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## Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter October 2018

Happy October! The children are settling into their class routine and making new friends. Thank you for attending your child's class curriculum meeting. I hope everyone found the meeting to be informative and helpful. There is a lot of learning that takes place throughout the school year. Working in partnership with you to help your child reach important milestones starts with learning about their school day and the goals we have for your child. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child and their school day, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher. Be sure to take a walk down the halls as bats, spiders, and leaf man make their appearance this month. I wish everyone a wonderful October. ~Kerry

### TUITION INFORMATION

Tuition is due the first class day of the month. It is considered late on the 10th of the month. **Please remember to put your child's name on the memo line of your check.**

There are 3 mailboxes available to you for tuition drop-off. One is by the business office door, one in the north hallway by the Bulletin Board, and one in the east hallway by Karen's room. If you are paying in cash, please have the correct amount. We keep only a very small amount of cash on site to make change.

The following are the tuition amounts for each class.

- 3's - 2 days/week - \$215
- 3's - 3 days/week - \$280
- PreK 4's - 3 days/week  
9-1pm - \$350
- PreK 4's - 4 days/week  
9-1pm - \$400
- PreK 4's pm - 4 days/week  
12:15 - 3:15  
\$350
- Transitional Kindergarten  
9-1pm - \$400

### STUDENT DISMISSAL

Parents, for the safety of all the children in the class please step forward and wave when you see your child at the front of the line. Some days there is more than one class dismissing at a time. Teachers do their best to recognize parents quickly but you can make this transition easier by stepping forward, waving and stepping out of the way for the next child to be dismissed.

### SNACKS

Quick reminder regarding snack. As stated in the parent handbook, please remember that we really don't want **anything frosted** coming for snacks. Frosted anything is just too messy and too time consuming to clean up when dealing with 12-16 children. We appreciate your understanding regarding this matter.



### LATE PICK-UP

September was a month of grace for everyone. Now that you have had the opportunity to meet other parents, we are hopeful that you have found a friend who could watch your child on the playground should you find yourself running late. Beginning in October we will follow the procedures in the handbook regarding late pick-up. Traffic can always be a challenge throughout the school year so please allow enough time to return to school for pick-up.

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## PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHTS



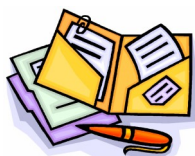
One of our favorite events here at Best Beginnings is Pumpkin Carving Night. On your assigned night families come, carve a scooped out pumpkin and bring a healthy snack or treat to share. After a few songs we all enjoy the **Grand Unveiling** of the carved and lit pumpkins. Look for more information to come home closer to the actual event.

Pumpkin Carving Nights will happen on Tuesday, October 23rd and Wednesday, October 24th from 6:30-7:30pm.

All 3's classes and Transitional Kindergarten will attend on Tuesday, October 23rd.

All PreK 4's classes will attend on Wednesday, October 24th.

## UPDATING INFORMATION



If you need to update information on forms such as address changes, cell or work phone changes, or alternate pick-up drivers, please put them in writing and give them to your child's teacher. If alternate drivers are not listed, please send a written note on the specific day. Legally we cannot release your child to a stranger or friend unless we have written permission from you to do so. If you know you are going to be out of town please be sure to inform your teacher in writing and in a timely manner prior to teachers assigning snack days on the following month's calendar.

## FUNDRAISER

Traditionally the month of October includes our annual fundraiser. Over the past few years we have replaced carpet, tables, chairs and added new equipment to our playground. With no major items needing to be purchased, we have decided not to hold a fundraiser this year. Currently there are

so many people in need because of weather related catastrophes, that we thought perhaps your donations would be more useful to others in crisis. If anyone would still like to make a contribution we will earmark it for our scholarship fund.

## CLASSROOM HALLOWEN PARTIES

Please check your child's calendar for specific details regarding class Halloween parties.

Class Party Schedule

- 10/26 9-10 PreK  
Karen, Stephanie, Joi am
- 10/26 12:15-1:15 PreK  
Joi pm
- 10/29 10:45-11:30 3's Lori
- 10/30 9-9:45 3's Corrine
- 10/30 10:45-11:30 3's Lori
- 10/31 9-9:45 3's Corrine
- 10/31 12-12:45 TK Marjorie

## Monthly Happenings from Church of the Holy Cross



Is your pet a blessing? Does your pet need a blessing?

Father Jim and The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross invite you to attend St. Francis Day.

Bring your pet, a stuffed toy or even a picture of your pet to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday, October 7 at 10am.

We bless them all!



## HAPPY HAUNTINGS



Halloween will soon be here. What does that mean for a preschooler? Are they happy, excited, or a little scared? Preschoolers can fall anywhere along the continuum of those emotions.

A five-year old tends to be excited about the whole Halloween thing. They have figured out the candy angle and are a bit further along with the concept of “make believe”. Mostly they need to be reminded to slow down and say thank you.

A three-year old on the other hand can find this Halloween thing a bit unsettling. Sometimes they don't want to put on the cute costume you purchased; sometimes they don't want their face painted or tattooed. They don't yet always understand the difference between

make believe and reality. Watching at preschool can be helpful in preparation the big night out.

The four-year old falls somewhere in the middle. Most are excited and can hardly wait to tell you all about their costume. Still others are a bit shy and are comfortable with the costume piece but not the face decorations.

The week prior to Halloween we bring in the dress up clothes and let the children start to feel comfortable being someone else. Some children love this but for many it's a watch, wait and see attitude. And that is just fine (they all catch on soon enough).

The one nice thing about this

holiday is that it belongs to the children and there isn't a right or wrong way for it to happen. If your child feels comfortable dressing up and playing a part for an evening of fun that is great. If not, put a coat on them and let them go anyway. We'll practice the whole trick or treating thing at school, so they get the idea and for many that will be enough with just a few neighborhood houses added in.

