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Monthly Quote

"The roughest roads often lead to the top."

— Christina Aguilera

Events

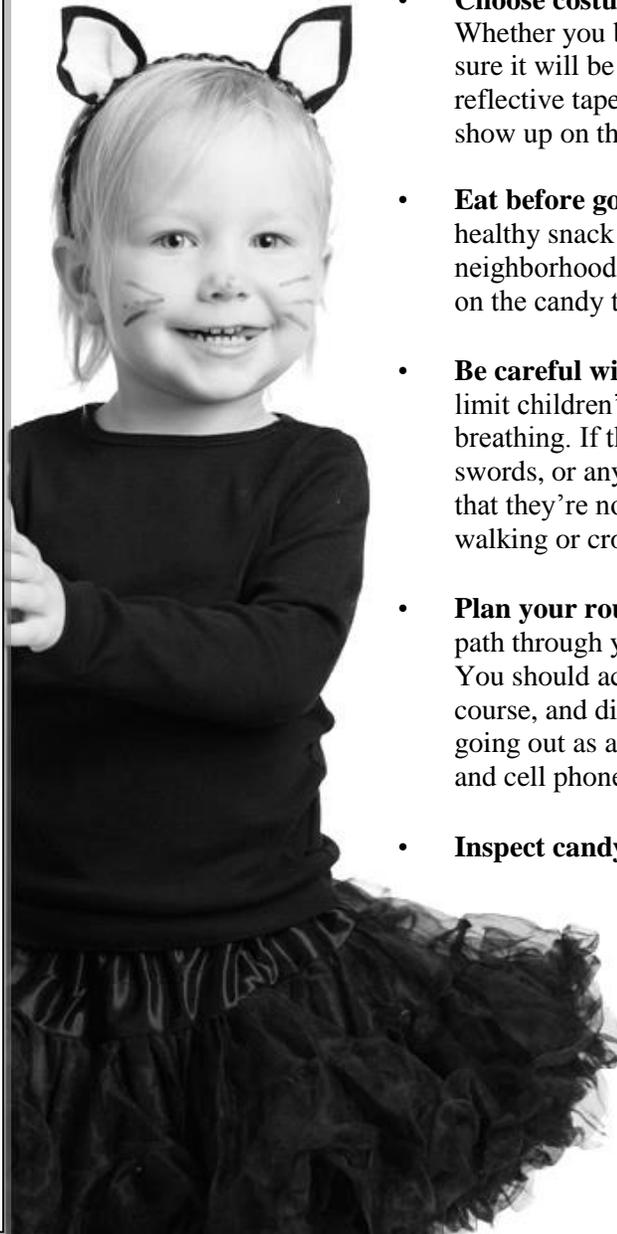
Oct 10 th	Field Trip Permission Slips are due
Oct 14 th	Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
Oct 17 th	Trunk or Treat 630-800pm
Oct 31 st	Halloween Party & Parade

October Birthdays Happy Birthday

Oct 6 th	Damon F.
Oct 8 th	Hudson Y.
Oct 9 th	Ethan F.
Oct 10 th	Amelia M.
Oct 12 th	Ayden M.
Oct 14 th	Nicholas B.
Oct 22 nd	Emily G.
Oct 29 th	Jack C.
Oct 31 st	Noel S.

Trick or Treat! Plan for a Safe Halloween

Halloween is a holiday that children and their parents enjoy together. But keeping your costumed trick-or-treaters safe while they go door to door is paramount. Follow these tips for ensuring that your kids will have a Halloween they remember for all the right reasons:



- **Choose costumes in light or bright colors.** Whether you buy a costume or make one, be sure it will be visible after dark. Put some reflective tape on goodie bags to help them show up on the street.
- **Eat before going out.** Serve dinner or a good healthy snack before your kids hit the neighborhood. They'll be less likely to gorge on the candy they collect if they're already full.
- **Be careful with props.** Make sure masks don't limit children's vision or obstruct their breathing. If they're carrying canes, toy swords, or any other sort of accessory, check that they're not too difficult to carry while walking or crossing the street.
- **Plan your route.** Determine a clear and safe path through your neighborhood ahead of time. You should accompany small children, of course, and discuss safety with older kids going out as a group. Always carry a flashlight and cell phone.
- **Inspect candy before eating.** Check through treat bags when children return home, and separate out any candy that looks suspicious. Don't let kids consume too much at one time—ration it out so they don't make themselves sick.

