



Les Finch's Newsletter

FALL IS HERE!!

Fall is in the air. Only 3 more months left in the year 2016! WOW, time has been flying.

Please dress the kids appropriately during the changing weather seasons. The little things like long sleeves and hats will help prevent the kids from getting sick. The small things count.

The Holidays are right around the corner which, for most, is the favorite time of the year.

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas programs, which all the students here at Les Finch will participate and do some type of performance on the stage.

We know the students and teachers look forward to this, as well as the parents. Anyone and everyone is welcomed to attend! The programs start at 10:45a.m. They tend to last about 1 hour.

Please be aware of all

notices posted in the office and all notices sent home. Sign up for E-Mail if you have not done so already.

Please make sure you continue to go over your child's work with them every night! The things they learn in school NEEDS to be reinforced at home! Practice makes perfect.



LABELING IS IMPORTANT

Please, Please, Please label your child's clothing. Many of the children have the same type of clothing, shoes, etc. Make sure you label these

items and make sure there is always a change of clothes in the child's locker just incase they have an accident.

If you notice your child wears clothing home that doesn't belong to them make sure you return those items, because you would want the same in return.

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Special points of interest:

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HARVEST DAY / HALLOWEEN

Halloween or "Harvest Day" is what we call it here at Les Finch is on Monday, October 31.

Children are allowed to dress up in their costumes. We are asking that the costumes be positive! Batman, Spiderman, Transformers, Ninja Turtles, etc. are acceptable. Please leave all accessories at home.

Make sure that the mask are labeled because we would ex-

pect for several children to have on the same costumes!

We will be making healthy goody bags for all the children. We are asking for a \$6 donation per child to help with the cost associated with these goody bags.

Remember the children do



**Monday
October 31, 2016**

know what's going on, and we're pretty sure they would like to have one of those goody bags on that day so please help out and pay the \$6.

This day will be a fun day for the kids! They'll go from class to class to see what everyone is dressed up as!

What will YOU be for Halloween??

PUMPKIN PATCH

Our Field Trip to Odyssey Fun Farm will take place on **Thursday, October 27, 2016!**

The cost of the trip is \$15 per child and \$11 per Adult.

The price for the children includes a FREE pre-picked pumpkin along with; the fun

and exciting Pig Races, the Petting Zoo, FUN Playground, Corn Box, Hay Rides and Much More.

ALL money is Due **Friday, October 21, 2016!**

No Exceptions!

ALL children will need to bring a Lunch and will also need to wear gym shoes or boots and their Green Les Finch T-Shirts!

Les Finch T-shirts cost \$10

SCHOOL DAY PICTURES

SAY CHEESE!!

School Day pictures will be taken on two separate days!!

The first day will be on Wednesday, October 12. This day is assigned for Rooms: 1, 3, 7, 8, and 10.

The second day for school day

pictures will be held on Thursday, October 13. This day is assigned for Rooms: 2, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 13.

Kindergarten students (Rm. 11 & 12) must wear their uniforms on their assigned date (Oct. 13). All other students are allowed to wear whatever they'd

like on the assigned days.

Once the students receive their proofs, which contains 2 photos, the parents will have ONE WEEK to decide if they'd like to purchase the pictures or not!

There is a \$20 fee for lost or non-returned proofs.

CANDY SALE 2016

By now, hopefully EVERYONE has sold something for the candy sale. Remember every little bit helps. We are asking for TOTAL participation from the parents!

This years candy sale kicked off on Monday, September 20, 2016 and will end on Monday October 10, 2016.

There is a First, Second, and Third Place prize for the student who sells the most candy

during the time period! 1st place would receive 3 weeks tuition, 2nd place would receive 2 weeks tuition and 3rd place would receive 1 week tuition. (No Cash Value)

ALL orders must be in by Monday, Oct. 10 to qualify for prizes!

Cash Or Money Orders Only.

If someone wants to write a check have them make it payable to yourself, then cash the check or get a money order to replace it payable to Les Finch.

