Early Learning Programs

In The Know

Hello October!

October 2021 Edition
Happy October! Fall is a great time of the year to examine the blessings of the past year. Here, at The Resource Connection, we are thankful for the interaction and collaboration with families, providers, the community, and other local programs. A few upcoming notes for the month of October; on October 6 and 7th the Resource and Referral staff will be at a conference and returning to the office on Monday, October 11th. On October 21st, we will be hosting a workshop regarding tax and recordkeeping with Tom Copeland. Tom Copeland is a well-recognized leader in the child care field and we are excited that he will be sharing his knowledge with us.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons!

Best,
Sheri Noble
R&R Program Director
Halloween Safety Month

Halloween Safety Month is an annual designation observed in October. Halloween is a fun holiday for friends and families, but since it usually involves being outdoors late into the evening, it’s important to keep safety in mind when you’re out celebrating this spooky holiday. The National Safety Council says in 2013, an estimated 6,100 pedestrian deaths and 160,000 nonfatal injuries occurred among pedestrians in motor vehicle incidents. Be safe out there!

HOW TO OBSERVE

Make preparations in order to have a safe Halloween and use #HalloweenSafetyMonth to post on social media. Kids and adults alike love the magic of Halloween. From trick-or-treating to dressing up in elaborate costumes, to festive parties or get-togethers. It’s fun to have a good time with your friends and family! But, in order to keep the good times rolling, everyone needs to make sure they stay safe. Here are some tips to remember this Halloween.

1. If you’re sending kids out trick-or-treating, make sure they have something bright and reflective on their costumes. That way, people driving will be able to see them after dark.
2. Make sure your child can see! Masks and large hats or wigs can block vision. If you can use makeup instead of a mask, it’s not a bad idea.
3. All costumes should be fire-resistant.
4. Accompany your little ones on their neighborhood trick-or-treating if they are under 13 years of age. (This can depend on the child, and where you live.)
5. Tell your kids to stay in large groups, and in as much light as possible if they’re out alone after dark.
6. If possible, allow them to carry a cell phone for quick, easy communication.
7. Agree on a time that your children should be back at home.
8. If you are out driving, remember that kids tend to dart across streets, and generally aren’t paying as much attention to their surroundings as we hope. Slow down, and keep your eyes peeled.
9. Make sure any Halloween makeup is non-toxic and taken off before bed.

10. Mainly, remember to stay alert, have a few rules for little ones, and have a fun, safe Halloween night!

For the full article, please click the link below:

https://nationaldaycalendar.com/halloween-safety-month-october/

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Important Reminders from the Subsidy Department

1. Due to funding regulations, while school is in session and not closed for holidays/breaks/COVID closure, TRC will pay for the before and after school child care certification.

2. If you have closed due to COVID, please mark “C-due to COVID” on the attendance claim forms.

3. With the final signing of Assembly Bill 131, effective July 1, 2021, family fees have been waived for all families receiving subsidy assistance until June 30, 2022.

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Little Free Libraries offer a way to share good things—books! Imagine hiding books that mean something to you, placing them in a box on your porch. People can stop by and read the books you share, then leave a book of their own. This is why we want to take care of them. Share a book after you read it, store it in any Little Free Library, and bring other books from home that you would like to share. Take a book. If you see a book you would like to read, take it, and then bring it back for someone else to read.
Calaveras County Little Free Libraries

Little Free Libraries connect communities through the sharing of books.

LOCATIONS

- Angels Camp (2) — Visitors Center & 103 Stelle Court
- Murphys — Gold Country Roasters
- Camp Connell — General Store
- Copperopolis (3) — Payless IGA, Roasters, & Black Creek Park
- Mountain Ranch — Sender’s Market
- Rail Road Flat — RRF Elementary School
- San Andreas (3) — Calaveras HHS, Pizza Factory & Food Bank
- Valley Springs (2) — TRC Vista Del Lago Head Start Preschool & Rancho Calaveras Clubhouse
- West Point — Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth & Families
- Wilseyville — General Store

To add your LFL or for information on stewarding a LFL, please contact:

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

at (209) 754-6914 or your local Friends of The Library Chapter

Friends of the Calaveras County Library
Upcountry Community Center

Monday & Tuesday 9:30am to 3:30pm
Wednesday 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Thursday 11:30am to 4:00pm
Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month are Food Distribution days.
Ask us how you can participate.

Services available at the Upcountry Community Center:
- Resource & Referral
- Case Management
- Family Advocacy
- 0-5 Services
- Senior Socials
- Computers with wi-fi
- Clothing closet
- Food distribution
- Volunteer opportunities
- Interactive Journaling
- Kindergarten Readiness Classes
- And much more!

