

Important Dates:

- Saturday November 1st-Day light savings:fall back
- Monday November 3rd– Primary Presidential Election
- Tuesday November 4th– Presidential election-DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
- Thursday November 6th- Holiday Photos 8:30 AM in the Great Hall
- Tuesday November 11th- Veteran's Day –School Assembly in Great Hall 9AM
- Friday November 21st – Galaxy of Light begins at Botanical Gardens
- Thursday Nov. 27th-Friday November 28th-NO SCHOOL. Happy Thanks giving

Worth quoting....

Backward, turn backward,
O Time, in your flight
make me a child
again
just for to-night!



Friday News

OCTOBER 31ST, 2008



Halloween Safety Tips

Kids of all ages love Halloween for the excitement, adventure and of course, the candy. Halloween trick or treating has some risks as well, so it is important for parents to be involved with Halloween celebrations with their children to help keep them safe. Here are a few key areas where parents can help keep their children safe on Halloween.

Cut down on the sweets by giving kids a smaller container for their treats. If you give them a little bucket or something a little smaller so they don't take so much and get so much. It is a good idea to make sure kids eat dinner before they go trick-or-treating. Also, adults can help by handing out treats other than candy. All the way from scary erasers and fun things they love to do to be creative.

Increase Children's Visibility With Flashlights, Reflective Tape or Glowsticks

Part of what makes Halloween such an exciting night is the dark, but the dark can hold dangers for little trick



or treaters, especially if they are crossing the street to get from one house to another. Flashlights, reflective tape or glowsticks on kids treat bags or costumes help to make them visible to oncoming cars and other groups of trick or treaters. Parents can also keep kids safe by walking with children down one side of the street first, then crossing together at the corner to the other side.

Parental Supervision Keeps Kids Safe on Halloween

Along with ensuring children cross the street safely, parents can help keep kids safe by walking with them up to each house to ensure they don't go inside and checking the safety of their candy at the end of the night. Parents should watch out for candy with tampered wrappers, home made

candies or inedible objects such as paintballs mixed in with the candy. If your older children are going trick or treating by themselves, ask them to stay with a group of friends and avoid taking short cuts through alleys.

Safe Costumes Are More Fun That Frankenstein mask might seem fantastic in the store, but when your child is out at night it could slip down and cover his eyes. Choosing face paint instead of masks leaves children's faces free and allows them to see and move more easily. Likewise, make sure your child's costume isn't so long she might trip on it or be unable to climb stairs. **Halloween is more fun when kids can see and move freely.**

With a few safety precautions, some face paint and a parent to keep a watchful eye on their kids and the candy they bring home, Halloween can be a enjoyable holiday for the whole family. In fact, it can be downright spectacular! Have fun and stay safe this Halloween.

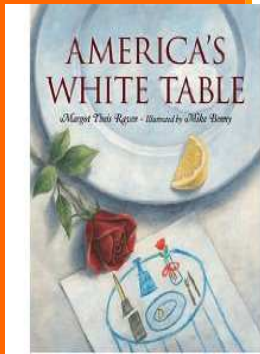
Weekend Event– Fun Scares for Kids

If you are looking for something fun for the kids to do this weekend, Hays Nature Preserve, located on Highway 431, South just past mile marker 324 in Hampton Cove

is hosting **Scares For Kids**. It is a Halloween guided hikes, followed by a bonfire for toasting Marshmallows. Hikes for younger children are on Saturday at 6PM,

6:30pm and 7PM. Scarier hikes for older children are at 7:30PM, 8:30PM and 9PM. For more information call 427-5166 or visit their web site at huntsvillepreserves.com.

Veteran's Day Assembly



America's White table written by Margot Theis Raven and Illustrated by Mike Benny

On Veteran's Day, as a part of our yearly tradition to honor those who have served in the military, Mrs. Malcolm will read *America's White Table*, written by Margot Theis Raven, to all the children and staff at CDS. The story is told by young Katie, who explains how Uncle John, a Vietnam veteran, will be coming to their house for dinner. Her mother explains to Katie and her sisters about the white table: how it is intended to honor America's armed forces, but especially MIA's and

POW's.