Important Information:

Cups, Bottles, Opened Food, etc all must be taken home at the end of each day. Please do not leave cups in lockers or in the classroom at the end of the day. We are asking parents that bring in cups to take them into the classroom in the morning.

Lost & Found... any items that are found are placed on the front desk. Some classrooms have a lost and found in their room. Look for their bin by the door if you are missing something and it is not on the front desk. Please make sure that everything is labelled to prevent items going into the Lost and Found.

Please keep children off the bye-bye buggy. This is for the safety of the children and those around them. There is a weight limit for the buggy and the axles will bend or break. We have also have newborn seats in there that should not have any others sitting in them.

It's that time of the year again... the holidays are approaching and the decorations are coming out. We have many items that we like to get out for everyone's enjoyment but ask that you help us to keep little ones from touching them. We don't want anyone to get hurt.

Please take this time to check your child's locker to make sure that they have weather appropriate clothing and clothes that are the correct sizes. We have a very limited amount of clothing for extras. Parents will be called if your child is in need of clothing. Remember that children need extra clothing in case of potty accidents, spills, etc.

Monthly Celebrations and Causes

Adopt a Dog Month. Sponsored by the American Humane Association. Each year, 3 to 4 million animals wait in shelters for a safe, loving home.

World Space Week, Oct. 4-10. Focusing on satellite navigation in 2014. Satellite navigation systems have grown from just one a decade ago (GPS) to many, including Galileo, Glonass, and Beidou.

Earth Science Week, Oct. 12-18. "Earth's Connected Systems" is the theme this year. By deepening our understanding of the interactions of Earth systems—geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere—Earth science helps us manage our greatest challenges and make the most of vital opportunities.

National Chemistry Week, Oct. 19-25. Aiming to reach the public, particularly elementary and secondary school children, with positive messages about chemistry. This year's theme: "The Sweet Side of Chemistry—Candy."

International Music Day, Oct. 1. Enjoy your favorite song, symphony, opera, or show tune.

Yom Kippur, Oct. 3. Beginning at sundown, Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people.

Islamic New Year, Oct. 4. Also known as the Hijri New Year, beginning at sunset.

Columbus Day, Oct. 13. Commemorating Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas.

Halloween, Oct. 31. Trick or treat!



Outside Time

As a reminder, children go outside every day in the morning and afternoon (weather permitting). Children will still go outside when there is snow on the ground. Please make sure that your child has the proper winter gear to keep them warm outside. We will use the same temperature guidelines that we have always used in the past.

They are as follows:

Waddlers and One Year olds – 32 degrees and above

2 Year olds, Beg Preschool Rm & Preschool Rm– 25 degrees & above

Young 5's Rm – 20 degrees and above.

It is mandatory by the State of Michigan for children to have an outside time. We cannot accept a parent request to keep a child inside. In order for your child to be kept inside they will need a dated and signed physician letter. This letter must include a diagnosis, starting date and ending date to be kept inside and signed by a licensed physician (not by a nurse).

Good Family Communication Tips

Communication is the foundation of a healthy family. Without it, mothers, fathers, siblings, and children don't know what to expect or how to get what they need. But a family whose members can talk freely and share their feelings will endure all sorts of hardships without cracking. Keep these guidelines in mind for communicating with honesty and love:

- **Listen to each other.** Practice active and respectful listening with everyone in your family, from infants to grandparents. Don't jump to conclusions or interrupt when they're speaking. Make sure you understand what they're saying before you respond.
- **Think before speaking.** Whether you're arguing or discussing dinner, try not to blurt out the first words that come to mind. Think about how the other person might react, and choose your words with care to prevent a needless confrontation.
- **Make time to talk.** Some conversations shouldn't be rushed. When you need to talk out a major issue, schedule enough time for everyone to be heard. You don't need a crisis to make time for each other, though. Make an effort to give everyone the attention they deserve for as long as they need it.
- **Work on your patience.** When you're tired or stressed out, you may have trouble maintaining your self-control. But losing your temper or pushing a family member too hard can make communication impossible. If necessary, call a timeout or take some deep breaths to remain calm when you feel your patience slipping.
- **Show some empathy.** Don't just say, "I know how you feel." Make a positive effort to understand how your family members feel, no matter how young or old they are. Small children and the elderly can both feel helpless at times; adults may feel the pressure of competing demands. If you can see things from their point of view, you'll do a better job of solving problems and enjoying real intimacy.

Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 17th from 630 to 8pm. This event takes place in our parking lot on the west side of the building. Our teachers and directors decorate their trunks and pass out candy as the kids come to their cars. This is a safe and fun way to go trick or treating.

Dress up your children and bring them out to this fun event. Don't forget to dress up yourself and have some fun too. Don't forget to bring your family, friends and anyone else that would like to come.

In order to keep our building safe, the building will be locked during this time as this event is open to the public. Unfortunately we won't be able to open up the building for restroom breaks.



Soctober Box

We have placed a "Soctober" box at the front desk. We are helping Mrs. Hunault's 4th grade class at Morrish Elementary make a difference in our community. We will be helping them collect as many new socks as possible to donate to homeless shelters in Flint. The class will also go shopping for you and will be taking monetary donations from anyone that would like to participate but does not have time to go to the store. We would be happy to pass this along to them when they collect the boxes.

Mrs. Hunault's class celebrated "National Dot Day" where they learned about making a mark in the world. This then led to the discussion about how they could make a difference (or their "mark") in the community. This is a project that they chose and are working as a team to make this successful. This box will be available until the end of October.

Pictures

We will be finalizing our picture days soon. Pictures are done in November and will take place over two days. Your child will be assigned a day for their picture. Watch for more information as the time nears.

Trunk or Treat Candy

We will be having a sign up sheet at the front desk for anyone that would like to donate candy for the trunk or treat. We only ask that there are no peanuts or peanut butter items brought in. This candy will be passed out during our Trunk or Treat on Friday night.

Fall Fundraiser

We will be doing our annual Fall Fundraiser this coming November. Remember that 100% of all money earned goes into our activities fund which is used for holiday parties such as Santa visiting, our petting zoo, family picnics, etc. Please help us build up our activities fund for the upcoming year. More information will be passed out as the time nears.

Pumpkin Patch/Apple Orchard Field Trip

Our annual field trip to the pumpkin patch/apple orchard has been scheduled. We will be visiting Mueller's Orchard in Linden on October 14th. This field trip is open to everyone. However, children under 3 years old **MUST** have an adult attending with them. Children 3 years and older may attend without an adult as long as they are fully potty trained (meaning no pull ups/diapers at anytime throughout the day).

Everyone attending must meet at the center at 8:50am. We will be leaving at 9am sharp. Mueller's is expecting us to arrive and be ready by 9:30. We must stay on schedule as they have another tour coming after ours. Car seats must be left at the front for those that do not have an adult attending. Children cannot attend without an approved car seat for their age.

The cost for this event is \$8 per person. Due to this event being separate from Brandi's Place tuition, we will only be able to accept cash in the exact amount.

Attached you will find a field trip permission slip. This form **MUST** be turned in by Friday, Oct 10th. Permission slips will not be accepted after the 10th and refunds will not be given after the 10th.

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Halloween Party & Parade

We will be having our annual Halloween Party and Parade this year on October 31st (Halloween Day). Sign up sheets will be hanging in the classrooms as the time gets closer. Children are allowed to bring their costumes to dress up in, we do ask that each piece is labelled with their initials and/or full name. No weapons or violent items. Children will have activities to do during their party time in the classroom and will also participate in the parade throughout the center. The children parade through the other classrooms and the hallway and will then collect a treat at the front desk on their way back to their classroom.

From the front desk...

Hi Parents,

We hope you enjoy this issue of The Happy Parent™. It is our goal here at Brandi's Place Early Learning & Child Care Center to help you be happy, healthy and successful in your journey of being a parent.

It is our pleasure to bring you this monthly publication filled with a little bit of humor as well as communication and parenting tips. Enjoy!



Holiday Time Schedule

Thanksgiving and Christmas Break are going to be here fast and with that being said we would like to remind everyone of the days that we will be closed. Below you will find a schedule of dates that we are closed as well as tuition date changes for these weeks.

November 26th (Wednesday) – TUITION DUE

November 27th and 28th – Center Closed for Thanksgiving

December 23rd (Tuesday) – TUITION DUE

(for 1st week of January)

December 24th – January 2nd – Center Closed

Center will reopen on Monday – January 5th.

Regular tuition days will resume on Thursday, January 8th. There will be no tuition payments made during the week of December 29th as the center is closed.

We are hoping that this will help with your planning and help everyone to avoid any late fees.