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Summerwood Elementary News

Our Blastoff to First Day Fest was a huge success!! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. We especially want to send a huge thank you to Newland Communities. They helped make our Blastoff a huge success by contributing \$1,500.00 to help fund the event and provided the signs for advertising. Newland has also donated \$400,000 towards the purchase of playground equipment and construction of ball fields. Also, our teachers enjoyed a back to school luncheon on August 12th which was generously catered by Newland..

Thank you Newland Communities for you generosity!!

Our Summerwood Elementary mascot finally has a name: STARSKY. Congratulations to Olivia Adams in 5th grade for winning our "name the school mascot" contest.

Please look in your children's folders for more information on our upcoming Star Fest to be held on October 23rd.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Careful thought and planning may go into a child's Halloween costume, but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful on the streets.

Both children and adults need to give real attention to safety on this annual day of make-believe. And with a little extra thought and planning, we can make sure that all children have fun and safe outings on Halloween.

MOTORISTS

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween and offers the following driving tips:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- If you are driving children, be sure they exit on the curb side, away from traffic.
- Do not wear your mask while driving.
- At twilight or later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

BEFORE THEY GO OUT

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should make sure that:

- An adult will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Children travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Children know to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Each child has change for a phone call in case they have a problem.
- A return time has been established.
- Youngsters understand not to eat any treat until you have inspected it.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules with the children.

COSTUME DESIGN

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Sunday, October 31st
Daylight Savings Time Ends
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CLOCKS
Back

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Kingwood Women's Club 8th Annual

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

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Please help fill our newsletter with news of interest to Summerwood residents. If you have some information that you would like to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail new to articles@PEELinc.com. Articles and/or photos must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

Personal classifieds (up to 30 words) run at no charge to Summerwood residents. They are a great way to sell things like old furniture, bikes, appliances... (no product lines or services please, just one time sell items). To run a personal classified, email your ad as you'd like it to run to articles@peelinc.com by the 15th of the month for the upcoming month's newsletter.
Business Classifieds are \$45.00. Please contact Melynda Smith, msmith@peelinc.com, 281-324-6333.

Savor The Season With Autumn Colors

Simple collections of fresh flowers can prolong the glowing light of autumn days indoors. Simmering reds, sultry oranges, claret purples-they are bountiful in the vast assortment of flowers available in fall.

Natural elements can bring botanical details to your design while simplifying the process of arranging. Crisscross branches of fall leaves and create a structure to hold stems of tall, showy blossoms. Place gravel or small pebbles in glass vases to secure stems and enhance the natural look.

This year, don't let autumn steal away before you've given it a proper greeting. This simple decorative arrangement can be used as a housewarming gift or to complement your own decor.

For more ideas about how to use flowers in your home, visit www.flowerpossibilities.com.



Autumn rides in on the coattails of summer, then slips away while our heads are turned.

Harvest Colors

- 1 8-inch ceramic bowl
- 3 oranges and/or miniature pumpkins (white or orange)
- 8 stems white freesia
- 5 stems orange miniature spray roses
- 4 stems yellow stock
- 5 stems hypericum berries
- 1 large stem green hydrangeas
- 3 wood picks
- 2 to 3 bricks floral foam
- Floral preservative
- Knife
- Floral clippers

1. Soak the floral foam in water that has been treated with floral preservative for at least 30 minutes.
2. Cut the foam to fit the interior of the container. With the knife, shape the foam so it is domed-the center should be higher than the sides.
3. Insert one wood pick (or cut shish kabob skewers into 3-inch lengths) into each orange or miniature pumpkin. Insert them into the floral foam, scattering them evenly.
4. Begin inserting flowers around each orange or pumpkin. All flowers are cut short to approximately 4 to 5 inches in length. Think of the arrangement in pieces, each piece is built around each orange or pumpkin.

Note: Cut the leggy tops off the stock and just use their meaty full blossoms. Use sprigs cut from the one hydrangea blossom throughout the arrangement.

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Halloween Safety Tips - (Continued from Page 1)

- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose, so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- Outfits should be made with light-colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children even more visible.
- For youngsters under the age of 12, attach their names, addresses and telephone numbers (including their area code) to their clothes where it will be easily visible.

