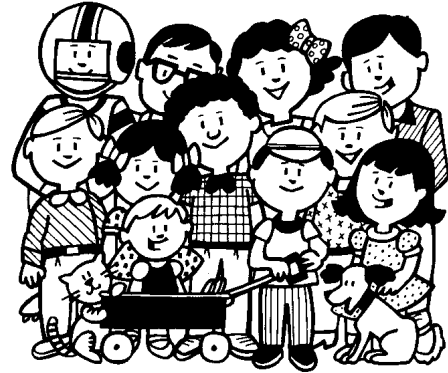


# YELLOW SCHOOL NEWS



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It is cool as I write this! Yay! Fall is always a very welcome time of the year and it's such fun to make new discoveries with the children. The butterfly garden in our courtyard is teeming with bees, moths, butterflies and hummingbirds all enjoying the pollen that the plants have to offer!

October will be a busy month. We are looking forward to having some mounted police officers visit, a visit from the fire truck, 2 kindergarten field trips, school photos, Parent-Teacher Conferences and Halloween! Watch your *What's Happenings* and emails for more information.

The children are enjoying learning spooky songs and poetry as well exploring what is real and what is pretend. They know that there are real bats and black cats, but witches and ghosts are pretend. They are learning that they all have a skeleton, but skeletons don't dance down the street without their skin!

Some favorite songs are:

## **The Witch is on Her Broomstick**

The witch is on her broom stick flying very fast!

Ooo – ooh, ooo – ooh, Halloween at last!

The skeletons are dancing on their boney toes!

Ooo – ooh, ooo – ooh, on and on they go.

The ghosts are floating down the street; see them all go past!

Ooo – ooh, ooo – ooh, Halloween at last!

## **The Jack O'Lantern Song**

First you take a pumpkin, big and round and fat.

Then you cut the top off, that will make a hat.

Then you cut a nose, a mouth, two shining eyes,

And put it in the window for a Halloween surprise!

## The Bats Are All Asleep

Witches fly up in the sky,  
The bats are all asleep. Shhh!  
Skeletons dance slowly by,  
The bats are all asleep. Shhh!

Black cats creep without a sound,  
The bats are all asleep. Shhh!  
Ghosts float all around the town,  
The bats are all asleep. Shhh!

Goblins everywhere are seen,  
The bats are all asleep. Shhh!

‘Tis the night of Halloween,  
THE BATS ARE ALL AWAKE!

## HALLOWEEN PARADES

The WThF 3 year old class, the 3 day pre-k and the PM class will have their Halloween Parade on **Friday, Oct. 28**. All other classes will have their Halloween parade on **Monday, October 31**.

For each of these parades, we ask all parents to gather on the playground right after you drop off your child. As soon as we have a chance to talk with the children about all their costumes, we will take them to the playground for the parade. They will walk around twice and then gather in marked places for group photo opportunities. We will get outside as soon after 9:00 as possible.

Some children may not want to wear costumes – even those who have been very excited about Halloween may suddenly balk at wearing their costume to school. That is perfectly all right. Children can parade with or without a costume. Please make sure that you send regular clothing for the children to wear. We will take the costumes off right after the parade. As always, **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME.**

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Houston Symphony offers a number of concerts each year for children. This year’s schedule includes:

Oct. 15 – ***A Magic Carpet Ride*** with music from *Aladdin*

Dec. 3 – ***The 12 Days of Christmas*** with students from HSPVA.

Feb. 18 – ***Mardi Gras Menagerie!***  
Featuring music from *Carnival of the Animals*

April 9 – ***Dr. Seuss at the Symphony***

Concerts are held at Jones Hall at 10:00 and 11:30 AM with fun pre and post-concert activities.

On Saturday, November 19, a “**Pilgrim Festival**” will be held at First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn. This is a free family day with activities for children of all ages and an emphasis on our Pilgrim heritage. There will be historical re-enactments, games, crafts, a petting zoo and more! Don’t miss it!



## PARENT RESOURCE

For parents of children with special needs and parents of adopted or foster children, there is a Parent’s Night Out on Oct. 22 from 4 to 8 pm. Contact Keri Mosk (713-490-9265) for more information.

## PARENTING TIPS

At the Dinner Table...

There is much research that tells us of the importance of family dinners. It usually focuses on language development, social skills, table manners, promoting intellectual curiosity and the like. This is all very true.

But there are other benefits and one of them is healthy eating and introducing your children to a variety of foods. Part of eating together is sharing food. The same food. If children get applesauce instead of salad and chicken nuggets instead of chicken cacciatore the message is "You won't like what we are eating."

What children like is mostly learned and too often we are telling them what to like by unspoken messages. Share the same food. Enjoy it together. Give them lots of opportunities to try new things.

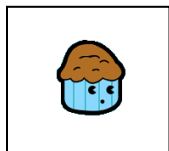
## PUMPKIN MUFFINS

Combine:

2 eggs  
½ cup white sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1/3 cup water  
1/2 cup oil  
1 cup pumpkin  
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine:

1-3/4 cup flour  
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 cup raisins or chocolate chips



Add liquid to dry ingredients. Mix well. Put in greased muffin tins and bake at 325 degrees until

a toothpick inserted comes out dry (about 15 minutes).

## LOOKING AHEAD

In November the kindergarten children will hold a food drive. You will be asked to send in food, which will be sorted and counted and then taken over to the food pantry at church. This is one of our outreach projects and one in which we all can participate and, in doing so, help others. Watch for more information.

On **Sunday, November 13**, the pre-k and kindergarten children have been invited to sing at the 11:15 service at the church. The children will gather about 10:50. Parents will go into the sanctuary and sit in the front pews. After the children sing, they may sit with you through the rest of the service or you may take them to Sunday School or home.

There will be more specific information closer to the date.

## CALENDAR

Oct. 3 – Ballet Field Trip  
Oct. 4, 6, 18 and 20 – Chapel  
Oct. 5 – Sylvia Varela's birthday  
Oct. 4 and 6 – Grandpas  
Oct. 10 – NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day  
Oct. 13 – Photos for WTF3, 3 day pre-k, PM and kinder  
Oct. 17 – Photos for MT, MTW & 5 day pre-k  
Oct. 18 – George Ranch Field Trip  
Oct. 20 and 24 – Fire Truck  
Oct. 25 – Denise Hilligoss' birthday  
Oct. 24 – PM class conferences  
Oct. 26 – School closed for Parent-Teacher conferences