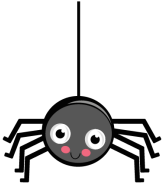


JUMP START NEWS

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JTHS Students Speak Out!

Our Joliet Township High School Students created a list of some words that describe being parents during the time of transition between summer and the school year. The words they used include: excited, blurry, pain, eager, achy, hopeful, happy, tired (listed 3 times!), hurting, annoyed, and uplifted. As parents of all age children, we can all relate to these words. What we do with them is the key to surviving transitions. Have any ideas on how to move smoothly into the fall season? Share them with your Home Visitor so we can pass them along as well as list them on our new Facebook page!

Creative Corner



Pumpkin fun!

All you need with this activity is orange paint, paper and scissors.

Cut a sheet of paper into the shape of a pumpkin and then allow your child to finger paint the pumpkin.



Food Fun

MUMMY DOGS!

Hot dogs are a party favorite and will soon become the star of your Halloween buffet when given this mummy-wrap treatment using refrigerated breadsticks!

Makes: 12 servings

Prep: 8 mins

Bake: 12 mins 375°F

Ingredients:

1 11 ounce package refrigerated bread sticks (12 bread sticks)

12 jumbo frankfurters

Ketchup and mustard

Capers (or anything dark/edible for eyes)

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Unwrap breadsticks. Stretch each bread stick to 12 inches. Wrap dough around frankfurters, letting the frankfurters show slightly through the bread. Press in capers for eyes. Bake in preheated oven for about 12 minutes or until bread is golden brown. Serve with ketchup and/or mustard. Makes 12 snacks.



Children's Books to Read in October

- The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything- Linda Williams
- Room on the Broom- Julia Donaldson
- My Name is Mr. Fox- Shen Roddle
- Fish, Yarn and Sweaters- Stephanie Gillispie
- The Reading Promise- Troy Kent
- The Pig Who Loved to Dig- Tim Zak
- Stubby and His Magic Boots- Christie Pace
- From Seed to Pumpkin- Wendy Pfeffer
- The Boy Who Didn't Eat Vegetables- Anastasia Marie
- Funny Bones- Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- Apples and Pumpkins- Anne Rockwell
- Apple Farmer Annie- Monica Wellington
- Georgie- Robert Bright
- Dem Bones- Bob Barner
- Heckedy Peg- Audrey Wood

“The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the farther you'll go!”

Leif Erikson Day History

Leif Erikson Day serves to honor Viking Explorer Leif Erikson and celebrate Nordic-American Heritage. Erikson is believed to have been the first European to set foot on the North American continent, having done so nearly 500 years before Christopher Columbus. He established a settlement called Vinland and although its exact location is not known, it is believed that it is near L'anse aux Meadows, in Newfoundland, Canada, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In 1925, Leif Erikson was officially recognized by President Calvin Coolidge as the first explorer to discover the continent. It took another four decades for the day to become official when, in 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared October 9th as Leif Erikson Day. In 2015, President Barack Obama reproclaimed the day and called upon Americans to celebrate the day appropriately in honor of Nordic-American heritage and the explorers that embarked on the expeditions that led to the creation of the United States.



Health and Safety

If you'd enjoy more treats than tricks this Halloween, here are a few ideas to make that possible.:

- **Adults should plan out a route in advance** and check it during the daylight for a safe walking route for trick or treating. Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or areas.
- **Require well-fitting shoes** to be worn; preferably sneakers. While adorable in the store as a costume accessory, kids planning to go trick or treat should wear sturdy shoes and not the princess high-heel or other uncomfortable walking shoe. Their feet--and most likely you who may end up carrying either the shoes or the child--will be thankful.
- **Avoid costumes that drag on the ground.** While cute initially, costumes that drag can trip up little feet or get caught on bushes. Remember, kids who trick or treat want to be costumed AND comfortable.
- **Be sure a child's mask allows full visibility and breathing.**
- **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 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.
- **Children of any age should be accompanied by a parent.**

Christine Says...

