

Winders Wee Care October 2011 News

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"Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying." ~Fran Lebowitz, Social Studies

Special points of interest:

- Welcome Corbin and Davis Family!
- Circle S Farms on October 25
- Check out FREE and cheap Halloween thrills in Columbus!

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Welcome Corbin!

We welcomed Corbin into care on Monday, September 26. Corbin is still working on getting around and he is learning a lot from Brandon as they have become fast friends. Corbin will be here every day Monday through Friday, so be sure to say hi!

Notes and Reminders for the Colder Months

Please use the garage to enter. If you come and the garage door is not open, please use the code provided to you via private email to open it.

Please leave your child's coat and shoes/boots in the garage on the wooden shelf or on top of the plastic drawers. You will see this area evolve to be more accommodating, including a space labeled for each child, coat hooks, and tubs for shoes and boots.

Please be sure your child has socks on or with them in hand when they come through the door. This is to keep their feet warm but also to, more importantly, allow them to move faster when going down the slide.

Our first Tuesday trip to Firefly will be on Tuesday, November 1, and will continue every Tuesday through Tuesday, March 26, with the exception of holidays or other outside interference such as illnesses.

During Thanksgiving, we do not discuss Pilgrims and Native Americans. We discuss family, food, and being thankful in general terms.

During December, art may be slow coming home as the children will be working on several projects which will take more than a day to complete. They will be working on projects which are specifically intended for homemade gifts.

Also in December, please remember I cover Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa in general terms. We do discuss Santa Clause and reindeer as well as other wintry things (snowmen, snowflakes, mittens). I do steer as clear as possible away from any religious linking to the holidays. I try to use more general terms.

Santa Clause will be here to visit on Monday, December 2, from 3pm-4pm. Unless parents specifically request to not see Santa, I will be trying to get nice photos of the children with Santa Clause and he will tell stories, etc. The photos will be emailed to you and put in your personal photo gallery so you can use them with Christmas Cards if you wish. I will have Santa sit in a designated Christmas area so the pictures have a nice background.

It is cold and flu season. Be aware that the children will be exposed to runny noses, sneezes, coughs, and more. I do everything in my power to stop the spread of germs, but please be prepared to see it first-hand.

Welcome to Circle S Farms!



Circle S Farms Field Trip

WHEN: Tuesday, October 25

LEAVING PROMPTLY AT: 9:30 am

COST: Under the age of 2 years = \$4 :: Over the age of 2 years = \$12

WHAT TO WEAR: Dress Weather Appropriate. The best way to dress is with jeans, boots, and a layered top half (t-shirt, sweatshirt, mid-weight jacket), gloves, knit hats that cover the ears

LEAVING CIRCLE S FARMS AT: 12:30 pm

The kids will play in the Fun Barn, the maze, pet the animals, pick a pumpkin, and then have a packed lunch on site before coming back. I will be sure to take plenty of pictures.

Any parents who want to tag along on their day off are more than welcome to. Please notify me if you will be doing this so I can notify them of our group size.

If you want your child to purchase additional pumpkins or goodies, simply give me a list and I will keep track of their money and purchases.

There are plenty of things to do in Columbus which are FREE or very inexpensive!

Fall Fun in Columbus Ohio

Fall Harvest Jamboree at Smith Farms ~ Saturday, October 8 from Noon-5pm

FREE Admission PARKING \$5 CLIMBING WALL \$2 HORSE RIDES \$3

INCLUDED: Hay rides, straw maze, pumpkin patch, farm games, art, bake sale, contests Smith Farms/The Creeks, 3285 Watkins Road, Columbus, OH 43207

Keeping Kids Safe Project Child Safety Fair ~ Saturday, October 15 from 10am-4pm

FREE Admission : S.I.P. Kids will take a child's picture and fingerprints, using a digital ink-less fingerprint capture device, and include them as part of the child's file that is provided to the parent. The parents can use the record to give directly to authorities to instantly aid in an investigation. We are also proud to work with many other local programs and organizations.

Honda Marysville, 640 Colemans Crossing, Marysville, OH 43040

The World's Largest Free Pumpkin Show in Circleville ~ October 19-22

159 East Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Buy ride bands and tickets online ahead of time to save almost 50% [Http://www.pumpkinshow.com](http://www.pumpkinshow.com)

Halloween HOOT Family Film Series ~ Saturday, October 29 ~ 11 am

ADMISSION: Canned food item donation

The Gateway Film Center ~ 1550 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210

Halloween HOOT will have tricks and treats for the whole family, including spooky face painting, a kid-friendly haunted house, Halloween themed shorts and more. Costumes encouraged.