If you have any questions feel free to ask.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SELLERS!!



September 20-
October 10, 2016

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Every year we have a Thanksgiving and Christmas Program. Each class goes on stage to perform a song, poem, dance, etc for the holiday! This year the Thanksgiving program will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22 and the Christmas program will be held Wed. Dec. 14. The programs start at 10:45 am! Everyone is Welcomed to attend! Programs last about an hour.

MORNING SNACKS/ FOODS

Here at Les Finch's, we try to encourage the kids to eat healthy snacks, especially in the morning. Junk food and sugar juices in the morning can upset the children's stomach, causing them to regurgitate. Fruits and things like yogurt or breakfast bars are the best things to have to start the morning off right.

TUITION

Tuition here at Les Finch is very IMPORTANT! We are a privately owned school, and the tuition helps the Doors stay open, feeds the kids, keeps the lights and heat on, and pays the staff! We are asking that Tuition always be paid a week

in advance at the beginning of the week on Mondays. Each day after Monday a \$10 late fee charge will be added to your account, until tuition is paid in full.

If tuition cannot be paid on Monday PLEASE inform the

office so that way we know you intend on paying. This doesn't waive late fees.

We need the help from the parents to stay on top of this so that we can continue to provide the BEST Care for OUR children!

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Every Child needs the Individual Care, which The Learning Tree can Provide



Mark These Dates on
your Calendar!!

IMPORTANT DATES

October

- 6— UniverSoul Circus
- 12— School Pics (Rm: 1, 3, 7, 8 & 10)
- 13— School Pics (Rm: 2, 4, 6, 11, 12 & 13)
- 26— Parent Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 27—Pumpkin Patch
- 31— Harvest Day (Costumes)

November

- 16—Parent Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 22— Thanksgiving Program
- 24 & 25— CLOSED

December

- 9— Santa Pics
- 14— Christams Program
- 21—Last Day
- January**
- 9—School Resumes
- 16—**CLOSED**, MLK Day

****LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016 & WILL RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017**

TRICK OR TREATING TIME! HALLOWEEN SAFETY

- **Have each child carry or wear something lit**, such as a flashlight, glow bracelet or necklace for visibility.
- **Adults should plan out a route in advance.** Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or areas.
- **Require well-fitting shoes** to be worn; preferably sneakers.
- **Avoid costumes that drag on the ground.**
- With the thought of comfort, **pick costumes that are bathroom-friendly as well.** On this same subject, parents should pre-plan a bathroom stop along the way or at a public facility if driving.
- **Be sure a child's mask allows full visibility and breathing.** Spiderman masks, for example, sometimes only have small eye slits and nothing for the nose or mouth.
- **Trick or treaters should walk**, not run, and should never cut across lawns or

driveways. Obstacles could exist that aren't readily visible in the evening.

- **Only carry flexible props**, such as knives, swords, ninja items, etc., that can't cause injury if a kid accidentally falls.
- **Only trick or treat at houses that are lit.** Residents who do not wish to be bothered by trick or treaters often leave off their lights as a sign; respect their preference by only going to houses that are lit.
- **Be sure kids don't get over-heated and keep hydrated.** Plan costumes according to weather.
- **Think "practical" over "cute" when picking a trick or treat goody bag or container.**
- **Keep track of time and don't trick or treat after 9 p.m.** (general recommendation).
- **Feed your kids a healthy meal prior**

to going trick or treat.

- **Children of any age should be accompanied by a parent**, if possible.
- **Purchased costumes should be made of flame-retardant material.** Costumes should also be reflective of the local weather. Some parents overdress their kids so that they sweat and are uncomfortable in costumes that are very heavy or don't "breathe."
- **Insist that your child goes to the bathroom BEFORE leaving the house.** And, be considerate of your child's bathroom needs by not choosing a costume that is difficult to get on and off in time to avoid last-minute bathroom needs, if at all possible.

****Never allow children to eat candy before it is inspected.**

Source: <http://childcare.about.com/od/childsafet1/a/trickortreat.htm>