We would like to extend an invitation to all our families and friends who are currently active duty, reserve or have previously served in the military to come for this special reading. It is always a great honor for the children to meet our Veterans. Our observance will take place in the Great Hall on Tuesday November 11th at 9AM. For more information on this event you can call the office at 837-5266.

Halloween Candy Recall

There is a new warning put out by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.... Sherwood brand Pirate's Gold Milk Chocolate coins are being recalled due to the fact that they contain Melamine, the ingredient in milk product that has caused many infant deaths in china. These candies are sold at Costco, as well as many bulk and dollar stores.

Please make sure to check your children's Halloween candy and **DO NOT LET THEM EAT THE PIRATE COINS** (you know the ones wrapped in the shiny gold foil).



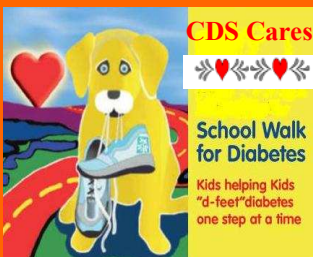
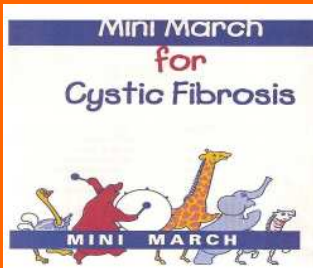
Tuesday November 4th is election day. Don't forget to vote!!

The Country Day School students vote in the Nationwide Studies Weekly Presidential Election

On Monday, November 3rd, 2008 the polls are open from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at The Country Day School for the **Elementary students in grades 2nd-8th**.

The students are learning about U.S government and the election process to prepare to vote. They will cast their votes online on November 3rd.

Students from all around America will also vote online that day and receive an "I Voted sticker." They will be able to view the popular vote tally of other students in each state and monitor the electoral votes on the map as the polls close at www.studiesweeklyvote.com. We hope this will be a positive civics event that our students will always remember.



CDS Cares

As a part of our CDS Cares project, in November the children will be participating in the School Walk for Diabetes. School Walk for Diabetes is an educational school program that promotes healthy living, school spirit and community involvement.

While raising money for the American Diabetes Association, students learn about diabetes and the importance of

making healthy choices including eating nutritional foods and exercising every day. The money raised through School Walk for Diabetes helps to fund diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the mission of the American Diabetes Association. On the same day, the Preschoolers will be participating in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Mini

March. It is a "little" walk a thon designed specifically for Preschool children. The children "march" around their classroom to music playing musical instruments and raising money for Cystic Fibrosis research. Not only is this event loads for fun for the Preschoolers, but a great opportunity for them to learn about the about the importance of helping others as well.

Saturday is day light savings. Don't forget to turn back your clocks!!!



Just for Fun... Spooks by: Sandra Liatsos

There's a goblin at my window, a monster at my door. The pumpkin at my table keeps smiling more and more.

There's a ghost who haunts my bedroom, a witch whose face is green. They used to be my family, till they dressed for Halloween!





Preschool Newsletter

October 31, 2008



In French this week, we practiced our body parts and learned some new parts as well. Try asking your child to sniff with their *nez* (nay), blink *les yeux* (laze-yuh), and wash their *visage* (vee-zahge) in addition to the ones from last week. Before we know it, the children are going to know all of the parts of their bodies!



In music class this week we sang a song all about our colors.

- Reminders**
1. Please wash bed clothes and return.
 2. Our documentation board is getting full. Take a look!
 3. Please change out your child's extra clothes for cooler weather.
 4. Please label your child's coat!
 5. Thank you to the Gibson and Stack Families for snack this week. Next week will be provided by Davis and Lisenby Families.

Happy Halloween!

