



914-528-5600

ThumBelina Program

October 2014 Newsletter Tuesday/Thursday Session (A.M. 9:00 – 11:45, Full Day 9:00 -3:00)

Thursday, Oct 2 Introduction to bells (musical instrument)

Tuesday, Oct. 7 Music with Miss Claudia

Thursday, Oct. 9 Introduction to shakers (musical instrument)

Tuesday, Oct. 14 Music with Miss Claudia

Thursday, Oct. 16 First visit to the Tom Thumb Library

Tuesday, Oct. 21 Music with Miss Claudia

Thursday, Oct. 23 Dance and Movement with the Teachers

Tuesday, Oct 28 Music with Miss Claudia

Thursday, Oct 30 **Halloween Party** - Regular school hours

Please send you child dressed in a non-scary costume but **do not let them wear their masks** to school as they unintentionally frighten each other. If their costume has accessories like sword or wands please leave them at home. **This party is for the children only.**



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Wednesday, Oct 1 Music with Miss Claudia

Friday, Oct. 3 Drumming and Dancing with Miss Fre’

Monday, Oct. 6 Introduction to bells (musical instrument)

Wednesday, Oct. 8 Music with Miss Claudia

Friday, Oct. 10 No

Monday, Oct 13 School – Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct 15 Music with Miss Claudia

Friday, Oct. 17 Drumming and Dancing with Miss Fre’

Monday, Oct. 20 Visit to the Tom Thumb Library –weather permitting

Wednesday, Oct. 22 Music with Miss Claudia

Friday, October 24 Introduction to the triangle (musical instrument)

Monday, Oct 27 Visit to Tom Thumb Library –weather permitting

Wednesday, Oct 29 **Halloween Party** - Regular school hours. **This party is for the children only.** Please send you child dressed in a non-scary costume but **do not let them wear their masks** to school as they unintentionally frighten each other. If their costume has accessories like sword or wands please leave them at home.

Friday, October 31 Drumming and Dancing with Miss Fre’

Happy Halloween –Be safe while Trick or Treating!

October ThumBelina Notes-- Please note: Children will gradually be introduced to our **Fire Drill** procedures all month.

DRUMMING – Ms. Fre’ Atlast is a Drummer, Performer, Teacher, Composer and Founder of The Elders Drum Project. She specializes in drumming for very young children and seniors. Fre’ has been with Tom Thumb since 1999. This year she will continue to surprise our Tom Thumbers as well as ThumBelina students on Fridays.

MUSIC –We welcome back Mrs. Claudia Crispin to our music program. She has been teaching music for over 25 years privately and in the public schools and has directed over 60 productions. Claudia studied music at both Carnegie-Mellon and Hunter College and has a Master Degree in Music Education from Manhattanville College. Miss Claudia has taught music at Tom Thumb since 2007.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS–If it becomes necessary to close the school in the A.M. due to bad weather, Tom Thumb will be announced on the radio with the other school closings. Listen to WHUD (100.7 FM) or you can look online www.whud.com -storm center. Look for more information next month on our bad weather policies. During a delay or closure the Tom Thumb office is also closed so please do not call the office instead please listen to the radio or go online for information.

COMING IN Early November--Slayton Studio will be taking individual and class pictures in November. More information will follow.

CODE # IDENTIFICATION CARD--If someone other than yourself is picking up your child; remember to give them your code # and inform our office if possible. Also, please call the office to inform us of who may be coming.

TELEPHONING THE OFFICE—An Assistant Director is always available to talk to, I am also available if you need to talk about something personal. Definitely talk to us if something is troubling you. All inquiries about your child will be handled by Nancy Cappello, Lisa Cancro or Ann Gaspari. Either one of them will consult with your child’s teacher and get back to you as soon as possible. For tuition or general inquiries talk to Carol in the office. If your child is going to be absent for a session or two due to a cold or virus it is not necessary to call the school. You only need to call for lengthy absences or contagious diseases (measles, chicken pox, lice, etc.). 914-528-5600 or email tomthumbcampus@gmail.com

Tom Thumb has established an **email account** for Parents to communicate with the school. Teacher and Parent communication about children will be handled through the email address below **ONLY**:

tomthumbcampus@gmail.com

Emails will be checked late morning and early afternoon by Mrs. Cancro, Mrs. Cappello or Madame Gaspari. Concerns that need an immediate response must be called in to the office.

Nancy