



## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

1-5	Health Unit
3	Back to School Night (PARENTS ONLY) 6:30pm-7:30pm
4	Free Vision Screening for Pre K Students
<b>8</b>	<b>Payment #2 Due</b>
8-12	Firefighter Unit
10, 11 & 12	School Picture Days (No make-up options available - more info below)
15-19	"Where the Wild Things Are" Unit
22-26	Halloween Unit
29-11/2	Halloween/Fall Unit
31	Halloween Parade (more info below)

**Learning Tree T-shirt days: 4, 12, 18 & 26 & Nov. 1**

Looking ahead...

**Nov. 5**

Nov. 11

Nov. 22 & 23

**Payment #3 Due**

Veteran's Day- parents must sign-up for attendance. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet which will be located on the clipboard to the left of the fish tank in the foyer, near the end of October  
Thanksgiving Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

September was off to a great start! Our students are now settling into their new routine. This can be the time when some students might start to resist coming to school. Remember to be positive and encouraging. The teachers make it their priority to make every child feel safe, secure and welcome. Please take a moment to read the article called – "Sharing thoughts about Hellos and Goodbyes". Also, please remember, we are always here to help!!

On Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, our local Lions Club will be hosting a free vision screening for our Pre K students. Pre K parents, please check your email the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> for a permission slip that will be necessary for your student to participate. When you receive it, please print it and fill it out and return it to the office by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be extra hard copies in the office if you need one.

Our School Picture Days this year will be on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> will be for Preschool, Preschool Tots, and Roly Poly's students who attend Monday/Wednesday/Friday ONLY.
- Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> will be for Preschool, Preschool Tots, and Roly Poly's students who attend Tuesday/Thursday, OR Monday through Friday ONLY.
- Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> will be for Pre Kindergarten students ONLY.

\*\*\*October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are the only available options for school pictures. If your child misses their scheduled picture day, they can take a picture on a different scheduled day, but you will need to let the office know. Unfortunately, there are no make-up days, or studio options available for students who are not available on our scheduled picture days.

## **REMINDERS:**

- Tuition Billing Statements will be emailed to the email listed on your account, the Thursday or Friday before tuition is due. Please remember to check your email for the amount, and/or update the office with your email contacts. Payments are due on your child's first scheduled day of attendance in order to receive the discounted rate. As a reminder, you can always pre-pay with a post-dated check to avoid any confusion
- All special snacks MUST be store bought and NUT free.
- Please be sure to label everything!

Halloween is rapidly approaching, and the students are already getting excited about it. On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will have a short Halloween Parade in the morning, which parents are invited to attend to watch and take pictures. Students who do NOT normally attend on Wednesdays, are invited to come for the parade only, during their class' designated time. After the parade, students who DO NOT regularly attend on Wednesdays, will go home, and students who DO regularly attend on Wednesdays will resume their normal daily routine, and participate in various Halloween activities during their class times. Watch for more information regarding the Halloween Parade, donation sign-ups, and parent volunteers, to be posted in the foyer area. **NO GOODIE BAGS PLEASE.**

**Halloween Parade Times:** Preschool - 9:30am  
Roly Polys - 9:30am  
Preschool Tots - 9:45am  
Pre Kindergarten - 9:45am

Students should arrive at school wearing their costumes (over their clothes preferably). If you cannot put your child's clothes under their costume, please make sure to bring a change of clothes for after the parade. Students will not be allowed to wear their costumes throughout the remainder of the school day. If you are attending the parade, it would be a good idea to change your child before you leave and take their costume home with you to avoid any missing costumes or pieces.



Dear Families:

Now that we are getting settled into our school routines, you might find that your child may begin to resist coming to school. It is a very normal occurrence that many families encounter at some point. For most children, it is just a phase and will pass. Hopefully the following article will be helpful to any of our families that may be experiencing this little bump in the road.

## ***SHARING THOUGHTS ABOUT HELLOS AND GOODBYES***

Every day you and your child say good-bye to one another in the morning and hello again in the afternoon. These hellos and good-byes are children's first steps on a lifelong journey of learning how to separate from and reunite with important people in their lives.

Learning to say hello and good-bye to the people we love is a process, not a goal to be achieved in the first week or month or even year of preschool. Indeed, after many years of experience, we adults sometimes find it difficult to separate and reunite.

We focus on hellos and good-byes in our program because they are such a major part of your child's life today and always. Being able to separate is necessary if children are going to develop as independent, competent people. Being able to reunite is necessary to building and maintaining caring, long-term relationships.

### ***How we can work together:***

- *Remember always to say goodbye.* By saying goodbye, you strengthen your child's trust in you. Your child can count on the fact you will not disappear without warning. When you let us know you are about to leave in the morning, we can help you and your child say goodbye. Goodbyes are best when they are done quickly. Prolonging leaving and/or coming back in after you have said goodbye causes confusion to the child and often times makes them more upset.
- *We can work together to create a hello and goodbye ritual.* This may be as simple as giving your child a giant hug, or doing an "I Love you" sign before you leave. Having a ritual offers you both the comfort of knowing what to do. \*\*\*When dropping off, ALWAYS walk your child out to a teacher so that they can acknowledge that you are leaving, and give you a hand if needed.
- *Be aware that sometimes goodbyes and hellos will be "bumpier" than others.* As we all know, goodbyes and hellos can stir up many deep feelings. These feelings combined with your child's stage of development and other factors such as being hungry or tired, can make saying good-bye and hello difficult at times.
- *Bring in family photos and other reminders of home that you want to share.* Seeing these special objects will help your child feel connected to you throughout the day.

By working together, we can help your child feel comfortable, secure, and competent in school.

