

Patti's News!



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A Note From Our Director

We are off to a wonderful start! The children are settling in, and we appreciate all of you parents being so patient while we work through separation issues. I know it is very difficult to leave when your child is crying, but it is often better to make a quick exit rather than linger. We are here with open arms to comfort your child, and rest assured we are used to this. If we feel we need to call you, we will. So far things are going very well. We are enjoying getting to know your children and are excited for a great year ahead!

- Cathy Jankovich

Birthday Celebrations

We love to party at Patti's! If your child has a special day coming up, and you would like to bring treats to share with the class, please talk with Cathy ahead of time. We welcome homemade or store-bought items, but it is helpful to know the ingredients. Please remember we are "peanut free" at Patti's and have a number of children with severe allergies. If your child has an allergy, and can't eat what is being offered, you may wish to supply us with a secret stash to keep on hand for such occasions.

Halloween Fun For Everyone

1. Keep costumes light weight and comfortable.
2. Be sure your child's vision isn't obscured by a mask.
3. Have your child wear a reflector, glowstick or light of some sort.
4. There's nothing like a sugar rush on an empty stomach, so serve a healthy dinner before you go out trick-or-treating!
5. Only eat treats that are sealed in their original wrappers.
6. Avoid homes that are dark or unwelcoming.
7. Have fun!



Round and orange, scooped out clean,
Face all carved for Halloween,
A glowing light inside of me,
Can you guess who I might be?

Big dark eyes, a body white,
Floating by on Halloween night,
I enter a house without a key,
Can you guess who I might be?

Taken from the book "Who's There On Halloween?" by Pamela Conn Beall & Susan Hagen Nipp.

Themes For This Month



Fall
Apples
Halloween



Afternoon Enrichment

Looking for an enrichment program to complement your child's preschool schedule? Patti's still has openings available in the afternoon for 3 - 5 year olds. Please see Cathy for more details.

Pizza & Pumpkin Night



Tuesday, October 21
6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for an evening of Halloween fun! Our annual father / child pizza & pumpkin painting is a Patti's tradition. Cost is \$10.00 per child and space is limited, so please be sure to sign up early. See Cathy to sign up.

B.Y.O.P.

(Bring Your Own Pumpkin)

Around the Island

MIPA Halloween Party

Saturday, October 18th

Islander Middle School

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit
www.mipreschoolassociation.org

Happy Birthday

Douglas Anderson

Maddie Brown

Hudson Carlson

Henry Matheson

Jack Phillips

Chloe Yang



Volunteers Needed

Thank you to everyone who signed up to make play dough through out the year. We really appreciate you! We are still in need of a few volunteers. If you would like to make some play dough, the sign up sheet is posted outside the classroom door. Thank you for your help!

Fall Back



We return to Standard Time on **Sunday, November 1**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Creepy Candies

Chocolate Ghosts on Sticks

A fun Halloween treat to make with your little ghost!

You will need:

12 oz. white chocolate chips

Milk chocolate chips

1 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil

12- 15 Lollipop sticks



Melt white chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of hot water. Add vegetable oil. After chocolate is melted, put one tablespoon of chocolate onto a baking tray lined with waxed paper. Use a teaspoon to make a ghost shape. Add two chocolate chips for ghostly eyes. Press a lollipop stick into the bottom of the ghost. Let cool 5 min in the refrigerator. Carefully peel lollipop off wax paper. Voila! A ghostly treat for everyone to enjoy!

A Few Parenting Tips

To encourage good behavior in children, parents should...

- Give unconditional affection and affirmation
- Encourage children to cooperate rather than compete
- Plan appropriate activities
- Have routines
- Provide recognition, not gushy and insincere praise
- Protect each child's individual rights



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"

The second one said, "There are witches in the air."

The third one said, "Oh, we don't care."

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."

The fifth one said, "It's only Halloween fun."

OOOOO went the wind and OUT went the light. And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.