

October 2026 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!"



DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH—PLAIN WHITE 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 Scarlett in PreK, as she is the lucky winner of September's drawing! During the month of October, we will be collecting packages of plain white paper napkins. Thanks so much! We use a fresh napkin for each child at snack time.

LABELS...PLEASE! And...Over-the-Head Coats

The fall chill is on its way! Please remember that our playground is shaded, and therefore on the cooler side. Kindly dress your child appropriately for outdoor recess and don't forget to **name-label** all outerwear. Over-the-head sweatshirts are too cumbersome for school—please send jackets that zip/snap down the front.



HALLOWEEN...BOO!

Each class will take part in a short and sweet Halloween mini-parade of costumes! Look for **BRIGHT ORANGE** info sheets to come home in folders very shortly. (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 simpler 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 come home in folders. Everyone will be photographed and this is a PRE-PAID format. **Envelopes should be returned to school by 10/7**. 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...

We are asking families to decorate pumpkins (real or craft) 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 **GREY** info sheet to come home in folders with all the details. Participation is not mandatory, but boy, it would be GREAT FUN! This is an at-home family activity which is then shared with the school.



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 **\$10** per session, or **\$45** for a discounted punch card (5 punches). The fee/card should be placed directly in your child's lunch box (outer pocket, if there is one). 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).



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Just about each month, you'll see a Scholastic Book Flyer come home in your child's folder. Purchasing books helps our school earn "points" for educational materials and is completely optional. If interested in ordering, use the QR code, follow the prompts, and select "Michele Burchell" as the teacher name. Books will be delivered to school and will be placed in backpacks (or given out at the arrival door) once they come in.

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

Sep 29/Oct 1-6-8--Step One dismisses at **11:20**

October 2—Yay for Yoga for those registered (1:30 dismissal)

October 7-14-21—Fun Frolics—Dance-- for those registered (1:30 dismissal)

October 7--Photo Envelopes Due

October 9—Step Two classes to BCCM

October 13—and going forward--Step One dismisses at 11:45

October 12/13--Picture Days (check class calendars)

October 15—Full Day PreK to Solly's in AM, back to school in afternoon

October 16—AM PreKs to Solly's Farm

October 19--Firetruck visits BBLC's parking lot for Fire Safety Theme (10ish to 11:00ish)

October 26/27 -- Decorated Pumpkins due for display

October 28--Mini-parades for Step Two and PreK; NO WALK-IN LUNCH BUNCH

October 29—Mini-parade/Sing a long for Step One

October 30--Half Day for Full Day PreK w/12 noon dismissal (no lunch); Wear your Halloween Colors!

October 29/30—Take your pumpkins home. Any leftovers will be discarded.



Calendar Change for all the planners:

We will be closed on Monday, March 22. Our spring break will be M 3/22 to M 3/29. School resumes T 3/30.