Halloween Tram Ride ~ Sunday, October 30~ 6:30 pm

ADMISSION: Free PLACE: Slate Run Metro Park

There really *are* spiders, bats and coyotes to be seen on this season-flavored tram ride...and there's a cozy campfire at the end.



Halloween Safety Tips

<http://www.halloween-website.com/safety.htm>

Halloween Costume Safety

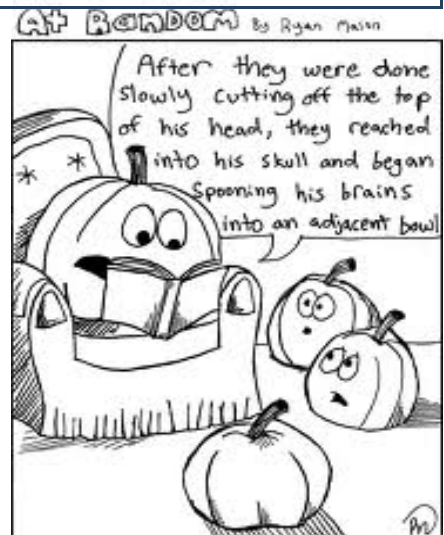
- Wear flame retardant costumes.
- Make sure your Halloween costume is colorfast so the color doesn't run onto your other clothes if it rains.
- Try on costumes before Halloween to allow time for altering.
- Hem your costumes so you don't trip and fall.
- Apply reflective tape to your Halloween costumes.
- Avoid cumbersome masks. Use make-up instead.
- Use only hypoallergenic and non-toxic makeup.
- Wear comfortable, practical shoes.
- Double tie your shoelaces so you don't trip.
- Keep your costume and wig away from candles.
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories that look authentic. Make sure they're flexible and cannot harm anyone.

Trick-or-Treating Tips

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.
- Take along money for a phone call.
- Wear identification that's easy to read.
- Always trick or treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Follow a curfew and take a watch with a backlight.
- Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.
- Walk. No running.
- Don't trample through flower beds and gardens.
- Watch out for open flames in jack-o-Lanterns.
- Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.
- Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter any houses unless you know the people.
- Carry a spare Halloween bag, in case yours breaks or you fill your original one.
- Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Don't cut across yards and stay out of backyards.
- Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Review the "stop, drop and roll" procedure in case your costume catches on fire.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Be polite and say "thank you."
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes, or is homemade.
- Small children should not be allowed hard candy they may choke on.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.
- Consider having a party instead of Trick or Treating.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Do Something Nice Day * Vowels Number 13	3 Cover Your Nose When You Sneeze A mini book Color 13	4 Garden of Manners E mini book 13 Trece	5 * Warm Fuzzies I mini book Trace 13 thirteen	6 Manners magnet O mini book 13 worksheet	7 Gift of Choice U mini book 13 worksheet	8
9 ** Fire Prevention Day ** Letter A Number 14	10 Styrofoam Cup Dalmatian Letter A Color Sheet Color 14 Fire Trucks	11 Fire Fighter Hat Short A W.S. 14 Catorce	12 Stop Drop Roll Sheet Long A W.S. Trace 14 fourteen	13 Sesame Street Fire Safety Trace Upper-case A Number 14 WS	14 Parent's Night Out Origami Dog Trace Lower-case a Number 14 WS	15
16 Count Your Buttons Day *** Letter B Number 15	17 Button Wreath Letter B Color Sheet Color 15 bats	18 Fall Button Tree Letter B Word Sheet Fifteen Catorce	19 Button Flowers Color Bb Image Trace 15 fifteen	20 Learn How to Button B is for button Number 15 WS	21 *** 15 Button Collage Circle and Write B Number 15 WS	22
23 Halloween **** Letter C Number 16	24 Egg Carton Spider Letter C Color Sheet Color 16	25 Circle S Farm Field Trip and Pumpkin Carving	26 Ghostly Feet C is for Cat Trace 16 sixteen	27 Trick or Treat Bags C is for Candy Corn Number 16 W.S.	28 Parent's Night Out Peter Pumpkin Eater Circle Letter C Number 16 W.S.	29
30 Look for Circles Day * Letter D Number 17	31 **** Trace Circles Letter D Color Sheet Color 17					



Pumpkin Horror Stories