



## The Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten October Newsletter

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### *Visit from the State License Inspector*

We all have been working extremely hard, (you included) to do whatever it takes to make sure the children, staff and school environment remains safe and healthy. Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> the state licensing inspector came to our school to evaluate and inspect how we are implementing the new regulations. The Giving Nest passed with flying colors!! As she was leaving, she said, "How wonderful it is to see a school following the regulations and guidelines perfectly. I wish every place I inspected looked like this!"



### Halloween Celebrations and Parades



To continue to make this holiday a fun filled day for the children and parents while keeping everyone safe, we will be having individual Halloween Parades for each 'bubble' of students. Please pay close attention to your child's calendar for the date of your personal Halloween Parade. We will send an email with parade specifics in the beginning of October. Parents are invited to come to enjoy the children dressed in costumes. The parades will take place outside in front of the school in the marked area if weather permits. If the weather does not cooperate, we will have a Halloween Fashion Show in the classrooms, sorry no parents allowed inside. Children should come to school dressed in costume on the day of the parade. If the costume is uncomfortable, please have clothes underneath. We will also celebrate with a Halloween Party in each class 'bubble'. If you would like to contribute to the festivities, we will be emailing sign-ups for Halloween goodies to share with the class Please note, parties are for the children only.



### Learning about Fire Safety

During Sing Time, we will talk about fire safety through lessons and stories. We will learn the steps to take if the children smell smoke or see a fire, calling 911, stop-drop-roll and cover your faces and planning a meeting place. We will invite a fire truck to visit the Giving Nest, the children in each 'bubble' will each get a turn to walk outside and tour the fire truck and ask questions to the Firefighters. The firefighters will also describe the equipment a firefighter wears, explaining each piece of apparatus. How exciting it will be for the children to learn about these especially important lifesaving skills.

## Picture Day

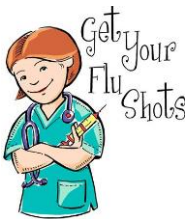


Smile! A professional photographer will be here this month to take class 'bubble' and individual photos. This year the photos will be taken outside. You may purchase these if you like. Forms will be online this year. Please check individual class calendars on our website, <https://www.givingnestpreschools.com/bridgewater-teacher-pages> for the date of your child's class.



## Virtual Back to School Night

This month all parents are **invited and encouraged** to learn what your child does all day at The Giving Nest. This year this special evening will be virtual and will begin promptly at 7:00 PM and lasts about a half an hour. You will receive an email in advance with all the details and a link to your child's class with your child's teacher for your virtual visit. Your evening will begin with a short presentation given by Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Barbara with your children as the cast of characters in a wonderful slide show! Upon completion of the slide show you will then visit your child's classroom virtually through a special link provided to you in your class email. You will see what your child's day at the Giving Nest consists of and you will see your child's artwork displayed in the classroom. You will also listen to the various activities and special skills planned for your child throughout the year. Please visit our website and view your child's teachers calendar to see which night your child's class is scheduled - <https://www.givingnestpreschools.com/teacher-pages-martinsville>.



## Please get your Flu Shot

Please read for details

**Influenza Vaccine: Children 6 months through 59 months attending any childcare or preschool facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 & December 31 each year.** It is very important you comply with this state mandate. The state sends a nurse to the Giving Nest and all preschools to check each child's medical paperwork and ascertain all shots have been administered. If shots are not up to date the child may have to leave the school. **The state nurse checks all immunizations.** To make certain your child's shots are up to date please go to: [https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm\\_requirements/cc\\_preschool\\_requirements-parents.pdf](https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/cc_preschool_requirements-parents.pdf). If you have any questions, please call the school.

## OCTOBER SONGS

### GET OUT

(Tune: "BINGO")



What happens if there is a fire  
Do you know what to do?  
GET OUT, quick GET OUT,  
GET OUT, quick GET OUT,  
GET OUT, quick GET OUT,  
GET out, quick GET OUT,  
Stay very low and GET OUT.



### Three Little Witches

(Tune: Ten Little Indians)

One Little, two little, three little witches.  
Fly over haystacks, fly over ditches.  
Slide down the moon, without any hitches,  
Hey ho Halloween is here!



### Christopher Columbus

(Tune: Row your boat)

Sail, sail, sail three ships, Slowly through the sea  
Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria, sailing Count them, one,  
two, three.  
Land, land, land they saw, after many days.  
Hooray, hooray for Columbus,  
The man who found the way!

### Making a Jack-O-Lantern

(Tune: Four and Twenty Blackbirds)

First you take a pumpkin,  
Big and round and fat.  
Then you cut the top off,  
That will be the hat.  
Then you cut a mouth, a nose,  
And then two eyes.  
Now you have a  
Jack-O-Lantern  
Halloween surprise!



### Jack-O-Lantern

(Tune: Are you sleeping)

Jack-O-Lantern, Jack-O-Lantern  
Eyes so round, eyes so round.  
Halloween is coming, Halloween is coming.  
To our town, to our town!



### PEEK-A-BOO

Peek a boo, I see you,  
Peek a boo, I see you,  
Peek a boo, I see you.  
It is Halloween time!



### BLACK CAT

Black cat, black cat, looking for a witch.  
All around the night is dark as pitch.  
You can see me because your eyes are green.  
Black cat, black cat - this is Halloween.  
BOO!



### 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, "But we don't care."  
The fourth one said, "let's run and run and run."  
And the fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun!"  
Ooh went the wind, and out went the lights.  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.