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To: Board of Education
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RE: Board Report
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Community Engagement

- **Community Connections** – Winter programming is almost ready to launch. The final touches on new courses are being finalized. The online catalog is set to be posted right before Thanksgiving.
- **Arts Collaborative Advisory Board** - We have formed an advisory committee to begin planning for an arts center through community education. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th where we will outline goals, action steps, and possible timeline. We have already started adding arts programming into our class offerings.
- **Social Media Initiatives**- This fall we created an interview format video with the Chelsea Fire Department to highlight fire safety month. We are also still trying out new creative ways to highlight upcoming programming and preschool events.

Preschool and After Care

- **Fall Festival** – We held a successful Fall Festival. This event was well attended by our families to enjoy seasonal games and activities.
- **Aftercare** – Aftercare is in full swing with many fun activities planned by the teachers, including find a circle day, haunted refrigerator day, and unwrapping a frozen t-shirt. Aftercare also welcomes the YMCA weekly for additional physical activity and hosts Mobee each month for added afterschool reading. Looking ahead we will have a Ukulele concert and cookie decorating in partnership with the senior center.
- **Family Engagement** - We are set to host our first family partnership meeting on November 13, with host Marie Larson with a focus on building resilient children. Preschool is also set to host parent teacher conferences on November 24 and 25, this allows our teachers to showcase everything children have learned and focused on while in school.

Community Education

- **Adult Education & Enrichment** – Our Ceramics course with CHS teacher Claire Popovich concluded beautifully with very positive reviews. With such high demand, we are offering two ceramics courses this winter and brainstorming more ways to bring art offerings to the community. We are also offering new photography courses this winter with focuses on digital and iPhone usage.

- **Youth Programming** - This winter we are bringing back ***Code it!*** a computer science centered course for our elementary students. We are also offering ***Brixxology*** which is a lego focused class.
- **Facility Use** – Weekly facility meetings have been held with the entire team to streamline processes, work out conflicts, and remain on the same page about approvals and denials.