

# THE BRIDGE



October 2011

Information for Parents and Children participating in the Bridges Before & After School Program.

## What's happening in October...



Autumn has officially arrived and for most of us it's a time when we anticipate the beautiful changing colors of the leaves, welcome the cooler temperatures and settle into Fall in New England. At Bridges, October is one of our busiest and most exciting months. We all know the children love Halloween and so does Andy! There are several fun fall projects and activities planned throughout the month such as nature walks, leaf rubbings, decorating and carving pumpkins.



During the week of the 24th we'll be getting our annual delivery of sugar pumpkins from Harvard's "Westward Orchards". Each year the children have a great time decorating their very own personal pumpkin. The children's unique creations will be on display so watch for them in our "Spooky Hallway".

Our annual trip to "George Hill Orchards" is planned for the Early Release on **Wednesday, October 19th**. Read on for further details.



## Kids in the Kitchen:

We are always looking for new and simple recipes to try with the children. Cooking is a fun way for children to work in groups, learn kitchen safety, practice measuring and math skills as well as introduce children to foods and recipes from other cultures. If you have any special or family recipes that you'd like to share with us please let us know.



## Parent Reminders:

Bridges closes at 6:00 p.m., there is a \$1.00 per minute penalty fee, payable to staff on duty.



## Drop-Ins:

Please remember that payment is due the day of service for all drop-ins. **You can call up to a month ahead for availability!**

Rates are as follows:

AM = \$15.00

PM = \$25.00

Basic ER's = \$35.00

Special ER = \$50.00

\* Checks should be made payable to: **Town of Harvard/Bridges**

Thank you!!!

## Early Release — October 19th

We have one "Early Release Day" this month on **Wednesday, 19th**. We're heading out to South Lancaster to visit the "George Hill Orchards" for our "Annual Pumpkin Picking". We'll have a "hayride" out to the pumpkin patch and be treated to fresh apple cider and "cider donuts", their specialty!



Of course the "farm animals" are always a big hit with all ages.

As with all of our "off site field trips" we do our best to return to the school no later than 4:30 pm.



**Please make sure we have a current EPI or inhaler for your child!!!**



**No School: Monday, October 10th (Columbus Day) and Tuesday, October 11th**




## Important Notes and Numbers:

On all **Early Release Days** students will be **dismissed at 1:13** and **report** to the HES **cafetorium** for check-in. If your child has a change of plans, **please call the Bridges cell if your child will not be at Bridges**. Please add the following **important phone numbers** to your address book or cell phone:

**Bridges Cell#: 978-621-5720 Bridges Office: 978-456-4142**

\* **Please reference the day and your child's name when you leave us a message!**

\* Please note you can find "The Bridge" newsletter and the monthly calendar on the school website @:  [psharvard.org](http://psharvard.org). Go to the school site and click on Hildreth Elementary, Before & After School and Bridges. Our registration forms and rates are also available on line.



**Next Issue:** Coming in November's newsletter, watch for information on our upcoming field trip to "Harvard Lanes" and our special visiting artist, Lee Su. Check out his website @ [Lee-Su.com](http://Lee-Su.com)



Sincerely,  
Debra Mayo, Bridges Coordinator