

# OCTOBER 2023 NEWS

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## BUSY, BUSY!

October is a super-busy month! With firetrucks (a HUGE Fire Safety shout-out to Doylestown Fire Company!), field trips, school pictures, and Halloween, there's a lot to keep track of! Please be sure to consult this newsletter, paperwork coming home, and classroom calendars for important dates and details. In the words of Aerosmith, you "don't want to miss a thing!"

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS--NEW FORMAT

A QR code is now printed on the Scholastic order forms. When prompted to supply a birthday, please enter an ADULT birthday, as those who order must be 18 or older. Online orders are due by October 11.

## DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH--SNACKS

Thank you so very much for the generous paper towels so many families donated in September...we appreciate each and every roll! Congratulations to Lila in PreK, as she is the lucky winner of September's drawing! During the month of October, we will be collecting store-bought, unopened boxes/bags of snack items. These types of items WORK BEST for little hungry tummies: Teddy Grahams, Scooby snacks, veggie straws, graham crackers, animal crackers, pretzels, Goldfish, Club Crackers, etc. **These are items TO AVOID: huge economy-sized packages, snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter, individually wrapped snacks, and items that have quick expiration dates.** Thanks so much!



## LABELS...PLEASE!

It was inevitable. The fall chill arrived right on time! Please remember that our playground is shaded, and therefore on the chilly side. Kindly dress your child appropriately for outdoor recess and don't forget to **name-label** all outerwear.



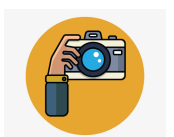
## HALLOWEEN...BOO!



Each class will take part in a short and sweet Halloween mini-parade of costumes! Step One will parade on Thursday, 10/26. Step 2, PreK, and Kindergarten will parade on Friday, 10/27 (with a rain date of Mon 10/30). Look for **BRIGHT ORANGE** info sheets to come home in folders next week. (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, kindly read over our guidelines. It very well may happen that your child wears a more simple costume for school, and a more elaborate choice for home celebrations.

## SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Kosola Productions will be at BBLC on October 12 and 13 to take our school pictures--don't forget to bring your SMILE! Class calendars will indicate which day is scheduled for your class, and order envelopes have already been sent home in folders. Everyone will be photographed and this is a PRE-PAID format. **Envelopes are due by 10/6.** 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.





## 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 **ORANGE** info sheet to come home in folders with all the

details. Participation is not mandatory, but boy, it would be GREAT FUN!

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a one-hour extension for Step 2 and PreK classes, and takes place Mon-Thurs. Step One classes will be offered Lunch Bunch beginning in November. The cost is **\$9** per session, or **\$40** for a discounted punch card (5 punches). The fee/card should be placed directly in your child's lunch box. Children need a proper name-labeled lunch box containing a spill-proof beverage, food, utensils, and TWO napkins. Everything needed for lunch should be packed inside of the lunch box (including the beverage and the fee).

## UPCOMING DATES... did I mention October was BUSY?!?

- October 3-5-10-12--Step One dismisses at **11:20**
- October 4--Music classes with Mr. Chris begin
- October 4-11-18-25--Fun Frolics Dance classes; 1:30 dismissal for those registered
- October 6--Photo Envelopes Due; Yay for Yoga 1:30 dismissal
- October 11--Firetruck visits BBLC's parking lot for Fire Prevention Week (10ish to 11:30)
- October 11--Scholastic Orders Due (**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**)
- October 12/13--Picture Days (check class calendars)
- October 17--Step 1 to Froehlich's Farm
- October 19--Step One dismisses at 11:45 going forward
- October 20 Groovy Guest--Barn Nature Center 1:30 dismissal
- October 23--3-Day PreK to Solly's Farm
- October 24--5-Day PreKs to Lahaska/Giggleberry
- October 24/25 -- Decorated Pumpkins/Scarecrows due (look for **ORANGE** info sheet)
- October 26/27--Outdoor mini-parades (look for **ORANGE** info sheet); families invited
- October 30/31--Wear your Halloween colors
- October 31--Half Day for K w/bus both ways (no lunch); NO PRESCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH

