



Belden Street Montessori
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Belden Street Buzz

Dear Families and Friends,

**A Halloween Poem:
 "Five Little Pumpkins"**

Five little Pumpkins sitting on a gate,
 The first one said, "Oh my it's getting late".

The second one said, "There are witches in the air".

The third one said, "Oh, we don't care".

The fourth one said, "Let's run, run, run".

The fifth one said, "Oh, it's just Halloween fun".

Then up came the wind (wind noise).

And out went the lights (hands clap).

And Five Little Pumpkins vanished out of sight.

This poem is very popular with all the children at Belden Street School. During the Halloween season each class displays a pumpkin in the room. Often times the pumpkins are part of a work called pumpkin scrubbing. At the end of October each class watches their teacher turn the well-scrubbed pumpkin into a Jack-O-Lantern.

Carving a pumpkin into a Jack-O-Lantern varies from person to person, like making potato salad. Everyone starts off with the same basic beginning but none come out the same. For instance, I, myself have been carving pumpkins for a long time and I tend to have a more traditional style. Mr. Tobin picked out a pumpkin for his class this year that has an unusual color variation to it. His style of pumpkin carving has more of a theatrical flair. However you and your family like your pumpkin carved, be it for a Jack-O-Lantern or for a pumpkin pie, I hope you enjoy this time of year and all its traditions.

Upcoming Events

School WorkDay Saturday,
 November 5th 8am – noon.

Thanksgiving Holidays School
will be closed starting Wednesday,
 November 23rd thru Friday, November
 25th for Thanksgiving. Classes will
 resume on Monday, November 28th.
 Enjoy the holidays!

November Birthdays

- 🕯 Matthew Ehsan 11/5/07
- 🕯 Oliver Kincannon 11/6/08

School Work Day

This Saturday, November the 5th will be our first volunteer school work day. If you are interested and able let Ms. Karen know. We have fifteen basketball players coming from Austin College on that day to help in connection with the Greater Days of Service project. Drinks and snacks will be available. Come dressed for getting dirty and stay as long as you want. We will start at 8:00 am and end the day at 12:00 noon. Hope to see you. Thank you.

Board Buzz

The next meeting of the Belden Street Board of Trustees is for Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing and planning for more fund raisers during the school year. If any of our families or friends have suggestions please let us know.

Pictures



For future issues of the Belden Street Buzz, newsletters and our web site we would like to start posting pictures of Belden Street children. **Attached is a blue permission slip for you to sign if using your child's picture occasionally will be acceptable.** Please turn in the signed form to Ms. Karen, Ms. Melanie, or your teachers. Thank you.



"Of all things love is the most potent."

Marie Montessori

Dear Maria,



Dear Maria,

The first thing my child wants to do when I pick him up from school is take his shoes off. I understand he's had his shoes on most of the morning and his little feet need some air, but I need a vacuum cleaner installed in my car to keep up with the amount of sand he dumps out of his shoes onto the floor board. Yikes! When I enrolled my child in school I was told he would be given lovely things like wood and beautiful glass objects to learn to handle and appreciate. I was never told he would come home with sand oozing from every pocket, socks and shoes, underpants, and sometimes even his ears and hair. Why sand?
Sandy Bottom

Dear Sandy Bottom,

My first reply to why sand, is why not? Sand play promotes physical development. Large muscle skills develop as children dig, pour, sift, and scoop. Eye hand coordination and small muscle control improve as children learn to manipulate sand accessories. Sand play also promotes social skills. Children have a natural affinity for sand play and it sounds like your child's school has plenty for him to explore. Perhaps your child could wait till he gets home to remove his shoes and have a special place to dump the sand every day. Decide on a place he or she could take off sandy clothing before entering the house, especially socks.

