

OCTOBER 2017

LMP'S NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER EVENTS:

October 2nd – School closed for Parent/Teacher Conference. Don't forget to sign up.

October 9th – Closed for Columbus Day

October 19th – Celebrate Diwali – you may dress your children in Indian attire to celebrate Diwali. We will also have an Indian feast.

October 25th – We will have pumpkins delivered and children will go to the playground to pick one out and have other fun things to do. This will replace our field trip to the pumpkin patch. We didn't want to take a change on the weather being rainy or cold.

October 27th - Annual Halloween Parade & Carnival, begins at 3:30 p.m. Please see details.

October 31st – Children may wear pajamas for their Halloween Party Day. Do sign up outside your child's classroom to bring in food and other items.



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We will be discussing balls, harvest, Diwali, Halloween and sports.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES OCT. 27TH :

We will be having our annual Halloween Parade & Carnival on **October 27th**. Parents may come to the Parade/Carnival which begins at 3:30 p.m. in the playground. Parents must park on either Beard Road or Lucky's Shopping Center located across the street. Do use the crosswalk to cross the street. Never cross directly in front of the school due to heavy traffic.

The sign- up sheet for the Carnival will be at the front office area. We would appreciate if you can bring the goodies *before* **October 27th**.

Children **may not** wear their costumes to school. Have them bring their costumes in a bag with their name *clearly* printed on the bag. We will dress the children after their nap. You may ask your child's teacher if she will need help dressing the children. If she needs your help, you will be asked to come earlier than 3:30 p.m.

Our school does not allow children to bring pretend guns, knives, swords, etc. to school under no circumstance.

If your child comes to school with their costumes on we will change them into regular clothes. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE IT HARD FOR YOUR CHILD OR FOR US BY NOT FOLLOWING THE ABOVE RULES.**

We promise you a fun afternoon. Don't forget to bring your camera! This is indeed one of our favorite events of the year.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES OCT. 31ST:

Children will have their Halloween Party on **October 31st**. And they get to wear their pajamas! Please make sure they are able to wear shoes with their pajamas. No slippers please. Please sign up outside your child's classroom to bring goodies and other needed items for their Halloween Party. Do keep in mind we do not allow candy at our school. Any candies brought in will either be returned or given to the staff.

SIGNING IN/OUT EVERYDAY:

Parents – It is extremely important that you sign your children in and out. It is a State Licensing regulation and as well as a Little Mud Puddle policy. Failure to sign in or out will result in a \$25 fee. If you have grandparents dropping off or picking up your children they also must sign in/out. Please show them how to do so or have them ask a staff to assist them.

SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR LMP's 2017 HOLIDAYS/CONFERENCES:

Oct. 2nd – Closed for Parent/Teacher Conference

Oct. 9th – Closed for Columbus Day

Nov. 10th – Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov. 22nd, 23rd, 24th – Closed for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec. 25th – 31st – Closed for the Holiday Season

January 1st & 2nd – Closed for the New Year's Holiday

This list does not include all in-service days off for conferences. You will be notified in advance when these dates are chosen.

PARKING:

Due to our limited parking, we need parents to quickly give hugs and say their goodbyes.

Please do not park in our handicapped area unless you have a placard.

Please do not pass parents who are waiting for a parking spot.

Thank you – we appreciate your patience.

GIVING iPads TO CHILDREN:

Children throwing tantrums should be given time to calm down on their own rather than distracted with tablets or smartphones researchers say. Child psychologists say it may be stunting youngster's emotional development, because they do not learn how to control their emotions.

Researchers at Boston University School of Medicine in the US found that children need to find ways of self-regulating their feelings rather than masking them with distracting programs or games.

Dr. Jenny Radesky, clinical instructor in Development-Behavioral Pediatrics at Boston University, said: "Mobile devices are everywhere and children are using them more frequently at young ages. The impact these mobile devices are having on the development and behavior of children is still relatively unknown. Heavy device use during young childhood could

interfere with development of empathy, social and problem solving skills that are typically obtained by exploring, unstructured play and interacting with friends. These devices also may replace the hands-on activities important for the development of sensorimotor and visual-motor skills, which are important for the learning and application of math and science. At this time, there are more questions than answers when it comes to mobile media" said Dr. Radesky. "Until more is known about its impact on child development quality family time is encouraged, either through unplugged family time, or a designated family hour."

Bottom line – let's talk and spend time with our children instead of giving them these devices.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Anton Yeung

Anvith Bollam

Brooklyn Dangerfield

Charlotte Leung

Lorelei Pfieler

Lucas Chen

Miss Yuner



**LITTLE MUD PUDDLE'S HOURS:
7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

If you are late picking up your child, 6:31 p.m. or later, you will be charged \$20 for every 15 minutes you are late. No exceptions!

Don't forget that your child *must* be in school by 9:00 a.m. This is for the consistency of your child's progress and out of courtesy for your child's teacher. If your child arrives at 9:11 a.m. or after, expect to pay a late fee of \$20 for every 15 minutes you are late.

Children are not allowed in school after 12:00 noon. Due to the fact that coming in late disrupts our program - there cannot be any exceptions.