FACE DESIGN

- Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Facial make-up is safer and more colorful.
- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.
- If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

ACCESSORIES

- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if trick-or-treaters are allowed out after dark.
- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

ON THE WAY

Children should understand and follow these rules:

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk from house to house. Do not run. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, if there are no sidewalks.

TREATS

To ensure a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat outing for children, parents are urged to:

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit, and slice it into small pieces.
- Report to the police anything that appears suspicious about treats.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

Safety tips courtesy of the National Safety Council.

FOOD ** FUN ** GAMES FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The Village Creek Women's Club invites you to our First Annual Fall Festival and Craft Fair.

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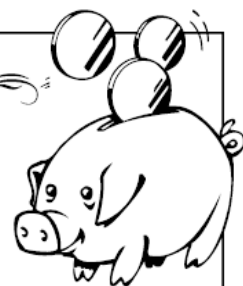


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Question Your Bills. If a bill is higher than expected, find out why. Have you made a change or was there a billing error? Simply asking why could save you hundreds!

Set Lunch Dates. Friends wanting to catch up over dinner? Suggest lunch instead. Lunch is cheaper than dinner.

Get a Library Card. Libraries offer free video, CD and book rental. Why pay for items that are used once! Libraries can also offer passes to museums, theme parks and zoos.

Brew at Home. Can't give up the morning cappuccino? Skip the expensive coffee houses and buy your own espresso machine and coffee beans to get your daily fix.

Save Change. Keep a loose change jar and add to it all year. You will be pleasantly surprised how quickly change can add up.

Don't Splurge. Wait 24 hours before deciding to make a major purchase. Chances are you will decide you can live without the item or find a cheaper alternative.

Party at Home. Instead of a night on the town, invite friends over for games or movies and provide cookies, chips and veggies. It's still quality time, but with out the expense.

Use Leftovers. Plan ahead, know what's in your fridge and use it. Daily stops at the grocery store really add up, so get creative.

Health & Safety

Leaf Raking Tips

As daylight hours dwindle, trees begin to loose their brightly colored leaves. It's important to rake fallen leaves to prevent them from smothering your lawn. Raking must be done properly to avoid injury. Always stretch before beginning this rigorous activity and take the following precautions:

- ☞ Select a rake with a bent, plastic handle so you won't have to grip as hard.
- ☞ Do not overstuff bags.
- ☞ Lift bags with your arms and legs (not your back) and carry close to your body.
- ☞ Use a wagon or wheelbarrow to transport bags of leaves.
- ☞ Take breaks and do not over stretch or twist your body.
- ☞ Avoid raking wet, heavy leaves.



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EGGSHELL GHOST

1. Wash out and let dry over night, eggshells from 3-4 eggs
2. On a piece of poster board, draw a simple ghost outline about an 8½" by 11" size
3. Cut out the ghost and punch a hole at the top
4. Draw and color two eyes (and mouth if wanted)
5. Put the eggshells in a ziplock baggie and have the kids roll a canned good can back and forth over the eggs until they are crushed into an even texture
6. Spread glue over the ghost in sections and let your little one sprinkle the crushed egg all over the glue. Sprinkle until finished and let your ghost dry.
7. Tie a piece of yarn through the punched hole to hang for decoration.

Some of the eggshells do fall off, so you may need to find a suitable location for hanging your ghosts.

Happy Fall!
Missy Guion

Creepy Crawly Gelatin

- 1 ½ cups boiling water
- 1 pkg (8-serving size) JELL-O Orange flavor gelatin
- 1 ½ cups cold water
- Gummy worms



Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water. Pour into 9-inch pie plate which has been sprayed with no stick cooking spray.

Refrigerate about 1 ½ hours or until thickened. Push gummy worms into gelatin. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Unmold. Garnish with additional gummy worms, if desired.

Note: To unmold, dip pie plate in warm water for about 15 seconds. Gently pull gelatin from edge with moist fingers. Place moistened serving plate on top of pie plate. Invert pie plate and serving plate; holding plates together, shake slightly to loosen.

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