Children LOVE to see, touch, and play with pumpkins. Let your child explore the inside of the pumpkin too! Getting messy is perfect for early learning sensory experiences. Join your child in gathering a bunch of leaves and jumping in. Throw leaves up in the air and catch them, crunch them up, line them up, stomp on them-let the ideas flow. Please share your fun parent-child interaction fall activities with friends and family. They may just become new family traditions.



Changing of the Leaves Fall Festival

October 1st, 11am - 3pm

Pilcher Park.

Enjoy the splendor of Autumn. Join us for fall color hikes, children's crafts, games, and fun family activities. We will roast marshmallows and have hot chocolate and campfire. Vendors may be present and additional food and refreshments will be available. All ages are welcome! Cost is \$5 per person. Register online at www.jolietpark.org or over the phone at 815-741-7277.

Trunk-or-Treat

October 28th 6:30pm - 7:30pm

749 Houbolt Road, Joliet

Trunk-or-treating at the Galowich Family YMCA allows families to enjoy Halloween in a fun and safe environment. Our parking lot will be filled with decorated cars as children go from trunk to trunk to collect candy and play games.

Littlest Makers

October 24, 2016 at 10:00 - 11:00 am

Joliet Main Library

(Ages 18 months-5 years with adult) Tinker, design, and create together. Join us and explore new materials, tools, and processes as you make a project to take home. Sometimes creativity can get messy, so dress your little maker (and yourself) in old clothes. October theme: Slime. Registration opens Oct 17, 2016.

Magician Anthony Stockton

October 1, 2016 at 1:00-2:00 pm

Joliet Main Library

(All ages) At 3 years old, Anthony's parents bought him his very first magic kit. Over the years, Anthony's fascination with magic has grown. Whether it's close-up magic, strolling magic or a stage performance - Anthony is sure to amaze you. No registration is required.

Halloween Spooktacular

October 27, 2016 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Joliet Library Black Road Branch

(All ages) Bring the whole family for a Halloween extravaganza! Come in costume for exciting stories, games, crafts, and snacks that will be taking place throughout the library. Registration opens October 10, 2016.

Halloween Spooktacular

October 23rd 1-3pm

Morris Community YMCA - 320 Wauponsee Street, Morris, IL 60450

Come dressed in your favorite costume and have some Halloween fun. This year we will be partnering with Morris Hospital to bring you an even better event. Phone: (815) 513-8080

Halloween Drop-in Crafts

October 28, 2016 - All day, while supplies last

Joliet Main Library

(All ages) Pumpkins, spiders, monsters...oh my! Come create creepy crafts. You might make a mask that'll scare the pants off your mom. No registration is required.

Halloween Spooktacular/Trunk-or-Treat

October 22nd 1-4pm

C.W. Avery Family YMCA - 15120 Wallin Drive, Plainfield

Our annual Halloween event is a community favorite. Meet us in the parking lot for Trunk-or-Treating and a slew of other spooktacular activities!

Double Feature Evening - NEW & FREE!

October 8th 4pm

Location: Heritage Crossing Field House, 24935 West Sioux Drive, Channahon

You don't want to miss our first ever Double Feature! Grab some sleeping bags and come in your pajamas to Heritage Crossing Field House and enjoy some family time as we show Hotel Transylvania 1 and 2. Concessions will be available for purchase. All Ages Welcome

Harvest Fest - FREE!

October 15th 4-6pm

Central Park, 24856 W Eames St, Channahon

Come celebrate the fall season with family, friends and the park district. Gather at Central Park to drink hot cider, enjoy a hay-rack ride, make scarecrows, cook s'mores over a fire and decorate pumpkins. This year bring your flashlights, we will end the evening with a candy scramble. We will supply the pumpkins and hay all you have to do is bring Scarecrow clothes and accessories.

