

October

Child Management Associates Providers' Playground

Halloween Fun Facts

- *The first jack O'lanterns were made out of turnips.
- *The largest pumpkin ever measured was grown by Norm Crave, who broke the world record in 1993 with a 836 lb pumpkin.
- *Ireland is typically believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.
- *Black & orange are typically associated with Halloween. Orange is the symbol of strength & endurance and stands for the harvest & autumn. Black is typically a symbol of death & darkness.
- *Scarecrows, a popular Halloween fixture, symbolize the ancient agricultural roots of the holiday.
- *According to tradition, if a person wears their clothes inside out & then walks backwards on Halloween, they will see a witch at midnight.

<http://facts.randomhistory.com/halloween-facts.html>

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

- *Plan your route in advance
- *Wear comfy shoes
- *Stay well lit (reflecting tape/glow jewelry/flashlights etc)
- *Avoid costumes that are too long & can easily be tripped on
- *Avoid masks—opt for face paint instead so your child can see better
- *Cross streets at crosswalks
- *Put electronic devices down. Be alert to cars & other people
- *Don't allow children to go out alone. Kids under 12 should always have an adult with them
- *Check your child's candy before they eat it

<http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>

<http://www.rd.com/home/7-trick-or-treating-safety-tips/>

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CMA will be closed
Monday, October 10th
Columbus Day

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Craft Time: Q-Tip Skeleton



<http://www.crafts-for-all-seasons.com/Q-tip-skeleton.html>

Supplies:

- *Black & white paper
- *Q tips
- *Black marker
- *Scissors

Directions:

- *Glue 6 whole Q tips (horizontal) on black paper for ribs
- *Glue 1 whole Q tip (vertical) for backbone (sticking up some for neck bone)
- *Draw a skull on white paper, cut out, & glue on near neck bone
- *Glue 4 whole Q tips for arm joints & leg joints as pictured
- *Cut 6 whole Q tips in half (or shorter) for hands and feet & glue them in place

What's for Snack?

Ingredients:

*Tangerines, mandarin oranges, or clementines (seedless)

*Celery stalk & leaves

Directions:

*Peel tangerines (Use your fingernail or a small paring knife to scrape off as much white membranes as possible.)

*Wash, dry and slice celery

*Cut 1-2 inch narrow pieces from the tops of the celery and insert into the middle of the peeled tangerines

*Cut leaves from the celery tops and arrange to look like pumpkin leaves



<http://brendid.com/tangerine-pumpkin-8-healthy-halloween-snack/>



Daycare Hours

If you changed your hours for the summer, please make sure to update CMA if you are changing them again for the new school year. Please take in to consideration sports and after school activities.

Referrals

Are you referring your friends and family to CMA? If you know anyone that might benefit from the program please let us know.

Annual Training

Training will not be held until after the new year. Be sure to watch the newsletter for dates to be announced.



Sign In & Outs

Don't forget that all providers (including online claimers) must complete sign in & out forms. Parents must initial by each child's name. Providers must sign their own children in & out. These forms are not required to be turned in with claims, however, it is required that they are complete and stored in your binders for your monitor to verify during visits.



Are you moving?

Relative care providers who plan to move must tell CMA in advance. To be eligible to start claiming meals served at the new home a Health and Safety Inspection must be done.

Licensed providers who move, must obtain a new state license for their new address in order to continue claiming.



Claim Due Dates

| August Claims | September Claims | October Claims |
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| Mon, Oct 31, 2016 | Wed, Nov 30, 2016 | Fri, Nov 4, 2016 |