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*By Joy Frost, taken from Children Today*

## Halloween Safety

Halloween is celebrated as widely and as lavishly as any other holiday, yet it also alerts parents to safety issues with their children.

The holiday has earned a bad reputation over time and casts a dark shadow on the festivities for some parents. So, what's the good news?

This pumpkin-filled festival can still be a positive, safe experience for kids and, if desired, alternative celebrations can be explored.



### Safety First

Lieutenant Martin Elliott, special services commander for the Upland Police Department in Upland, Calif., offers these easy-to-follow tips for trick-or-treating safety:

- When choosing a costume, strive for clothing that is flameproof. Consider adding reflective tape or paint to your child's outfit this makes it much easier for motorists to see your child. Creating a costume made of lighter colors also allows motorists to spot your child with ease.
- For your child's benefit, avoid masks or costumes that obstruct his vision or breathing.
- Explain to your children the importance of being extra alert while trick-or-

treating. Encourage them to walk on the sidewalk and avoid busy traffic.

- Realistic weapons can be made out of safe material, such as cardboard. Avoid allowing your child to carry sharp items such as toy swords or pitch forks.
- Have your child carry a flashlight it helps them to see and be seen.
- It's safer for children to walk in groups than alone. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to explain to your children that they should never accept a ride from a stranger or enter a stranger's house.
- While trick-or-treating, only approach houses that have a porch light on.

### Candy Concerns

If any piece of candy looks suspicious, refer to the following information from the City of Upland Police Department as a guide. These are descriptions of irregularities in candy due to manufacturer defect:

- Graying chocolate: caused by exposure to heat or dampness
- Indentations: created by a timing imperfection in the wrapping process
- Spots: black or brown spots may be sugar burned in the manufacturing process
- White lumps: this is a manufacturing



problem. Could be undissolved starch used in the enrobing process or sugar or salt from peanut butter

- Air bubbles: result of a manufacturing defect

### Candy Alternatives

If you're looking for alternatives to handing out candy to your trick-or-treaters, try these ideas:

- Stickers
- Pencils
- Nickels/dimes
- Small notepads
- 100 percent fruit rolls
- Toothbrushes
- Small jars of bubbles

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### October

- 1 & 2 School Pictures  
4 \*\*PPC Family Photos  
8 & 9 \*\*School Spirit Days!  
8 & 9 Dill's Field Trips  
11 \*\*Raindate for PPC Family Photos  
14 & 15 Devotions with Pastor Randy  
16 NO SCHOOL—COTA Day  
29 & 30 Halloween Parties in the classrooms

### November

- 3 NO SCHOOL—Election Day  
9-13 \*\*PPC Bookfair  
11 & 12 Devotions with Pastor Randy  
19 & 20 \*\*OSU/Michigan Spirit Day  
25-27 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 9 & 10 Devotions with Pastor Randy  
12 Christmas Programs—1pm, 3pm & 5pm  
21-31 NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break

### January

- 1 NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break  
\*\*Denotes PPC Events



Hello all! It's hard to believe our first month of school has come and gone already. By this point, hopefully your child has adjusted (as well as you) to the school schedule and daily activities. For some, it might take a little more time, but we will get there!

I hope you all have had the chance to see and use the Par-

A monthly column by DLCP Director, Julie Benedict

## From the Director

ent Table. If not, it is located upstairs by the office. I try to post helpful information for you and your child to make their time spent here a success. I also may put things on it about PPC, family photos, school pictures, and general information happening in the school at that time. Please feel free to take information from it at any time. That's what it's there for!

I have been spending more time in the classrooms to get to know your children. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. The classroom setting always makes me laugh and act silly with the children. It's a place where fun and learning occur simultaneously. It always amazes me how smart preschoolers are. Remember that we have an open door policy if you ever want to visit your

child's class to join the fun!

I want to thank all of the families for being so flexible and understanding with paperwork issues. I know it can be overwhelming, and possibly frustrating, so thanks for your patience!

Since the weather is changing, please remember to send your child to school with a jacket or sweater. We will go outside daily as long as it is not raining. You may want to put your child's name on the tag to prevent mix up with other jackets.

Please see me at anytime with questions or concerns.

Have a great month!

Sincerely, Julie

## Did I pay this month's tuition?

Instead of wondering (and possibly worrying) if you've paid or if you will acquire a late fee, sign-up for automatic deduction from your checking, savings or credit card account. This service is free of charge and would eliminate the need for you to remember. Forms are available in the Preschool Office.

