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Dear Families,

Thanksgiving is 2 weeks away. Amazing! That means our annual Outer Limits Thanksgiving Meal is also two weeks away. As you read in our last newsletter, we hope you will join us on Tuesday, November 22nd for a Turkey lunch with all the fixings! Check with your child's teachers about what time to come in, but figure approximately 11:00 – 12:30. Please let us know if you and/or other family members will be able to attend so we can plan for the right amount of turkey.

We will be open on Friday, November 25th – the day after Thanksgiving. For many people this is a day of family, fun and shopping; however, for others it is another work day. Please let us know in the office if your child will be here so that we can staff accordingly. Thank you.

Many of you saw the front page article about Strong Start Tucson in the newspaper last week. If you didn't, it is hanging on the bulletin board in the office – look for the big picture of Mr. Miguel and some of our Roadrunners. Strong Start Tucson is a ballot initiative that Tucson voters will vote for next November. Strong Start Tucson will raise the sales tax by a small amount and make high quality preschool more affordable and accessible to all Tucson families. We have been working very hard to make this happen and hope you will help us in two important ways.

- Attend the Strong Start Tucson kickoff party on Thursday, November 17th. The party is hosted by Make Way for Books and begins at 5:30. RSVP at www.strongstarttucson.org. 700 N. Stone Ave
- Sign the initiative! We need to collect about 20,000 signatures between now and May. We will ask all of you who live in the City of Tucson to sign the initiative. Be on the lookout for our request in a couple weeks.

Do you want to help with or donate to the campaign? Ask us how you can help!

Would you like more information about the foods we all eat and how they affect us? There is a free lecture on Friday, November 18th at the Double Tree – Reid Park that may interest you. Dr. Robert Lustig will discuss “Processed Food: An Experiment That Failed.” The presentation begins at 6:00 and you can rsvp to rsvp@beyond-tucson.org.

Is your child entering Kindergarten in the Fall? It is now time to begin researching the right program for him/her. Applications for TUSD’s magnet programs will be available by the middle of November and open houses will begin soon after the New Year. Applications for open enrollment in the Catalina Foothills school district are available now. Please ask us for more information in the office – we hope you will start early and find the right fit for your family.

A quick plug about tax preparation. United Way volunteers will be available starting at the end of January to prepare your taxes FOR FREE. We will provide more information as it becomes available, but we hope that instead of paying high fees for preparation and refund anticipation loans you are able to wait until January when you can have certified tax preparers help you at no cost!

Do you know we have a blog on our website? Please check it out every once and a while. We think it will be worth your time and we like seeing the number of hits on our website increase! Maybe it will encourage us to write more!

Most of you know we have a wonderful community member, Karin Elliot, who runs a food backpack program for Outer Limits families who need a bit more food on the weekends. This program is currently full with 20 children receiving backpacks each week. Karin also works hard to provide holiday gifts for each child. Please tell us if you would like to help Karin by donating gifts, food or time and she will get in touch with you. See more at www.karins-backpacks.blogspot.com

We’re looking forward to seeing you for our Thanksgiving Meal together. Thank you so much for being a part of our community.

Take care,

Blanca, Minnie & Bill