

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

WOW! September came and went! The children have adjusted to school nicely, and it is nice to see many smiles! As we move into the fall season, please help prepare your child with the appropriate outdoor gear for the crazy New England weather. We ask that you send in an extra sweatshirt or jacket that your child can keep in the cubby; the mornings tend to be cooler than the afternoons. Happy Fall!!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Young World will be closed on **Monday, October 9th**, in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FAMILY NIGHT

Young World will host a Family Night on **Thursday, November 9th, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. for ALL of the families of Young World.** Family Night allows your child to show you around their classroom and introduce you to their friends.

The evening also allows parents to talk with the teaching staff in a relaxed environment.

We look forward to seeing you on that special night!

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 18th, 19th, and 20th are all Half Days for the Easthampton Public Schools. Surveys for those dates will be posted for The Critters. A prompt response is appreciated!

COMMUNICATION

We strive to communicate with all families, verbally, by email, and by writing notes. Please let us know of anything that may be going on at home that could cause any difference in your child, such as a death of pet, a change of employment, parent traveling for work, etc. Our cohesive relationships will only work if we are all on the same page.

Teacher Hours

Have you wanted to have a moment to chat with your child's teacher? We know how busy everyone is because we are, too.

We are looking into ways for parents to be able to communicate with their child's teachers. Would parents be interested in being able to set up a time with their child's teachers like a student would in college? We are thinking of setting up one day a week where classroom teachers can meet with parents for a block of time. Let us know if this is something that interests you.

Playground Upgrades

We are considering making a gutter or PVC piping wall on the playground. Does anyone have any plastic gutters or PVC piping they are willing to donate?

PUMPKINS

Every child received a pumpkin that was grown by Miss Holly (Jessica's Mom) at Holly Hill Farm in Sutton, Vermont.

HALLOWEEN

Our groups will have special Halloween celebrations at the end of the month. Please take the time to read your emails, parent boards, and your child's backpack for all pertinent information. When planning your child's costume, please remember that the children at Young World range from 2 years nine months to 10 years old. To keep the celebrations enjoyable for everyone, please be sure that costumes are age-appropriate, safe, and reflect the FUN aspects of the holiday. For safety reasons, neither masks nor weapons will be allowed at any Young World Halloween Celebration. Classroom parties will include enjoying special treats from the children's families. While quite welcome, not all treats need to be of the "sweet and sugary" variety. We strongly encourage healthier alternatives such as cheese & crackers, fruit & dip, etc. **Young World wishes everyone a safe & fun Halloween!**