

# OCTOBER 2018 NEWS

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### WE'RE FALLING INTO THE FUN!

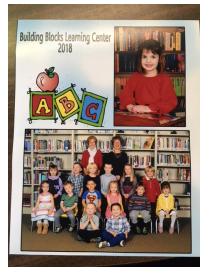
Our school is in full swing and the students are adjusting comfortably to new friends and new routines. We hope they are excitedly sharing stories of their school adventures with you at home. During this month, all classes will be going on fun Fall field trips to experience all that nature has to offer during this colorful season!

### DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH--PAPER NAPKINS

Thank you so very much for the generous boxes of tissues so many families donated in ptember...we appreciate each and every box! Congratulations to Ben S., as he is the lucky winner of September's drawing! During the month of October, we will be collecting **packs of plain paper napkins** (not colored, decorative, or party. Plain is great.)...each child who donates is entered into our monthly drawing. Children are served snack every day on these napkins. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

### PICTURE DAY!

Our school portraits will be taken on October 9/10 by Jontori Photography Studios. Classroom calendars will indicate which day pertains to your child. White envelopes with brightly-colored instructions have already been sent home in folders. Please note the procedures and return envelopes **by October 5th**. See photos below for a sample of the individual portrait, as well as the memory mate (Package E).



### ADD-ONS...

Mindful Monday, Fun Frolics--Let's Get Moving, and Groovy Guest--Matt Cadabra will take place this month. We have lots of Step 2 and PreK students registered! So that we can safely supervise these programs, **I am cancelling walk-in Lunch Bunch on the following Wednesdays: 10/3, 10/10, 10/17 and 10/24**. Children registered for the Fun Frolics add-on will be staying for lunch; no additional walk-ins can be accommodated those Wednesdays. Additionally, there is no regular walk-in lunch bunch on Groovy Guest Day, Fri 10/19, but this has already been noted on the yellow add-on sheet that was given out at orientation.



## HALLOWEEN...

Halloween will be celebrated with variations of parades of costumes, classroom presentations, and sing-a-longs. Specific details about costumes, times, and activities will go home separately. [Look for the bright ORANGE sheets.](#) Halloween snack will be served to children before our guests arrive. Families are invited to join each class for the special "un-spooky" happenings towards the end of the morning. PLEASE make note of the time parents are to join each class, as not all classes will have activities at the same time. This staggering of times is scheduled to allow families with multiple students to view each child's special events. Please leave yourself enough time to safely find a parking space and arrive on time--**parking will be tight.** These are very short, but very fun activities. Notices will come home soon in folders.

Please help your child make a safe choice regarding Halloween costumes. Keep costumes simple and comfortable. No weapons or play weapons, or face masks. Be sure to name-label all costume parts. Please keep in mind that children may be active in their costumes and may also need the bathroom. It is easiest for us if costumes can be slipped over regular clothes. One piece costumes can be very tricky for us, if a bathroom emergency arises.

## FAMILY PUMPKINS...

In following with our school tradition, families are again asked to decorate pumpkins for our colorful display around the school. Your family pumpkin is to be decorated at home. **PLEASE, NO CUT OUTS.** Enjoy this creative activity with your little ones and bring the decorated pumpkins to school on October 24-25 so we'll have time to enjoy them before Halloween. [Look for ORANGE information sheets to come home soon in folders.](#)

## LABELS...PLEASE!

With the fall comes the arrival of warmer coats and jackets. Please, please name-label these articles. I can't stress enough how similar lots of these coats look! We do have labeled coat hooks in each home classroom, but children may attend different classrooms for Lunch Bunch, Fun Frolics, Mindful Mondays, etc. with different staff members.



**MUSIC CLASSES** will be suspended until Oct 23rd. Mr. Mitchell is out on tour with his band.

## NEXT SCHOOL YEAR...

I am already beginning to think of next school year's enrollment numbers... Our in-house students and siblings receive "priority enrollment" during the month of December. Any remaining seats will be made available to new families beginning January 1. I will be sending out "feeler" emails to some classes to assess needs/preferences. I always strive to meet the needs of our families and your input is greatly appreciated and helpful to me, as I put together the puzzle that is enrollment!

Thanks for sharing your little ones with us!  
-Michele

October is a very busy month! Don't miss anything...Please note the following important dates:

## UPCOMING DATES...

October 1--Mindful Monday for those pre-registered.

October 2 -- Lunch Bunch begins for Step One-- Cost is \$5 -- Pick up is promptly at 12:45.

October 3, 10, 17, 24--Fun Frolics for those pre-registered. NO WALK-IN LUNCH BUNCH these days!

October 5 -- Kndg to Howell Farm/Picture Envelopes Due

October 8 -- Scholastic Orders Due

October 9/10--School Portraits. Check classroom calendars for your child's day.

October 15 -- PreK classes to Solly's Farm

October 18 -- Step 1 classes to Froehlich's Farm

October 19 -- Groovy Guest for those pre-registered. NO WALK-IN LUNCH BUNCH.

October 22 -- Step 2 classes to Del Val Farm

October 24-25 -- Family Decorated Pumpkins Due

October 30/31 -- Halloween Festivities; No Lunch Bunch either day.