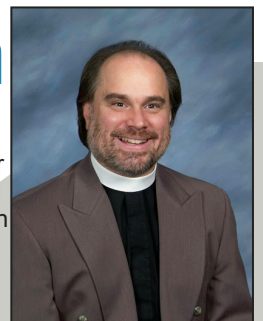
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## The leaves fall again

It is already that time of the year in which the green leaves are turning color and will soon be covering our lawns. In many ways it is hard to believe that the year 2009 is already at this point. Time does go fast. For many of you, especially those who have children in our preschool for the first time, I would imagine that time seems like it is going fast for you too. Your children are in preschool and it wasn't that long ago when they simply could play in the yard in those

leaves no matter what time of the day because they didn't have other commitments; but now with preschool and maybe sports teams their schedules are beginning to fill and they are only 3, 4, and 5! And those of you with older children can say right with me: "This is only the beginning" as more and more things will fill their lives. It is important right from the beginning that our faith is a part of that growing life, because it is so easy for the world to make our time seem very crowded. I

hope this year at David Lutheran Preschool will help the children see God as a part of their lives. I also encourage parents to continue to cultivate and model that faith for their children.



~Pastor Randy O'Donnell

A monthly column by 3's & 4's Teacher Faye Heintz

## Mrs. Heintz

September flew by! The children are settling in. They are enjoying getting to know each other and making new friends. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the children and you in the past month.

We learned about creation, how God made us special, families, the color red, and apples. The 4's worked on the letters M, H, T and A.

During the month of October, we will be studying signs of fall (leaves, pumpkins, and animals of the night and the farm). The

4's will be working on recognizing and writing their name, the letters B, P, L and F. The 3's will work on the color orange and black and the shape (circle) for color shape book.

We will be visiting Dill's Farm on Thursday and Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Tuesday-Thursday 3's and 4's will go on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The 3's will go in the morning and the 4's will go in the afternoon. The Monday-Wednesday-Friday 3's will go on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The children must be accompanied by an adult the entire time. We will meet at Dill's. The cost is \$5.50 for

child and \$5.50 for an adult. This includes a hayride, apple juice and popcorn, a walk through a maze, playing in the straw and a pumpkin.

We will end the month with a Harvest Party on October 29<sup>th</sup> for the Tuesday-Thursday classes and October 30<sup>th</sup> for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class. Please bring your child dressed in costume. We ask that costumes are fun, **not** witches, ghosts, devils or scary. Please, no accessories like knives, swords or guns. Lastly, child's costume needs to be restroom friendly. They need to be able

to use the restroom without having to undress. We don't want any accidents. Look for sign-up sheet for the Harvest Party the first week of October.

There will also be a sign-up sheet outside the classroom for coming to visit and spending the morning or afternoon with your child. While here, you may be asked to lend a helping hand. If you have any questions, please call (home: 614-864-4364) or send me a note, with your child.

God's Blessings, Mrs. Heintz

## Field Trips



DLCP will meet at Dill's Greenhouse on October 8th & 9th at either 9:30am or 1pm depending upon your child's class days and times. Please check with your teacher for specific information. ***This is optional, however there will NOT be regular classes on these days if you choose not to attend the field trip.***

Forms went home with your children a few weeks ago and need to be returned by October 2nd with the money for the event.

A monthly column by 3's Teacher Kathy Nelson

## Mrs. Nelson

Yeah! We did it. We made it through the month of September! We made lots of new friends and we learned that because we are designed by God, we must be special. One of the children in my afternoon class asked, "Mrs. Nelson why are your arms and legs brown; up to your sleeves?" All the children turned towards me, because they wanted to hear the answer to this question. I told her that God made me this way. I then asked her, "When you decide that you want to color a beautiful picture for art, do you use only one color?" She thought for a moment and then said, "No, I use pink, purple, blue, orange

and red." I told her, Well when God created the earth that was like he was making a beautiful picture. He decided that he didn't just want one color so he made some different shades of brown, white, yellow and every other color that you see." So from this conversation Emma and the rest of the class learned that it doesn't matter what color you are (up to your sleeves) God made you and he is very pleased with the colors he chose.

October will be very busy. We will learn about Autumn weather, Fall Harvest and the

changes that Fall brings. On Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> our class will go on a field trip to Dill's Greenhouse where the children will see how pumpkins are grown, go on a hay ride, have a delicious snack and chose a pumpkin to take home. We will have a Harvest Party on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Children are allowed to wear their costumes to school, but please remember that the costumes can not be scary and no guns are allowed. There will be sign up sheet for those of you who would like donate treats for our party.

October is also the time of year when you can start visiting our classroom! I will give you a heads up that all of our visitors take an active part in our daily schedule. You will be asked to read our story for the day and because we want to make you feel happy and comfortable in our "home" you may be asked to cook a meal or two in our dramatic play area.