Halloween Fest

October 28th 6-9pm

Village Park, 900 W Romeo Rd, Romeoville,

FREE spine-tingling activities include a trick or treat trail, craft area, moon jumps, pumpkins for the first 400 children, a children's entertainer, and a frightening costume contest (for ages 2-12 years)

Halloween Hot Dog Giveaway

October 31st 4-7pm.

Braidwood City Park pavilions

The Braidwood Lions Club will be hosting their annual community Halloween Hot Dog Giveaway. Free hot dogs, chips, popcorn, hot chocolate, lemonade, hay rack rides and music will be provided (while supplies last) complements of the Lions Club. The entire community is invited, so bring your friends and family down to the park for some good community spirit and lots of fun. Costumes are encouraged but not required. For more information please call 815-791-8093 or visit www.braidwoodlionsclub.org.

Romeoville Fire Department Open House

October 15th 11am- 2pm

Kick off Fire Prevention Week by attending the Romeoville Fire Department Open House. This FREE event is complete with family-oriented activities, demonstrations, tours and giveaways This year's theme is: "Don't Wait- Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." For more information, call (815) 372-4045

Kids Halloween Party & Costume Contest

October 30th 1:00pm- 4:00pm

Morris Moose Lodge 967 - 3835 N. State Route 47, Morris, IL

Crafts, Games, Candy, Snacks, and Prizes!

Yorkville Community Heroes Appreciation

October 8th 10am-3pm

BH Martial Arts, 664 W. Veterans Pkwy, Ste G, Yorkville

All are welcome to join Community Heroes Appreciation on showing appreciation towards Yorkville police department and Bristol-Kendall Fire Department! We will have 20+ vendors, face painting, silent auction, Paw Patrol Chase and Marshall Mascots, Elsa, squad car and fire engine for kids to see, donut eating contest, and much more! With money raise money to get the departments a meal, speciality cake, and gifts for personnel. Any remaining money we put together care packages for the homeless and bags for officers to give to kids who go through some sort of trauma (domestic, house fire, etc)

Grundy County Corn Festival

Sept. 28- Oct. 2, 2016

Downtown Morris, IL

Spooky Campfire Night

October 29th 4-5:30pm

Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr, Joliet

All ages welcome. \$6 per person. Spend a spooky, but friendly night beneath the stars and towering trees of Pilcher Park. Cozy up to a campfire while roasting marshmallows and listening to eerie stories told by our naturalists. In case of inclement weather, alternate activities will take place inside. Call (815) 741-7277 for more information.

Bibliobop Dance Party

October 4th 1:30-4pm

Three Rivers Public Library - Minooka Branch - 109 N. Wabena Ave, Minooka

Dance, dance, dance, like there's ants in your pants!

Forest Foundation Fall Fest

Hoover Forest Preserve - 11285 Fox Road, Yorkville

FREE ADMISSION - Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!!

Join us for our annual Forest Foundation Fall Fest on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 11am to 5pm at Hoover Forest Preserve in Yorkville. Fun for the entire family! Tony "The Bug Whisperer" Gustin, will present three shows in the Rookery building at the Forest Foundation Fall Fest - 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm. Tony's "Creepy Crawly Zoo" has excited and inspired nearly a million students over the last decade. The "greatest live insect assembly show EVER!" transforms fearful misunderstandings about insects into curiosity and respect.

The Wild West Fall Fest

Oswego Family Church, 5498 US Highway 34, Oswego

October 9th 4-5:30pm

The Wild West Fall Fest is Back! There will be pony rides, horse rides, face painting, balloon animals, inflatable games and lots of candy!!! We will have refreshments for adults as well. Admission and games are free. We hope to see you and your family there!

