

Building Blocks Learning Center

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We're ready for fall! Bring on the crisp, cool air, the spectacular colors, the swish and rustle of the falling leaves.....and let's open up those windows and let the fresh air IN!

The first month of school is in the rearview mirror - WE DID GREAT!! The children have learned to feel secure in their school environment and are beginning to adapt to the rhythm of our days! Meeting new friends, exploring the playground, learning the 'Circle-Time' routine, sharing the toys, and taking turns, are all lessons that we have concentrated on during the month of September. There were a few tears, but nothing that a hug, an encouraging word and 'The Fishy Song' couldn't fix!!

We'll kick off the new month by immersing ourselves in "farm life". Why that's just in time for our fall trips to local farms! Our Step 1 class will be visiting Kohler Farm (October 17th) for a hayride and some pumpkin picking. Step 2 classmates will have their outing at Tabora Farm at Rustic Valley Orchard (October 16th) to check out the pumpkin patch. Pre K will be visiting Solly Brother's Farm (October 4th), for some healthy farming fun!!

We will celebrate National Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 9th. 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! Pre K will learn about fire safety during their visit to the firehouse (permission slips and announcements will be sent home in backpacks).



PICTURE DAY

Our school photographer from Kosola Productions will be visiting us to take individual school pictures on Tuesday, October 10^{th} (Step 1) and Wednesday, October 11^{th} for (Step 2 and PreK). An envelope with photo package descriptions will be sent home. You may select the package that you are interested in and return the envelope on OR before: Friday, October 6^{th} \odot Say CHEESE!!

Our October school themes take on a seasonal nature, and what better way to celebrate 'All Things Fall' then with <u>BBLC's Annual Pumpkin Patch!!</u> Have you been dreaming of the Great Pumpkin? Well, it's time to dream up a "spooktacular" idea for this year's family pumpkin! The school garden is waiting to be transformed into another amazing display of family-fun creations! We can't wait to see this year's entries! Watch the folders for details!

It wouldn't be October without our annual **Trunk 'r Trinkets** event to wrap up the month. It's always a "howling" good time! The fun takes place on Thursday, Oct. 26th (for Step 1) and Friday, Oct. 27th (for Step 2 & PreK). Lots of details will be sent home soon!



DONATION OF THE MONTH

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. Donations are voluntary, if you would like to help, we can always use: paper towels and napkins[®] And again ~ THANK YOU!!



October 30th & 31st - SCHOOL WIDE CRAZY HAIR DAY!!! Let the hairspray, teasing combs and hair gel UNITE to create the wackiest, goofiest, CRAZIEST hairdo!! Wait till you see the teachers!!! Feel free to wear your favorite Halloween colors as well!!



Show-n-Tell days for Step2 and PreK will take place on the <u>last Wednesday of every month</u>. So, the 1st Show-n-Tell in October is: Wednesday the 25th.



DATES TO REMEMBER

4	PreK Field Trip/Solly Brother's Farm (details to follow)
9	Step Two Hilltown Fire Company comes to BBLC
9	PreK goes to Hilltown Fire Company to visit the firefighters and station (Parents provide transportation both ways and STAY during the presentation. Afterwards, parents drive their child to BBLC for the remainder of the school day)
10	Step One Hilltown Fire Company comes to BBLC to visit (Not to worry, Ms. Denise isn't THAT old & senile; I'm aware that our kiddos will be dressed to the nines on the 10 th . So FireFighter Rob has agreed to come AFTER pictures to let us squirt the hoses!! Whew!)
10&11	School Pictures
12&13	Family Pumpkin due for school Pumpkin Patch
16	Step Two Field Trip/Tabora Farms & Rustic Valley Orchard (details to follow)
17	Step One/Kohler Farm Field Trip (details to follow)
25	Step Two & PreK 1 st Show-n-Tell
26&27	Halloween Trunk-r-Trinket (details to follow)
30&31	School-wide CRAZY HAIR DAY

ANNOUNCEMENT: There are no 'Lunch Bunches' offered on the following dates, due to field trips and/or special school events/activities:

10/9 - No Lunch Bunch (PreK trip to Fire House)

10/16 - No Lunch Bunch (Step 2 field trip)

10/27 - No Lunch Bunch (school-wide Halloween events)



Step One:

Charli Will

Step Two:

Nora Colton

PreK: Parker



"When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, may luck be yours on Halloween"