Now that we are entering the Fall season take a little time to enjoy this beautiful world that God has created for us.

Love, Mrs. Nelson

# Swamp Juice



Filled with gummy creatures and fish eggs made from tapioca pearls, this sweet, bubbly drink looks like something scooped up from a deep, dark bog. Try making a batch for a Halloween gathering or a spooky after-dinner treat!

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### Recipe Ingredients:

For 8 servings!

- 1/2 c. small tapioca pearls (found in the baking aisle of most grocery stores)
- Food coloring
- 4 tbsp of sugar
- 8 gummy fish
- Seltzer water

- Lemonade
- 8 gummy worms

### Directions:

1. **MAKE THE EGGS:** Bring 6 cups of water to a boil and add the tapioca pearls. Reduce the heat slightly and boil the pearls, stirring occasionally, for 20-25 minutes.
2. **COLOR THE EGGS:** Divide the pearls, with the remaining water, between 2 bowls. Add 4 drops of food coloring (we used 3 drops of yellow and 1 drop

of green in one bowl, and 4 drops of blue in the other) and 2 tbsp of sugar to each bowl. Stir the mixtures, then allow them to sit uncovered for 20-25 minutes. Drain and rinse the pearls with cold water.

3. **ASSEMBLE THE DRINK:** Spoon 2 tbsp of pearls into each glass and drop in a gummy fish. Fill the glass with seltzer water and add a splash of lemonade. Place a gummy worm around a spoon as shown and put into the drink.

A monthly column by 4's Teacher Sue Johnston

## Mrs. Johnston

What an awesome God we have! Your four-year-old children have been studying the wonders of His Creation. Like the last two years, several methods were used to tell and review the seven days of creation: **Day one: Let There Be Light; Day Two: Waters Above and Waters Below; Day Three: Dry Land and Plants; Day Four: Sun, Moon and Stars; Day Five: Birds and Fish; Day Six: Land Animals and People; and Day Seven: Rest.** The children listened to Snip and Tell story and an audio tape, participated in a Creation Action, played Creation games and watched a flannel board version of the story.

During the first weeks, the emphasis, was God making and loving people (Day 6). I told them how God created Adam out of the ground and breathed life into him. We made

"gingerbread people" ornaments as craft. We orally shared our decorated paper self and used it for our first letter page: "U is for Unique." Then, we shared our scrapbook pages and discussed our families. We made pictographs of our nuclear family (parents and siblings) for math. We learned three songs using sign language: "There's No One Else," "I Will Bless the Lord," and "God we thank you."

In addition, we discussed school rules and making good choices (social studies standards). We read a Let's Find Out paper "School Rules." We also learned how to "read" a Let's Find Out 8 page booklet to prepare your children for reading (literacy — print concepts). We started our Nursery Rhyme Shape/Color Book with "Twinkle, Twinkle."

From now (9/21) until the first week of October, we will be

studying Day 1 and Day 4. Last week we experimented with a flashlight, mirrors, tinfoil and prisms. We found out that light bends and breaks into colors. We learned some new words: reflection, refraction and prism. We will learn about night and day, sun, moon and stars and space travel. Our plans are making a constellation telescope and universe jars, shooting alka seltzer rockets, playing in a space shuttle dramatic play and discussing our moon phases with our moon homework. If any of you have film canisters please bring them to school. We plan to "launch" the canister rockets in October.

I've enjoyed getting to know your children. They are a blessing. I am looking forward to welcoming visitors in October (be ready to participate)!

Please sign up on the calendar on the table!

Dates to remember:

- October 8 (TR class) Field Trip to Dill's Greenhouse!
- October 9 (MWF classes) Field Trip to Dill's Greenhouse!
- October 15 (TR class) Field Trip to Slate Run Farm
- October 21 (MWF classes) Field Trip to Slate Run Farm
- October 29 (TR class) annual Harvest Party
- October 30 (MWF classes) annual Harvest Party

Please remember for the field trips we will meet at the location that day!

For the annual Harvest Parties, please dress your children in costumes that are not scary.

Blessings, Mrs. Johnston



## Classroom Halloween Parties October 29 & 30

Please check the sign-in table outside your child's classroom for volunteer opportunities!

Children are to dress up for these days. Please no scary costumes or weapons.

They will trick-or-treat around the church and preschool!

A monthly column by 5's Teacher Tina Dillman

## Mrs. Dillman

Our class has gotten off to a great start this year! We are having so much fun learning and sharing. The children are all getting along wonderfully with each other and their new classroom. It is a delight to watch them experiment with the centers and new challenges they're facing. Today, a child came to me disappointed that no one wanted to play in the kitchen center with them. We looked around the room together, and I encouraged the child to ask someone. Within a minute, 3 children were cooking and baking me a pretend lunch. It was the most deli-

cious plastic food I have ever pretended to eat!

