

November is here in all its spectacular colors! All our friends at the Early Learning Center-North Quincy had a wonderfully spooky time on Halloween. We had such a fun day engaging in games, dancing to spooky music in the KidZone with friends & teachers and creating lasting memories with our costumes and class. We also enjoyed the Pumpkin Contest that all our fabulous teachers eagerly participated in with lots of imagination and creativity! Even though the winner was Oscar the Grouch all the teachers were winners. The votes are in! Below is a recap of all the amazing pumpkins:



- The ELC will be **CLOSED on Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd for Thanksgiving Break**
- The ELC will be **CLOSED on Tuesday, December 25th** (early closure Christmas Eve)
- The ELC will be **CLOSED on Tuesday, January 1st** (early closure NY Eve)

Hints to keeping your child healthy all year long:

- **Handwashing** is the #1 way outsmart cold & flu bugs so sing happy birthday twice while rubbing those little hands!
- **Make bubbles.** Teach your children to scrub hard enough to whip up some suds and send those germs down the drain, it's the friction that does the trick!

- **Spot clean** in high traffic areas where germs like to linger, like countertops, Phones and doorknobs.
- **Sanitize smartly** in a pinch but don't forget to read the label as the liquid needs to be 60% alcohol to kill those nasty bugs!



Winter Playground Time

Winter is on its way! Please remember that we go outside daily. A gentle reminder to please send your children to school with proper cold gear: hats, mittens, coats, and when snow is on the ground-snow pants. If you have extra cold weather items to donate to the Center, we'll take them. These items will help us to "lend" items to children when they are forgotten/misplaced so that the rest of the class can get outside!

Thank you!



As the weather is changing please be sure that you are changing out your child's extra clothes in their cubby! If you are going through your child's clothes and they do not fit them anymore the center is looking for bottoms as extra clothes for all ages!



We know that the door has been challenging for all the families, we are working with the Foxrock management vendor to get this problem resolved. We appreciate all your patience with this matter.

- ELC North Quincy is a locked building at all times. All enrolled families and staff have key fobs to access the building. **Please do not hold the door open for others.** Visitors **MUST** ring the doorbell and wait for an ELC staff person to answer. Remember, this policy is not rude, it's

- about child safety.
- We ask that all the children be in school by 9:00am. If they are going to be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center to inform us of their absence.**
- Arriving by 9:00am helps children get acclimated to their school day and allows children the benefit of starting the day as scheduled with their classmates.
- If we don't hear from you by 9:00am we will give you a call to verify if your child is coming to school but it is your responsibility to contact the center.
- The center's hours of operation are 7:00-6:00pm. All children must be picked up no later than 6:00pm. We do ask that you do your best to arrive at least 10 minutes earlier to ensure that you can get your child's belongings as well as having time to communicate with the closing teacher of how your child's day was. If the tardiness is consistent, a meeting with the family and Director will be called to discuss strategies to avoid tardiness.



In hopes of keeping our Center healthy during the season please remember these handy tips:

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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We are looking for some items for Dramatic Play! Accessories for dramatic play/dress up areas can enhance social learning. If you have



any of the following gently used items that you no longer need please consider donating to your child's classroom!

- Old purses (cleaned out, please and no long straps)
- Aprons
- Cell phones with buttons (no smart phones please)
- Glasses with no lenses
- Shoes (men and women shoes, no heels)
- Vest
- Table Mats



What am I thankful for?

We will have a festive turkey posted on the wall next to the Preschool classroom and are asking that you stop by, take a feather and write something you are thankful for. Please include your child and additional family members in this activity! It could consist of just one word, a sentence or a paragraph...be creative!

Please reach out to Director Jo-Jo Reed with questions, we value your feedback!

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