Please note our new phone number!
(209) 257-1980 ext. 111

Upcountry Community Center
(209) 257-1980 ext. 111
19356 CA-88
Pine Grove, CA
Visit our website: nexusyfs.org

No person shall be discriminated against in participating in any Nexus service or program due to age, sex, color, religion, gender, marital status, ancestry, medical condition, physical or mental disability, citizenship, or any other consideration made unlawful by state, federal, or local laws.
Amador Transit

Back to the classroom? Consider public Transit!

Must be 12 or older to ride alone
- Students receive reduced fare
- Avoid the stress of driving and let a professional handle the traffic
- All passengers are required to wear a mask
- All buses are equipped with video, audio and GPS for safety.

You can also visit our website and use our trip planner tool!
https://amadortransit.com/trip-planner/

Back to School
209-267-9395

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ARGONAUT HIGH
7:51
3:16
3:52

Serving Amador County since 1977

Masks are required on passengers who are waiting at a bus stop and while traveling in a transit vehicle. The health and safety of passengers and employees is our most important priority!
DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION TO A TESTING SITE OR TO RECEIVE A VACCINATION?
CALL US TODAY!

209-267-9395
WWW.AMADORTRANSIT.COM

**Testing:** Make your appointment for testing today!
https://lhi.care/covidtesting or call: 1-888-634-1123

**Vaccine:** Call your local health department or 1-800-232-0233. **Then—Call us to schedule a ride!**

Public Health Dept.
209-223-6407

Our maintenance and operator teams work daily to keep our fleet safe & sanitized. Face coverings are required!
MOMMY MINGLE

OCTOBER 27, 2021
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

COSTUME CONTEST
WE INVITE THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUN!

WEAR A COSTUME, ENJOY TREATS AND CRAFTS

Pregnancy Help Center
209-223-3813
1001 Broadway Ste 102
Jackson, CA 95642

Amador Pregnancy Help Center
MomCHAT
CAL VOICES 75
Fluffy Pumpkin Slime Recipe For Kids

Making slime with Elmer’s glue is the most kid-friendly and fun project to make at home! If you want to learn how to make fluffy slime too, see below! We have simple step by step instructions and tips for you.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR FLUFFY PUMPKIN SLIME:

- 1/2 Cup Elmer's White Glue
- Unscented Shaving Cream
- Orange Food Coloring
- Mason Jar
- Black Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Saline Solution
- Arm & Hammer Baking Soda
- Pumpkin Scented Oil optional

*Your results will vary if you substitute ingredients, and in some cases, slime might not form at all. Of special importance is the use of Elmer's White Glue for quality, stretchy slime!
How to Make Homemade Fluffy Pumpkin Slime:

1. Add 1/2 cup of Elmer’s white school glue and 4 cups of shaving cream to a bowl. Mix well and then add in some drops of your orange food coloring. Stir to mix in the color. Optional: You can add in a few drops of pumpkin scented oil after you mix in the food coloring.

2. Next stir in 1/4 tsp of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda. Then add contact solution about 1 Tablespoon at a time and mix.

3. Keep adding a little more contact solution and mixing until your slime begins forming into a ball-like form as you mix. You’ll notice this is when it starts to turn into slime and becomes less sticky. It will begin coming off the sides of your container and sticking together.

If your slime is still sticky add some more saline solution by starting small and adding a little as you go and continue to knead it. The slime will take on a fluffy marshmallowy consistency that is so addicting to play with!

When you’re finished you’ll want to store your slime in an air-tight container. Or have the kids create their own jack-o-lantern jars by cutting out the faces from black construction paper and using some Elmer’s glue to glue their faces to the mason jars. This can be a super fun family activity and perfect for a Halloween Party!

For the full article, please click the link below:

https://www.iheartartsncrafts.com/fluffy-pumpkin-slime/

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Ghost Pizza Bagels

The scariest thing about these pizza bagels is how fast we're going to eat them.

Ingredients:

8 slices of mozzarella
8 mini bagels
1/2 c. marinara sauce
4 black olives

Directions:
1. preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut mozzarella slices into ghost shapes using a paring knife.
2. Spread a thin layer of marinara over the pizza bagel and top with a ghost.
3. Bake until cheese is melty, 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, cut olives into little pieces for the eyes. Dot the ghosts and serve.

For the full recipe, please click on the link below:
https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/halloween/recipes/a49353/ghost-pizza-bagels-recipe/

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How To Make Family Superhero Costume

To create your costume, you'll need to start with the basics... thermal pajamas for men, women, and kids. You're welcome. I've figured out how you can wear pajamas all day!
To create the superhero “shoes” — I grabbed coordinating pairs of soccer socks, and added a strip of white duct tape! How easy! Pull the socks over your shoes for a coordinated head-to-toe look – but you’ll definitely want to trash them at the end of the night after walking around.

