

OCTOBER 2021 NEWS

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WE CAN DO THIS!

It's been one month, and we're enjoying every day...thank you for your attention and caution as we navigate yet another pandemic school year. We continue to rely on our school families to "do the right thing" just as our families rely on BBLC to do the same. Together, and only together, can we continue...THANK YOU to the entire school population for everyone's cooperation and dedication to the safe progress of our students.

DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH--PAPER NAPKINS



Thank you so very much for the generous paper towels so many families donated in September...we appreciate each and every roll! Congratulations to Everett F., as he is the lucky winner of September's drawing! During the month of October, we will be collecting packages of **paper napkins**. Plain white napkins work great for snack times! Thanks in advance for your consideration and generosity!

LABELS...PLEASE!

It's inevitable. The fall chill will come. And so will coats and jackets. (Our playground is shaded, and therefore on the chilly side.) Please, please name-label all outerwear. In addition, our **classroom windows will continue to be open** for safe ventilation. When the chill arrives, please dress your child warmly for school, with long sleeves.



HALLOWEEN...BOO!

Halloween at BBLC is ON! We have designed a safe, family-friendly way to celebrate the special spooky day, outdoors, with mini-parades. Look for **BRIGHT ORANGE** info sheets to come home in folders. (If you have volunteered to send in a donation for our classroom celebrations, you will receive a reminder.) Please follow all guidelines and directions, **ESPECIALLY REGARDING COSTUMES**. Before you purchase/design your child's school costume, please read over our guidelines. We ask for super-simple costumes at school--kindly save the more elaborate versions for home celebrations.



BBLC OUTDOOR PUMPKIN PATCH AND SCARECROW GARDEN...

We are asking families to decorate pumpkins or make scarecrows to add to our outdoor displays for all to enjoy. All creations need to be completely weather-proof, so get your imaginations ready! Look for the **PURPLE** info sheet to come home in folders with all the details. Participation is not mandatory, but boy, it would be GREAT FUN!



FIELD TRIP TO HELLERICK'S

All classes will be visiting Hellerick's Farm in October. Please return forms and fees by 10/4. And, cross your fingers for good weather!

SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Louis Maggio, of JonTori Studios, will be at BBLC on October 7 and 8 to take our school pictures. Class calendars will indicate which day is scheduled for your class, and envelopes have already been sent home in folders. We will have all safety protocols in place including ventilation, social distance, sanitization, etc.

- Louis will undergo arrival screening and will not be within 6 feet of our students for more than a few seconds, if at all. BBLC staff will manage the hair combing, wardrobe adjusting, positioning, etc.
- We'll remove your child's mask for the picture, and then quickly replace it afterwards.
- For increased safety, there will be no traditional whole-group class picture taken. Instead, a class composite of individual classmates' pictures can be ordered.
- Everyone will be photographed and this is a PRE-PAID format. **Envelopes are due by 10/4.** There is no obligation to purchase photos. So, if an envelope is not returned, we will understand that you choose not to make a purchase. There will be no further reminders sent.

HELP KEEP US HEALTHY...

1. Self-monitor for symptoms before leaving for school
2. It's time to wash/disinfect the backpack
3. Wash coats regularly; wash masks daily
4. If your family travels, we strongly encourage you to keep your student home a day or two upon return, just to monitor.

UPCOMING DATES...

October 1--Yay for Yoga! Pre-Reg was required

October 4--Firetruck visits BBLC's parking lot for Fire Prevention Week (10:00 to 11:30)

October 4--Field Trip Forms and Photo Envelopes Due

October 7/8--Picture Days (check class calendars)

October 5-7-12-14--Step One dismisses at **11:20**

October 8--Scholastic Orders Due (**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY; no checks**)

Week of Oct. 11--Trips to Hellerick's (permission slips/waivers due 10/4)

October 15--Groovy Guest--Clown Show; Pre-Reg was required

October 19 (and going forward)--Step One dismisses at 11:45

October 21/22 -- Decorated Pumpkins/Scarecrows due (look for **PURPLE** info sheet)

October 26/27--Outdoor mini-parades (look for **ORANGE** info sheet, noting Rain Dates); families invited

