Newsletter

Friday 10/2/2026 – Last day of book fair

Monday 10/12/2026 – Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday 10/12/26 – Friday 10/23/2026 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday 10/19/26 – Picture Day (Santa Clarita)

Tuesday 10/20/26– Wednesday 10/21/26 – Picture Day (North Hills)

Thursday 10/22/26 – Picture Day (Canoga Park)

Friday 10/30/2026 – Halloween Parade

"It is a happy talent to know how to play." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Spooktacular Greetings, Tiny Thinkers Families!

October has crept in, and it's bringing more than just pumpkins and spooky fun it's one of the busiest and most exciting months of the year here at Tiny Thinkers! We've got a cauldron bubbling over with important events, festive activities, and can't-miss moments for you and your little ones. So, grab your calendars (and maybe a broomstick!) because you won't want to miss a single magical thing we have planned.

Here's what's brewing this October:

- **Spellbinding Scholastic Book Fair**
  Our magical library of stories is opening its doors for TWO enchanting weeks! Stop by during drop-off (8:00–11:00 AM) or pick-up (3:30–5:30 PM) to browse and purchase books.
  Credit cards only will be accepted for purchases. Want to help during the book fair? Sign up next to the designated volunteer times many hands make the magic happen!

  North Hills: - September 21 - October 2

  Canoga Park: - September 21 - October 2

  Santa Clarita: - September 21 - October 2

- **Parent-Teacher Conference (Over the Phone)** ***October 12th - October 23rd***
  Our parent-teacher conferences will be held over the phone this year. A sign-up sheet is available please write your name next to your child's classroom/teacher. You'll be calling the school at your scheduled time, so please be prompt. **Conferences are 10–15 minutes** max to allow everyone their turn.
  Miss your slot? You can reschedule if your teacher has availability. Have questions? We're here to help just ask!

- **Picture Day** – Say "Boo!" (But Smile Too!)
  Get ready for picture-perfect moments! Dress your child to impress and mark your calendars:

  Santa Clarita - Monday, October 19 @ 10:00 AM
  North Hills - Tuesday, October 20 @ 10:00 AM (Ladybugs, Butterflies)
  - Wednesday, October 21 @ 10:00 AM (Busy Bees 1 & 2)
  Canoga Park - Thursday, October 22 @ 10:00 AM

- **Annual Halloween Parade – Friday, October 30**
  Send your little ghouls and goblins to school in costume for a day of Halloween fun! For everyone's safety, Please leave masks and costume weapons at home. Families are welcome to bring treats. We are a nut-free school; fruit snacks, small toys, and stickers are great options.
  Volunteers are welcome at all three locations! Please sign up with your center if you'd like to join us. North Hills and Canoga Park volunteers are invited to dress up for the costume contest.

  North Hills: - The campus parade begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by trick-or-treating at New Horizons from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
  Canoga Park: - The campus parade begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by trick-or-treating at Canyon Trails assisted living facility at 10:30 a.m.
  Santa Clarita: - The campus parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Children will trick-or-treat from classroom to classroom shortly afterward.

- **The Great Shake Out** – Earthquake Drill
  We'll be participating in California's statewide Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill on: **Friday, October 16th @ 10:16 AM.** This important drill teaches our little thinkers how to stay safe and calm in case of an emergency. Practice makes perfect even when the ground gets a little shaky!

October Reminders:

- **Mosquito Season is Still Buzzing:** If you'd like insect repellent applied to your child during the day, please be sure to provide a labeled bottle of repellent & complete a Medication Consent Form at the front desk
- **Cooler Days Are Coming – Extra Clothes Needed! -** Please send at least two full sets of weather-appropriate extra clothes (tops, bottoms, socks, etc.) to keep in your child's cubby accidents, spills, and chilly days happen!
- **Label, Label, Label! -** Help us keep track of all your child's belongings by making sure everything is clearly labeled with their first and last name jackets, lunchboxes, water bottles, you name it!
- **Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips:** Whether you're joining us at school or celebrating in your neighborhood: Stay alert and be cautious of surroundings. Avoid costumes with masks that block visibility. Always trick-or-treat with a grown-up
- **Dress for the Season:** Please ensure your child has an appropriate weather jacket or sweater in their cubby for those cooler October mornings and afternoons.
- **School Hours & Extended Care:** Regular hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
  Extended care available: ***Morning****:* 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM ***Evening:*** 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
  Let us know in advance if you'll be using extended hours!
- **Tuition Payments:** Tuition must be paid on time to avoid a $35 late fee and to ensure your child's continued attendance. Thank you for staying up to date!
- **Authorized Pick-Ups:** All individuals listed on your child's contact card must be 18+ years old and present a valid photo ID when picking up your child. Safety first!

Resources:

- **Fall Nature Walks and Learning**
  October is a wonderful time for children to explore changes in nature. During a family walk, encourage your child to collect leaves, compare colors and sizes, count natural objects, and describe different textures. Asking open-ended questions such as "What do you notice?" helps build observation skills, vocabulary, and curiosity.
  https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/ideas-exploring-outdoors?utm_source=chatgpt.com

- **Fire Safety for Preschoolers**
  October is Fire Prevention Month. Families can help children learn the sound of a smoke alarm, practice a home escape plan, and understand that firefighters are helpers. Remind children to get outside, stay outside, and never hide during a fire.
  https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/at-risk-audiences/children/

- **Halloween Health and Safety**
  Before Halloween, talk with children about walking with an adult, staying on sidewalks, choosing safe and visible costumes, and having an adult check all treats. Families should also recognize that costumes and decorations may feel frightening to young children and reassure them that these things are pretend.
  https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/Halloween-Safety-Tips.aspx

Please make a note! The school is unable to allow make-up or substitute days for times that a child is absent. There will be NO refund given for days not attended. We DO NOT pro-rate tuition for vacation, sickness, holidays, or school closures. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

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Teachers Corner

This month our focus topic will be:

Theme: Vegetables, Fall, Pumpkins, Halloween
Letter: Ee, Tt, Cc
Number: 7,8,9,10,
Color: Violet, Orange, Black
Shape: Triangle, Square, Trapezoid
Cooking activity: Veggie Pizza, Fruit Tree
Science activity: Bubbling Pumpkin, Dancing Worms
Sign Language: Carrot, Leaves, Pumpkin, Halloween
Sight Words: A, To, Come, Me, With, My
Spanish Vocabulario: Apio, otoño, Hojas, Calabaza, Frio, Dulces, Asustar
Canción en español: El otoño (Spanish)
Songs: Zombie Finger Family (English)
Sensory: Ice Bin, Bubble Wrap Bin, Soap Bin
Gross Motor Activity: Freeze Tag, Simon Says, Hopscotch
Recyclable Project: Paper Towel Roll FALL TREE, Carboard Character MASKS
Montessori (Practical Life Skill): **Walking in a line**

Happy Birthday to everyone born in this month of October

To all of our Tiny Thinkers celebrating a birthday this month we're sending you the biggest and happiest wishes!

May your special day be filled with joy, laughter, and the love of family and friends. We hope all your birthday wishes will come true and that you feel extra special today and every day.