**For the Super Busy Mom costume,** I added a simple white apron since I’m the chef in the family!

With the basics covered, it’s time to pull out your Cricut Maker to create all the decorations and accessories for your family of superheroes. For each element of the costumes, I shopped JOANN since I can grab a ton of different Cricut supplies, fabric and crafting must-haves in one place!

**SUPER BUSY MOM COSTUME:**

**Super Mom Tiara**

- Gold Glitter Craft Foam
- White Cardstock
- Ribbon
- Hot Glue Gun
- Hole Punch/Crop-a-Dile
1. Open the Cricut Project [HERE](#)
2. Cut tiara shape from craft foam using the Rotary Blade
3. Cut the “M” letter from white cardstock and adhere with hot glue
4. Punch holes on either end of the tiara and thread ribbon through so you can tie it on like a headband.

**Super Mom Accessories**

- Colored cardstock
- Tape runner or other adhesive
1. Open the Cricut Project [HERE](#)
2. Cut the accessory shapes from cardstock and adhere with tape runner

**SUPER TIRED DAD COSTUME:**

**Super Dad Accessories**

- Colored cardstock
- [Cricut Printable Sticker Paper](#)
- Printer
- Tape runner or other adhesive
1. Open the Cricut Project [HERE](#)
2. Cut the accessory shapes from cardstock and printable sticker paper and adhere with tape runner

**Super Dad Briefcase**

I love this briefcase! I used an old box to create the briefcase by covering it with kraft butcher paper. To finish it off with a clever, punny image, you’ll need:
• Cardstock
• Cricut Printable Sticker Paper
• Printer
• Tape Runner or other adhesive
1. Open the Cricut Project HERE
2. Print then cut the detergent bottle label from sticker paper
3. Cut the bottle from cardstock
4. Adhere bottle with tape runner, then top off with the printed sticker paper label

FAMILY COSTUMES:

Family Super Hero Shields

No superhero costume is complete without a shield emblazoned on the shirt and cape! To create the capes, I simply cut some felt that I grabbed from JOANN. The capes were attached to the shoulders of each shirt using a bit of Sticky Velcro. To make the capes and shirt shields, you’ll need:

• Cricut EasyPress
• Cricut EasyPress Mat
• Cricut Everyday Iron-On in White, Red and Playroom Sampler
• Cricut Glitter Iron On in Silver
1. Open the shirt shields HERE and open the cape shields HERE
2. Use your Cricut EasyPress to adhere the images onto the shirts and capes

Family Felt Eyemasks and Cuffs

• Felt – I used the same felt as the capes!
• Crop-a-dile with Eyelet Kit
• Felt Glue
• Sticky Back Velcro
1. Use the rotary blade to cut all the shapes from felt.
2. For the cuffs, use felt glue to adhere the stars, then use Sticky Back Velcro to secure them around your wrists
3. For the eye masks, use the Crop-a-dile with Eyelet Kit to punch holes and set eyelets at each end. Tie on ribbon or elastic to make the masks easy and comfortable to wear.

For the full article, please click on the link below:

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For additional information on upcoming Resource and Referral workshops, please see the information below:

Thursday, October 21, 2021 - Tom Copeland - New Record-Keeping & Tax Rules for 2021 - from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Sunday, October 24, 2021 - CPR Class from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

To register, please contact Karen Frazier at (209) 754-1075 or via email at KFrazier@trcac.org
The Resource Connection

DONATE SUPPLIES from our Resource Center Wish List to support local Child Care Providers and Families of Amador & Calaveras County

https://a.co/1phXQtf

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THE RESOURCE CONNECTION
Educational Lending Library

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HTTPS://BIT.LY/36ET6K0

MOBILE VERSION
HTTPS://BIT.LY/2GUPWMA

Educational Toys & Books available for Providers & FFN (friends, family and neighbors)
“Raising Readers Across Amador”
Literacy Campaign
Reading Log

When you finish reading a book, color in a book. Return colored
Reading Logs to First 5 Amador, at the first of every month.
Be entered into a drawing to win a prize, each month!

Campaign runs from September 2021 through June 2022

MONTH _____________ NAME & PHONE # _________________

Return to First 5 Amador at the first of every month -
Take a picture and post to our Facebook page - First 5 Amador
Take a picture and email to - anika@first5amador.com
Drop off at - 976 Broadway, Jackson
OR mail to - P.O. Box 816, Jackson CA 95642

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