Spiders and owls and bats, Oh My! October brings so many wonderful things to do. We'll start the month with a unit celebrating Fire Prevention. Our field trip to Dill's will kick off our study of harvest and farms. We'll end the month learning about some interesting creatures and then have our Halloween Party. A signup sheet will go out shortly for the party. In October, our letters and numbers of the week will continue with letters "I, U T and S" and also the numbers 4 through

7. You parents are doing a wonderful job on your homework by sending in magazine pictures and items. A+ for you!

Now that we are settled in, please feel free to visit and spend some time with us. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to spend part of my day with your child. They truly are a Gift from God.

Take care and God Bless,  
Mrs. Dillman

A monthly column by 3's & 4's Teacher Elizabeth Mayer

## Mrs. Mayer

We have settled into a nice routine in the classroom and are busy getting to know each other and making great friends. Those anxious tears have all but vanished and have been replaced with smiles and laughter. The month of October will be busy and exciting.

Now that we are over our beginning jitters, we welcome parents into the classroom to spend some time with your children and lend us a helping hand. Just let me know when you would like to join us.

T, Th A.M. 3's

On October 8, we will be taking our field trip to Dill's Greenhouse for their Fall Fun Festival. Let's hope for great weather. We will not be in the classroom at all that day. It will be your responsibility to transport your child to and from Dill's. We will be meeting you at Dill's at 9:30 a.m. The cost for the trip is \$5.50 per each child and each adult that attends. Snack will be provided by Dill's. Our theme unit for October is "All About Bears". We will be learning

about the American black/brown bear, polar bears, panda bears, koala bears, grizzly bears, and Teddy bears. We'll have books, art activities, and music all about bears. We'll end the unit with Teddy Bear Day. The children will be invited to bring their special Teddy friend for a fun day at preschool. Also, on Thursday, October 29 we will have our Halloween Party. The party will be the last hour of class (10:30 a.m.). The children can wear their costumes to school. Please make sure that their costumes are fun and not scary.

M, W, F A.M. & M, T, W, Th P.M. 4's

The A.M. class will be taking their trip to Dill's Fall Fun Festival on Friday, October 9. Meet us there at 9:30 a.m. The P.M. class will be meeting there on Thursday, October 8 at 12:30. We will not be in the classroom at all that day. It will be your responsibility to transport your child to and from Dill's. The cost for the trip is \$5.50 per each child and each adult that attends. Snack will be provided by

Dill's. Our theme unit for October is Halloween and Fall Fun. We will be studying the letters B, C, D, and E; the number 2; the colors brown, black, orange, and white; and the shapes heart, oval, star, and rhombus. We'll have some fun with beans and bean bags, and we'll also learn about bats and bones. We'll be doing some cooking this month which is always great fun for the children. We plan to bake banana bread and cinnamon rolls. When we get closer to Halloween, we'll be doing some special Halloween art and also carving a pumpkin and roasting seeds.

The month ends with our Halloween party. The A.M. class party will be Friday, October 30 at 10:30 while the P.M. class party will take place Thursday, October 29 at 2:00. The children can wear their costumes to school that day. Please remember to dress them in fun costumes--nothing scary please.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Kandy, Ms. Karen

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Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Sunday School room upstairs.



**Next PPC Meeting**  
**October 8**  
**7:30pm**  
*In room 10, upstairs*  
**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
 NOVEMBER 4, DECEMBER 2 & JANUARY 6

**PPC**  
**SCRAPBOOK CROP**

October 10th • 3pm-midnight • \$8 per person

The PPC is offering a night out to work on all those pictures just waiting to be added to your scrapbook. There will be giveaways and lots of fun! Please plan to join us now!

For more information and to reserve a seat please contact Lisa Dickerson at 920-3032 or lisadickerson3@gmail.com.



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**October 8 & 9**

Wear your David Lutheran t-shirts or your favorite school shirt!

Preschool Parent Committee is looking for a few Independent Consultants of various home-based businesses for an upcoming event. If you sell jewelry, scrapbooking supplies, food specialty items, or have other home based ventures and would be interested in working with our parent committee please contact Sheley Kolonchuk ([sheley@wideopenwest.com](mailto:sheley@wideopenwest.com)) for more information.



David Lutheran Christian Preschool teams up with David Evangelical Lutheran Church to collect donations monthly and supply the Canal Winchester Food Pantry. Occasionally a special collection will be done for other area groups needing food donations. Donations can be left on the teacher's tables or taken to the church side of the building where they can be placed outside the church office.

This month's special focus: **Pancake Syrup**