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Our first parent meeting is coming up and has been rescheduled for Wednesday Oct. 25th at 6pm at Woodlawn 2. Endeavor Academy will be providing dinner for all who attend. If you still need clarification on policies, or want more information on upcoming events please let me know so that I can have those answer for you. Please let your teacher know if you and your child plan on attending by Monday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> so we have a count for food. Thanks!

Mrs. Corinne  
Executive Director

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## Classroom Corner

### Woodlawn Preschool 1- Territorial

**Ms. Jeanette/Ms. Kristin-** We are working on names and counting. We will continue to work on letters as well. Thank you for the donations from Leslie Randall. Please bring a blanket weekly and dress for the weather. Please bring a coat or sweater to school.

**Mrs. Starr-** We are working on name recognition and letters. Please be working with your child as we are working here at school! Thank you to Timothy Thang's family for the donations. Please dress your child for the weather. Appropriate shoe wear and jackets and/or sweaters are important as we go outside every day! Please remember to bring your child a blanket every day.

**Ms. Sonia-** We are working on learning the letters of their name and we will be talking about fall and the planetarium. You can work with your child at home by helping them to trace their first letter of their name.

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## Upcoming Center Events

**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>-** WLP 1 at Gull Meadows Field Trip. This is a Self-transportation trip!

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>-** WLP 2 at Gull Meadows Field Trip. This is a self-transportation trip!

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>-** PNC Mobile Planetarium at Upton site. WLP 1 will be taking a school bus to the Upton WLP 2 site. Bus will be leaving WLP 1 by 8:30 and will return between 11:45-noon.

**Oct.25<sup>th</sup>-** Parent Meeting at Woodlawn 2 at 6 pm.

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>-** Trunk or Treat at Endeavor Academy from 5:30-7:30pm

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## Announcements

### Halloween Safety Tips

- **Walk Safely**
- **Trick or Treat with an adult.**
- **Keep Costumes both creative and safe**
- **Drive Extra safely on Halloween.**

For more information go to:  
<https://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>

## Classroom Corner cont.'

### Woodlawn Preschool 2- Upton

**Ms. Mickey/Ms. Nicole-** We are continuing our work on various math skills, such as, measurement, reading data, and recognizing shapes. We are also working on social skills and problem solving. The children are doing very well writing their names on the classroom sign-in sheets! We are helping them identify the letters that are in their names.

### Mrs. Tami/Ms. Sarah-

We will be working on conflict resolution, recognizing more letters and numbers. The boys and girls have been branching out and trying new foods and are enjoying being a part of the classroom. We are cleaning our toys and mats daily to try and manage illness. We hope your families are enjoying the raising a reader books that are being sent home! The parent meeting is October 25<sup>th</sup>, we hope to see you there.

## Other Reminders

### Halloween Parties

**Territorial site:** Festivities will begin at 1:00 pm on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents are encouraged to come join us for the fun. After the party festivities, you are more than welcome to take your child for the day to begin your Halloween Festivities at home!

**Upton site:** Festivities will be starting at 2:00 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please come and join us for the fun and you are more than welcome to take your child home afterwards to begin your Halloween Festivities!



## Announcements cont.

Conferences are November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Your teachers will begin scheduling them with you soon. The centers will be **closed** these 2 days and there is no alternate care.

November 18<sup>th</sup> is the Battle Creek Christmas Parade. Please come celebrate the season with Woodlawn Preschool and walk with us in the parade. More information will be provided as we get closer.

**Congrats to the Hutson Family on their new baby girl!**



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## Birthdays

Samuel L	10/21
Emily T.	10/22
Skylar B.	10/24
Addison A.	10/28



## The Best Halloween Movies for Kids

One of our favorite ways to get into the spirit of a holiday is by watching movies as a family. I studied filmmaking in college and currently work in post-production, so movies are a thing in our house. The kids and I searched Netflix the other night and came across an absolutely terrible Halloween film. That acting man. And that storyline. I felt like I was watching *Spy Kids 17*. It inspired me to make a list of our favorites – these are both kid and mom approved. Some of them are not technically Halloween movies, but due to the presence of ghosts, goblins, and ghouls, they still put us in the Halloween spirit.

### **The Addams Family**

That creepy, gothic, Addams family is up to their normal hijinks. Not technically a Halloween movie, but October seems fitting for a family that has a severed hand for a maid.

### **Casper**

Kat and her father move into an old abandoned mansion which ends up being inhabited by 4 ghosts, one of which is the friendly Casper.

### **Ernest Scared Stupid**

Ernest P. Whorrell must save the world from an evil troll on Halloween. Because of course. This movie is so silly, you and your kids will be laughing the entire time.

### **E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial**

A young boy child finds a young alien child who is stranded on earth, and he must help him return home. We love this movie any time of year, but since it takes place around Halloween, it is especially perfect in October.

### **Double Double Toil and Trouble**

Identical twin sisters go on a Halloween expedition to save their family's finances. Of course they also learn the value of sibling love in the process, and vow never to fight with each other again. Gosh those Olsen twins were cute. Admittedly this was my favorite Halloween movie as a child, and I've managed to make that rub off on my own kids.

### **The Halloween Tree**

Four friends meet up on Halloween, but their fifth friend, Pip, is missing. While on a search to find Pip, the four children learn several Halloween history lessons. As with many Ray Bradbury stories, there is an eerie quality to this film paired with a really fabulous storyline. Plus I love the way it weaves in the history of Halloween.

### **Halloweentown**

A nearly 13 year old girl finds out she is a witch and goes to Halloweentown where she must save an entire community of funny looking Halloween people. I said all the movies on this list got the mom stamp of approval, but think of Halloweentown as that one kid at the high school graduation who walks across the stage while everyone in the audience cocks their head to the side and wonders how in the world that child managed to pass.

### **Harry Potter Movies**

An 11 year old boy finds out he is a wizard. He attends Hogwarts, a school for witches and wizards, where he will inevitably end up fighting dark magic at the end of every movie. Although each Harry Potter book/movie takes place over the course of a school year, the fact that he's a wizard makes them excellent Halloween time viewing.

### **Hocus Pocus**

Max, the new kid in town, gets roped into taking his little sister trick or treating. While out and about, they accidentally resurrect three evil witches who were executed several hundred years earlier. Guys, when it comes to Halloween movies, it doesn't get any better than this one.

### **It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown**

Linus waits for The Great Pumpkin. Spoiler alert: It doesn't come!

### **Labyrinth**

Sarah is stuck babysitting her brother Toby (aka "The Babe With the Power"). The Goblin King comes and takes her brother away, and she must navigate the labyrinth to get him back.

### **Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas**

The Pumpkin King discovers Christmas Town. He kidnaps Santa Claus in an attempt to bring Christmas to Halloween Town. Of course, his attempts fail miserably. Is this a Halloween movie or a Christmas movie? The debate continues. I tend to keep skeletons and vampires away from my Christmas celebrations, so our family deems this film a Halloween classic.

### **Paranorman**

Norman is a normal kid, aside from the fact that he can speak to the dead. He must use his powers to save the town from an evil curse.

### **Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie**

Roo and his friend Lumpy are scared of a Gobloon. Pooh eats all the candy. Typical, sweet, Hundred Acre Woods story. This was a favorite for my older kids a few years back, and I'm looking forward to enjoying it again with my youngest.

### **The Witches**

A young boy on vacation with his grandmother stumbles across an evil witches convention. Roald Dahl is one of our favorite authors, and although this isn't technically a Halloween story, the creepy witches definitely give it an October vibe.

**SOURCE** THE BEST HALLOWEEN MOVIES FOR KIDS