



# October

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Welcome fall! The cooler temperatures and the swirling leaves will soon have our minds filled with all of the wonderful ways to enjoy the month of October. Pumpkins make an appearance at farmer's markets, Halloween costumes dance in store windows, and who can resist a leap into a pile of colorful fall leaves?!

The first month of school is behind us. The children have learned to feel secure in their school environment and have adapted, quite well, to the rhythm of our days! Meeting new friends, exploring the playground, trying out and sharing the toys in their classroom are all lessons that we have concentrated on during the month of September.



Our October school themes will take on a seasonal nature. We'll dance with the falling leaves as the vibrant colors of the season surround us. Have you been dreaming of the Great Pumpkin? Well, it's time to dream up a "spooktakular" idea for this year's family pumpkin. The school garden is ready and waiting to be transformed into the **BBLC Pumpkin Patch**. Watch for our flyer.



We will celebrate **National Fire Prevention Week** during the week of October 3-7. Once again our devoted Hilltown Volunteer Fire Co. will visit and speak to the children about fire safety. The fire engine will be here for inspection by the classes and, if we're lucky, the firefighters will let us practice with the hose!



Our Step 1 class will be visiting **Kohler Farm** for a hayride and some pumpkin picking just in time for Farm Week. Watch for permission slips in your child's folder. Pre K will be going on their annual "bone hunt" as they head to Peace Valley Nature Center to learn about animal skeletons later this month. Sounds like "CSI Hilltown"



It wouldn't be October without our annual **Trunk 'r Treat** event to wrap up the month. It's always a "howling" good time! Lots of details will be sent home soon! (There will be no Lunch Bunch on Monday, Oct. 30)



## PICTURE DAY

The school photographer will be visiting us again this year to take individual and class pictures. A flyer will be sent home with a permission slip, if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. No money is exchanged until you view, digitally, the pictures the photographer takes. You may then decide if you would like to purchase them.

Step 1 pictures are on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Step 2 and Pre K pictures will be taken on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.



## DONATION OF THE MONTH

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are so grateful to our **generous families** for all of your "donations of the month". Your thoughtfulness helped to get us off and running this school year! We never cease to be amazed at the kindness of our school families. Of course, donations are on a voluntary basis, so this month our needs are:

**Step 1 - Plain Paper Plates (generic)**

**Step 2 - Glue Sticks**

**Pre K - Apple juice or Lemonade**



**September Donation Winners:**

**Step 2 - Giuliana Sciarrino**

**Step 1 - Matthew O'Connor**

**Pre K - Peighton Rotunna**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

10/4 - 10/5	Scholastic Book Orders due
10/11, 12	Hilltown Firefighters visit
10/17	<b>Step 1 Kohler Farm Class Trip</b>
10/19, 20	<b>Picture Days</b>
10/23	Family Pumpkins due in the patch
10/25	<b>Pre K Class Trip to Peace Valley Nature Center</b>
10/30	<b>Step 2 Trunk 'r Treat 10:45 (No Lunch Bunch)</b>
10/30	<b>Pre K Trunk 'r Treat 2:15</b>
10/31	<b>Step 1 Trunk 'r Treat 11:00</b>



When witches go riding,  
and black cats are seen,  
the moon laughs and whispers,  
'tis near Halloween.