

# October

La maternelle de Mme Maguire

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## No Toys from Home

Please do not bring toys from home to school. There are many toys here at school for everyone to share.

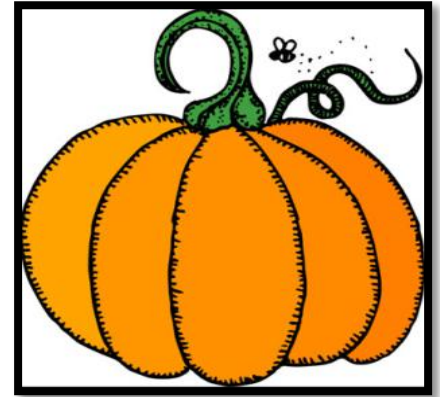
When toys from home are brought to school, they become a distraction, a source of conflict and there is always the risk that they will be broken or lost.

Unless it is your special day and you are bringing something for show and tell, please do not send toys from home. Merci

## Song & Book Bags

Students will keep a collection of songs in their song book (mon cahier de chanson). At home, students should be working towards "reading" the songs. Please encourage students to track the words with their fingers and turn the pages by themselves in order to promote good reading strategies!

These bags will be sent home on Fridays, when there is a new song to show you! **Please ensure the books are sent back to school on the following Monday!**



## Upcoming Events

### October 5

Field Trip- Gellatly Nut Farm

### October 7

No School- Implementation Day

### October 10

No School- Thanksgiving

### October 13

Photo retakes

### October 21

No School-Pro-d Day

### October 27

TOC- Mme at French Immersion Meeting

### October 28

Pumpkin Run- wear orange  
Halloween Safety Presentation

### October 31

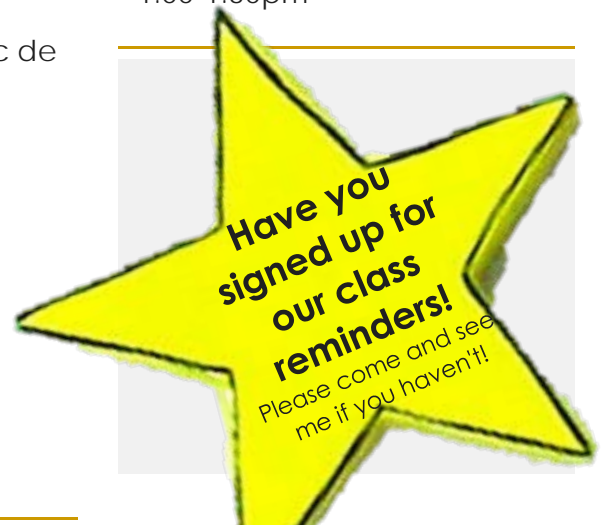
Westwood Costume Parade-  
1:00-1:30pm

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## First Field Trip

Our first field trip this year will be to the Gellatly Nut Farm to observe different signs of Autumn. We will be practicing observing with our five senses. Please **pay \$3 online before October 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Please also return the signed **permission form** in your child's sac de communication **by Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**.



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## Hands to Self at School

Learning to keep our hands to ourselves, is a very common lesson in Kindergarten! Although hands-on play does have its place in social emotional learning, It is not allowed at school. If your child engages in this kind of play outside of school please speak with them and help them understand that it is not appropriate in a school setting. When they are on school grounds, they are expected keep their hands to themselves.

Every child deserves to feel safe and comfortable at school and hands-on play can be scary and intimidating for some children. It is for this reason that we do not allow hands-on play at school.

If hands-on play or situations do occur, here are the steps I take at school:

1. Remove the student from the situation
2. Give them time to relax/ think about the situation
3. Ask them what happened
4. Discuss how the other students felt in the situation
5. Review better strategies/options that could be used in the future
6. Return the student to the situation and ask them to apologize

**\*I will send you a message through the remind app if this happens\***

Always feel free to ask me if you have any questions regarding this.

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## Social/Emotional learning in K

Some of the social/emotional teaching tools I will be using in the classroom this year:

**Mme Maguire's Mots Magiques**– teaching French vocabulary and problem solving skills through magic words/phrases that are practiced and commonly used within our classroom community (can be found on our class website).

**Emotional Fuel Tanks**– practicing reflection, identifying emotions and choosing strategies that work on a personal level to keep our minds and bodies in a relaxed and ready to learn state

**Social Thinking**–learning to take in social cues and thinking critically about our surroundings in order to react in a positive ways to the people around us.

I am also very excited to be attending a workshop in October on Play is the Way. This social/emotional program teaches students growth mind set key concepts (grit, perseverance, learning through mistakes, etc.) and character traits (honesty, inclusion, courage, being brave, making good choices, team effort) through simple, fun games.



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## Birthday Invitations

I am happy to hand out birthday invitations in *les sacs de communication* but only **if the entire class is invited**. If you are not inviting the whole class, please phone parents or distribute invitations outside of class time. It can be very upsetting for those students who are not invited to watch invitations be passed out.

# Halloween

All four Kindergarten classes will be walking over to Westwood Retirement Home for a costume parade. Students are to wear their costumes **all day** on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The school's costume guidelines are as follows:

## Halloween Costume Guidelines

Halloween provides an opportunity for fun and creative dress-up. At Ecole George Pringle Elementary, we encourage students to get into the spirit of the day and dress in costumes, for the whole or half day, as determined by the classroom teacher. When planning your children's costumes, please consider the age range of our students

(281 students are in Grades K-3), varying sensitivities and abilities to comprehend "make believe" and the school context. In order to ensure safety and fun for all, we ask that the following guidelines apply:

- No weapons, simulated or otherwise
- No blood or gore
- No masks. They restrict vision and create hazards. They can be worn on top the child's head if this creates a hardship or ruins the costume to not have a mask.
- No excessively frightening or revealing costumes.

Please note that since the PAC Family Halloween event on Oct. 22 is a school event, these guidelines will apply to costumes worn there as well. Costumes are optional at the PAC event.

Thank you, Merci,

Veronica Dumontet



Merci! Have a great October!



ff any times that you are available to help out!

- Gellately Nut Farm 12:30-2:30pm
- Halloween Craft/Westwood visit 12-1:30pm

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much for considering!