Godley Fall Fest

Oct 8 3-7:30pm

Godley Park District

You and your family are invited to our fabulous Fall Fest on Saturday, October 8! Come check out our FREE amusement rides, and look for all your Fall favorite activities...like hayrides, a pumpkin patch, bonfire, awesome Fall themed concessions, and even music. Rock out to Felix & Fingers: Dueling Pianos, sponsored by D'Orazio Ford of Wilmington. ...And just when you think you have had enough fun, grab a seat and enjoy some of the best fireworks in the area - brought to you by the Mad Bomber. Last ride for hayrides and amusements will be at 6:15pm. Fireworks at dusk! Everything is free except concessions.

Halloween Fun Fair

October 29, 10-1 p.m.

Morris Public Library

Halloween games and activities for infants through 5th graders!

Panera Storytime

Oct 5 and 19th 2:30-3pm

Join us at the Yorkville Panera as Miss Jennette and Miss Marianne read fun stories and do some fun finger plays with the kids. Children will receive a free cookie and milk compliments of Panera. Please register at the Youth Service desk.

Minooka Community Bonfire

Oct 29th 6:30

Lakewood Ball Field - Ridge Road, Minooka

Bring your lawn chairs and hot dog sticks and enjoy hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, Smores and stories by Ben Dow, Minooka MCHS student.

Sticks are necessary for marshmallows too.

LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

Joliet Public Library-Main

Toddler Time (18m-3yrs) every Thurs at 9:45am

Curious Little Monkeys Playgroup (birth-36m) every Thurs 10:15am

Joliet Public Library-Black Road

Toddler Time (18m-3 yrs) every Mon 9:45 10:45, and 11:45

Lapsit (birth-24m) every Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:15, 10:15 and 11:15am

Family Storytime (birth-6yrs) Tues 6:30pm and Saturdays 10:15am

Shorewood Library

Tiny Tots Time (birth to 30m) Every Mon at 10am and Tues at 9:30am

Early Morning Explorers (2 1/2-6yr) every Tues at 11am Registration is required.

Afternoon Adventurers (2 1/2-6yr) every Fri 1:30pm

White Oak Library, Romeoville

Bilingual Storytime (all ages) Mondays 6:30-7:15pm Registration required

Family Storytime (7rs and younger) Registration required. Tuesdays 6:30-7:15pm

Minooka Library

Babygarten (0-24m) Registration required. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays 10:30-11:15am

Toddler Time (2-3yrs) 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursdays 10:30-11:15am

Curious Monkeys (all ages) Registration required. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays 10:30-11:15am

Talking Hands (6-23 mons) Registration required. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Fridays 10:30-11:15am

Morris Area Public Library

Lapsit/Storytime Every Tues and Wed 9:30 and 10:30 and Thursday 6:30pm

Plano Community Library District

Rhyme Time (babies-3yrs) Wednesdays 10:30am, 11:15am or 6pm Registration required



LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

White Oak-Crest Hill Branch

Toddler Time (3-35mons) Registration required. Wednesdays 10:30am

White Oak- Lockport Branch

Toddler Time (3 mons-3 yrs) Registration required. Tuesdays 10:30am

Thursday Morning Toddler Time (3 mons-3 yrs) Registration required. Thursdays 10:30am

Thursday Evening Toddler Time (3 mons-3 yrs) Registration required. Thursdays 6pm

Tiny Tots in Motion (3 mons-18 mons) Registration required. Fridays 10:30am

Channahon Library

Read! Build! Play! (2-5yrs) Registration required. Wednesdays 6pm

Bookies and Milk (all ages) 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursdays 7pm

Coal City Public Library District

Terrific Tots (2-3) Every Mon at 10am and Thursday 6pm

Family Lapsit (3m-23m) Every Mon 6pm and every Wed 10am

Wilmington Public Library

Story time for Littles (birth-5yrs) Wednesdays 10:30am

Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District

Baby Time (newborn-18 mons) Tuesdays 10:30-11am

Tot Time (18 mons-3yrs) Wednesdays 10-10:30 and 10:30-11am

