

Dixie Events

- 10/5 Library Visit
- 10/20 Wags-therapy dog
- 10/26 Pumpkin patch
decorate and take home pumpkin
- 10/29 Halloween Party

Family Engagement Project!

There are stars upfront under our bulletin board for parents to write their wish for their child for the year. After you are done ask to give the star to Jessica. We will hang the stars for you to see!



October

Spina Bifida Awareness Month

Spina bifida is a neural tube defect that occurs when a baby's neural tube fails to properly develop or close.

This typically occurs within the first 28 days of pregnancy. Approximately 1,400 babies are born with spina bifida in the United States yearly.

Spina Bifida Awareness Month celebrates the 166,000+ individuals in the United States living with spina bifida.



For more information about how to get involved visit:
<https://spinabifidakentucky.org/>

Spina Bifida of Kentucky has three Walk-n-Roll events this month!

10/2

Louisville
Kosair Charities Center
982 Eastern Pkwy

10/16

Lexington
LexCity Church
410 Sport Ct

10/30

Paducah
Noble Park
2801 Park Ave

Reminders

Scan below for PPEC Pals to submit your child's information if you have not already done so.



REMINDER: Food Program Paperwork is due this month.



Halloween Safety

- Wear a cloth mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing
- Always accompany children while they are out trick-or-treating
- Avoid clumsy shoes or boots that could cause children to trip or fall
- Use face paint rather than masks that may restrict the child's vision



Did you know?



A blue bucket or pumpkin may indicate that the child has autism or is non-verbal.



Spotlight



TEN-4 Bruising Rule

Kids are kids, and sometimes they play in ways that result in minor cuts, scrapes, and bruises. These minor injuries are often found on bony areas of the body like knees, shins, elbows, and foreheads. However, there are other types of bruises that should be a red flag for possible abuse.

For children **4 years of age or younger**, bruising in these areas are cause for concern and need to be reported:

Torso

Ears

Neck

4 years or younger



Or any bruising anywhere, if the baby is not yet pulling up or taking steps.



Halloween Safety

Trick or Treating

- Wear a cloth mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing
- Always accompany children while they are out trick-or-treating
 - Stick to familiar neighborhoods and houses
- Avoid letting children snack from their goody bags or buckets while they are out trick-or-treating
 - Provide them a meal or snack before heading out to help curb hunger
 - Have children wait until they get home to eat their candy or treats so you can inspect them first
- A blue bucket or pumpkin may indicate that the child has autism or is non-verbal
 - This child may not say trick or treat and may not wear a mask
 - Possibly sensitive to lights and sounds

Candy Safety

- Do not accept or eat any item that is not commercially wrapped, unless you personally know the source
 - Inspect wrapped items for signs of tampering such as discoloration, pinholes, or tears
 - When in doubt, throw it out
- Remove any potential choking hazards for young children
 - Remove any small toys, gum, peanuts, or hard candy that could cause children to choke
- Avoid food allergens
 - If your child has a food allergy, be sure to check the candy or treat label for any potential allergens
 - Do not allow the child to eat any home-baked treats
 - Look for a teal pumpkin
 - Houses displaying a teal pumpkin have non-food treats available

Costumes

- Think about costume safety
 - Avoid clumsy shoes or boots that could cause children to trip or fall
 - Use face paint rather than masks that may restrict the child's vision

