

# TINY TOTS and LITTLE TYKES inc.



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## DEAR PARENTS

**Fall is here!** It's time to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. Now that the cooler weather is upon us, it's time to bring a lightweight jacket labeled with your child(ren)'s name. Also, remember to change the extra set of clothing in your child's cubby from summer to fall wear.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

**It's time for Fall conferences!** The schedule is as follows:

Infants/October 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
Toddlers/October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>  
Magenta/October 30<sup>th</sup>-November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Preschool/November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
Purple/November 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>  
Orange/November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
School Age/November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Please see your child's teacher if interested in signing up for a conference.

## FALL FUNDRAISER

We will be having a *Heggie's Pizza* fundraiser beginning on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. These pizzas are quite tasty! You can help us earn a percentage of sales by asking your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The delivery date is Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## GRANDPARENTS SNACK

We invite Grandparents to join their grandchildren on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m. for a snack. Invitations will be sent out.

## PICTURE DAY

Lifetouch Portraits will be here on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to take pictures of the children. On picture day each child will receive a proof envelope with their images to take home for the parent to view. Parents will have seven days to select the package they want and submit their order online or to the center. Watch for more information and see the posted schedule on classroom doors.

## FIRE TRUCK

**October is Fire Safety month.** The West St. Paul Fire Department will visit with their fire truck on Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the Purple, Orange, & Preschool groups and on Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the Toddlers, Magenta, & Preschool groups.

## HALLOWEEN PARTIES

The Halloween parties for childcare are on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon.** Ask your child's teacher for their classroom party time. There will be fun activities planned for the day. Please bring a costume for your child. The children are encouraged NOT to bring candy to share; we encourage parents to send trinkets such as stickers, pencils, etc.



## ENRICHMENTS

### **\*MUSIC:**

Pat will do a “Here We Go Spooky Lou” theme for music this month. She will teach the children through singing, playing instruments, and using other items such as beanbags.

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### **HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

- **Grownups should always accompany the child to the door. Do not go inside.**
  - **Wear reflective clothing or add reflective strips to your child’s costume.**
  - **Stay on sidewalks and well-lit streets. Do not take shortcuts through alleyways or across lawns.**
  - **Tell your child to yell “Help!”, “Stranger!”, and “Police!” if someone tries to grab them.**
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### **TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOMS**

We have been working on incorporating technology into the children’s day in the Purple, Orange, Preschool, and School Age classrooms.

They are using iSmart tablets, an iPad, and desktop computers in the classrooms. The school age group also did a photography project over the summer using a camera and a printer.

These groups incorporate technology as part of the S.T.E.M. program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). A few examples of what how & when they may use these devices are during group time, discovery play time, and outdoors to take pictures.



### **TYKES CORNER**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

We will be participating in the “Kindness in Chalk” event again this year. “Kindness in Chalk” is a movement started by [www.minnemamaadventures.com](http://www.minnemamaadventures.com). On Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have chalk available on our front sidewalk. So, grab a piece and draw/write a message with your child (ren).

It is very important that we keep all our children safe. The following link will take you directly to the Parent’s Page on the “Stomp Out Bullying” website:  
<http://www.stompoutbullying.org/index.php/information-and-resources/parents-page/>

Also, be sure to check out the Parent Education section on our website for this month’s topic: “[Your Preschooler and Bedtime.](#)”