



Brookside Montessori School  
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Established in 1974

## BROOKSIDE BULLETIN

October 2024



Fire Safety,  
Signs of Autumn,  
Halloween



\*\* and Show and Tell topics



### Dates to Remember in October

**Monday, October 14**  
**Columbus Day Holiday**  
No school today.

**Wednesday, October 16**  
**Fire Safety Day**  
Lower Allen Fire Dept. will visit to teach us about fire safety.



**Wednesday, October 23**  
**Field Trip to Paulus Market Mechanicsburg for Fall Activities**

**Note: DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS FIELD TRIP.**

*\*\*\*See below for further information.\*\*\**



**Thursday, October 31**  
**Brookside Annual Halloween Parade, Party and Trunk or Treat**  
ALL STUDENTS ATTEND 10:30am – 12:30pm  
*\*\*\*See additional details for the day below.\*\*\**



**Friday, November 1**  
**Teacher In-Service Day**  
No school today.

# IMPORTANT Announcements and Reminders

## **LABEL PLEASE**

Now that cooler weather is arriving, please make sure that ALL outerwear as well as slippers, lunchboxes, backpacks, etc. are clearly labeled with your child's name.

## **LATE FEE**

**We are strictly enforcing dismissal times.** A **\$10.00 "Late Fee"** will be charged for late pick-ups, with an additional \$1.00 per minute after the first 15 minutes. Please set your watches to our school clocks. If you have an emergency, please call to let us know that you will be late. The late fee is due immediately or it will be added to the following month's tuition.

## **OCTOBER TUITION PAYMENT and MATERIALS and FIELD TRIP FEE**

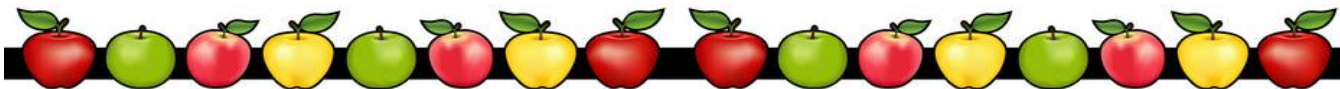
Tuition payment #3 is due before **October 5th**. Additionally, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMIT YOUR YEARLY \$200.00 (per child) MATERIALS and FIELD TRIP FEE if you have not already done so.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER OF BROOKSIDE POLICIES**

Brookside has a strict "hands on our own bodies policy" that must be followed by all children. This policy helps us to avoid many injuries and the spread of germs related to illnesses. As we enter the flu season, your help in instructing your child appropriately at home and re-enforcing this policy at pick up and drop off times is greatly appreciated.

## **URGENTLY REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE**

We cannot emphasize enough the need for you to be working with your child at home to improve their ability to act independently, specifically in the following areas: dressing—putting on coats and outerwear; using the bathroom (including wiping and hand washing); putting on their own shoes; blowing their noses; setting up and eating their lunches. The staff does not have enough time to help every child with these activities—being able to do simple tasks such as these not only builds confidence, it also eliminates the need for other children to wait while your child is assisted.



## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE FIELD TRIP TO PAULUS MARKET**

- Our field trip to Paulus Market in Mechanicsburg for fall activities is planned for Wednesday, October 23, 2024.
- **We will need drivers for this field trip.**
- We will plan to arrive at the market by 9:15am and will stick to a firm schedule in order to allow time for participation in all activities.
- We will be bringing our lunches to the market.
- We will return to the school no later than 2:00pm. Please plan to meet us at the market if you need to pick up your student early.
- Look for further details as we get closer to the date.

# More IMPORTANT Announcements and Reminders

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE HALLOWEEN PARADE, PARTY, and TRUNK or TREAT

- The Halloween Parade and Party will be on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from **10:30am to 12:30pm AT THE SCHOOL**. ALL CHILDREN (A.M., Full Day, and Kindergarten) will attend during this time.
- Children should come to school dressed in their costumes.
  - Children MUST NOT wear Halloween masks.
  - ***Please remember our "Peaceful Classroom" policy when dressing your child for the holiday.***
- We expect to follow this schedule for the Parade, Party and Trunk or Treat:
  - 10:30am – Drop off time for ALL children.
  - 10:30am – 11:00am –
    - Children will remain in the school to work on an art project—they will be decorating their trick or treat bags.
    - Parents who are participating in the Trunk or Treat portion of the event should use this time to set up. Cars should be parked in the parking lot next to the school using only the spaces on either side of the lot, none in the center area. Your cars should be parked with the trunk facing the center of the lot. Reminders: Position your treats so the children can easily reach them; **NO TREATS WITH NUTS!!**; Cars must remain stationary while the children are parading.
  - 11:00am – The Halloween parade will start. The staff will walk the children over to the parking lot and direct them around to the cars for trick or treating.
  - After the parade – Students and staff will return to the school for a pizza lunch, provided by the school.
  - 12:30pm – Dismissal. Your child should be picked up at this time.

