

# Patti's News!



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## A Note From Our Director

I hope you are enjoying the first signs of autumn with all the falling of leaves! We are enjoying getting to know all of your wonderful children. There have been a few tears, but mostly smiling and happy faces. This year your children have jumped right into the routine at Patti's. They line up, sit for stories, wash their hands, do art, and sit for snack. They are a very advanced group! The other teachers and I are enjoying spending time with your children.

In October, we will have lots of fun with fall art projects. The last couple of weeks of the month, there will be Halloween activities and art. Our sensory table will contain rice and we will introduce painting into our "choice time".

If you would like to know how your child is doing or have any questions, please feel free to call me. I enjoy getting to know the wonderful parents too! (Tuesdays and Thursdays after 1pm is a good time to get a hold of me- 206.232.4453)

Have a wonderful fall and Happy Halloween! Thank you for choosing Patti's!

-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.

## A Few More Openings

If you are interested in increasing your child's time at Patti's, we have a few openings!

- **Monday and Tuesday Morning Session (9-Noon)**- we have a few spots available for 2-3 year olds.
- **Monday- Friday Afternoon Session (Noon- 3pm)**- we have spots available for 3-5 year olds.
- **Monday- Friday Lunch Bunch (Noon- 1pm)**. If your child is 3 years old and currently attends a Morning Session, you can add Lunch Bunch! This additional hour will allow your child to bring their lunch to school then enjoy eating and playing with friends!
- Please talk, call or email Cathy if you are interested in adding more sessions or lunch bunch- 206.232.4453 or [info@pattisplaycenter.org](mailto:info@pattisplaycenter.org)

## Themes For This Month

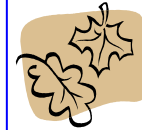
Fall

Apples



Trees and Leaves

Halloween



## A Belated Happy Birthday!

On September 25, Teacher Alex celebrated a birthday. We failed to mention this in the September newsletter (sorry Alex!). Happy Birthday to Teacher Alex! Thanks for sharing your birthday with all your Patti's friends!

## Pizza & Pumpkin Night



**Tuesday, October 13**  
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)

## Happy Birthday



Hudson Carlson  
Asha Sanda  
Caroline Shelton  
Lucas Shelton

## 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.



## 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?

## 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.

