to help mother hen gather all the chicks into the coop. This reinforced counting skills, turn taking, and one to one correspondence.

Another favorite game we play at school is The Orchard game it's a cooperative game where all the fruit has to be picked before the crow is built .

In November we were learning about some favorite fall animals; turkeys and raccoons, squirrels and bears. We will look at animal tracks, learn what animals are active at night and how animals are getting ready for winter.

Pre-K is starting to lwrite some lower case letters & numbers 1-7. Preschool group will be matching and counting. Everyone is practicing cutting with scissors.

Gym movement classes and library groups rotate every other week.

Ms. Jamie form the Carnegie West End Library stops by with stories, songs and a ukulele once a month. Mr. Ron's Music will be here in November introducing the kids to great songs and instruments.

