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*"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**

**North Hills:** September 22- October 3<sup>rd</sup> **Canoga Park:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our magical library of stories is opening its doors for TWO enchanting weeks! Stop by during drop-off (8:00-10:00 AM) or pick-up (2:30-5:30 PM) to browse and purchase books.

**Santa Clarita:** September 22- September 26<sup>th</sup> All Day

Credit cards only will be accepted for purchases. Want to help during the fair? Sign up next to the designated volunteer times many hands make the magic happen!

- **Parent-Teacher Conference (Over the Phone) October 13<sup>th</sup> - October 24<sup>th</sup>**

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** - Tuesday, October 21 @ 10:00 AM

**Canoga Park** - Wednesday, October 22 @ 10:00 AM

**North Hills** - Thursday, October 23 @ 10:00 AM (Ladybugs Class only)

- Friday, October 24 @ 10:00 AM (Butterflies, Busy Bees 1 & 2)

Want to volunteer? Contact Administration

- **Annual Halloween Parade – A Spooktacular Celebration! Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Send your little ghouls and goblins to school in their Halloween costumes for a day of festive fun!

No masks or costume weapons, please we want all kids to be safe and have clear visibility.

If you'd like to bring treats, remember we are a Nut-Free Zone. Great alternatives include fruit snacks, small toys, or stickers!

**North Hills:** Parade starts at 9:30 AM and Trick-or-treating at New Horizons begins at 10:00 AM. We'd love some spooky volunteers to join us sign up if you dare! (We'd prefer at most 3 parents per classroom)

**Canoga Park:** Trick-or-treating at Assisted living facility, Canyon Trails at 10:15 AM and Parade starts shortly after back on campus. We'd love some spooky volunteers to join us - sign up if you dare! (We'd prefer at most 3 parents per classroom)

**Santa Clarita:** Parade starts at 9:30 AM on campus. Trick-or-Treating begins shortly after; the children will go classroom to classroom. We'd love some spooky volunteers to join us - sign up if you dare!

- **The Great Shake Out – Earthquake Drill**

We'll be participating in California's statewide Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill on:

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 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:

#### Local Halloween Fun: North Valley Caring Services' Halloween Harvest Fest

One of the biggest and most beloved Halloween events in North Hills is the **Annual Halloween Harvest Fest**, hosted by North Valley Caring Services (NVCS) at **15453 Rayen Street**

- **When:** *Friday, October 31st, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM*
- **What to Expect:** A safe, community-centric celebration filled with trick-or-treat stations, interactive booths, music, and festive fun—perfect for families and their little monsters. [NVCS Inc.](#)
- **Stay and Support:** Families can get involved! NVCS is welcoming volunteer help for everything from booth setup and decoration to candy distribution. [NVCS Inc.+1](#)
- **Give & Share:** You can also help by donating candy drop-off is accepted through **Monday, October 27th** at the NVCS location. [NVCS Inc.](#)

This event is both **festive and heartfelt**, offering families a safe, inclusive Halloween experience right in our community.

#### Tina's Pumpkin Patch, Sherman Oaks

- **When:** *October 2 – November 1, 2025, 10am to 8pm on Sunday-Thursday & 10am to 9pm on Friday-Saturday.*
- **Where:** Parking lot off Woodman Avenue near 101 Freeway / Westfield Fashion Square, Sherman Oaks
- **What to Expect:** Pumpkin patch, free straw maze, pony rides, petting zoo, inflatable slides, obstacle course; small fee for some activities. Good daytime, family/mall-accessible event.

#### Santa Clarita Halloween Highlight: Haunted Jailhouse & Halloween Carnival

Bring the whole family to this iconic, fun-filled community event that's perfect for preschoolers and their parents:

- **When:** *Sunday, October 25, 2025, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM*
- **Where:** Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station, **26201 Golden Valley Road**
- **What to Expect:** A family-friendly carnival at the Sheriff's Station featuring spooky yet sweet attractions, haunted tours, music, food trucks, interactive booths, and even a petting zoo! There's also a playful "Dunk a Deputy" booth and entertaining costume contests for all ages [City of Santa Claritahometownstation.com](http://CityofSantaClaritahometownstation.com). This beloved community event blends just the right dose of spooky fun with safety and inclusivity ideal for little ones exploring their Halloween spirit.

*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.*



## 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**



*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 come true and that you feel extra special today and every day.*



**Mon. 9/22 – Fri. 10/3/2025** Scholastics Book Fair

**Mon. 10/13/2025** Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Mon. 10/13 – Fri. 10/24/2025** Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Tues. 10/21/25** Picture Day (for Santa Clarita)

**Wed. 10/22/25** Picture Day (for Canoga Park)

**Thu. 10/23/25– Fri. 10/24/25** Picture Day (for North Hills)

**Fri. 10/31/2025** Halloween Parade

