

## FULL CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

With the colder weather upon us, the children and teachers at Full Circle are finding creative ways to enjoy the outdoors and spend as much time together in nature. Masking for children two and up indoors remains a policy as we proceed with caution into the cold season, but outdoors has been a safe space for all where we can move freely, spread out, and take off our masks for a breath of fresh air.

I'd like to particularly dedicate this article to our amazing teaching staff who risk their own safety daily providing quality care and education for our community's unvaccinated members. Many have had jobs that allow them to work from the comforts of home, but the work we do with children each day demands us to be present, fully in the moment, and masked as we continue to raise resilient, powerful children. We are lucky to work in a field that encourages us to leave our own issues at the door and to step into the classrooms as our best selves, to be the calm in the chaos of child rearing. Please join me in thanking our amazing teaching staff for showing up each day with creative ways to learn and explore the world, even though they must pick up all that they have left at the door when the day is done.

We are also so thankful for Cantor Steve and his willingness to be with us for us each week for Tuesday morning music and Friday morning Shabbat music!

As we prepare for the holidays of Thanksgiving and Chanukah, please remember to thank those around you who continue to hold you up and find the light in a seemingly dark time. We are not through this pandemic, but we have proven time and again that we are a community of survivors, justice, and love. Don't forget to let the light in, and if you need a reminder, think of all the beautiful children and teachers who come to OZ every day eager to learn, collaborate, and shine their light.

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