



# PARTNERSHIP POST

## Halloween Safety Tips

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips, including do's and don'ts on the trick-or-treat trail:

A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds

If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you

Agree on a specific time when children should return home

Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat

### Safety Tips for Motorists

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

### Trick-or-Treating

Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone

Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home

Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home

### Costumes

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant

If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags to make sure they are visible

When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first

Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

### Creative Curriculum

Health & Physical Development

Social & Emotional Development

Language Development & Communication

Cognition & General Knowledge

Approaches Toward Learning



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# SAVE THE DATE!

**Mark Your Calendars!**

*You're invited to...*

## **The 1st Annual Black-tie and Blue Jeans Gala**

**Date: March 31, 2017**

**Time: 6:00pm**

*Dinner*

*Live/Silent Auction*

*Black Water Rhythm and Blues*

*All proceeds benefit programs provided by  
Harnett County Partnership for Children*

## Imagination Library Continues to Grow...

Over a year ago, The Harnett County Partnership for Children (HCPC) launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a unique early year's book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until five years of age, creating a home library of up to 60 books and instilling a love of books and reading from an early age. At the current time, over 600 Harnett County Children are participating in the Imagination Library, which is amazing! Parents and caregivers are encouraged to enroll their children, who are under the age of five, for this wonderful program. For additional information about the Imagination Library Program, please visit

[www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com) or the HCPC Website  
[www.harnettsmartstart.org](http://www.harnettsmartstart.org) for details.



# This Pet Yoga Class is going to be SO FETCH

Join Ms. Dollie for  
a "doggone" good  
time!!



If you have a  
pet, please  
bring a picture  
to share with  
everyone!



Lola

Ages 3-5



Harnett County  
Public Library  
(Lillington)-  
Friday, November  
4th @ 10:00  
Dunn Public  
Library-  
Friday, November  
18 @ 10:00

## Fire Prevention

*October is Fire Prevention Month*

*"Don't **Wait** Check the **Date**"*

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location". Smoke alarms are your first line of defense in a home fire, giving you the minutes needed to escape safely. Learn everything you need to know about installing, testing, maintaining and replacing smoke alarms in your home to increase your household's safety from fire.



## 5 Little Leaves

Five little leaves on the tree next door,

One fell off and then there were four,

Four little leaves all over the tree,

A bird pulled one and then there were three,

Three little leaves where the wind blew,

One fell off and then there were two,

Two little leaves sitting in the sun,

A bug ate a leaf and now there is one,

One little leaf in the tree all alone

The wind blew and blew and now there are none.

-From Boy Mama Teacher Mama



## Cold and Flu Prevention Tips

The following tips may help your family stay well this cold and flu season. Make sure you remember to use these tips!

- Wash your hands
- Get plenty of rest (children require more rest 10-12 hours)
- Eat well balanced meals and stay hydrated.
- Children or adults who exhibit symptoms of a flu or cold should stay at home.
- Keep toys, surfaces and linens sanitized to prevent contamination.



## Fall Activities for Kids

Fall is great time to be outdoors with your family. A fall scavenger hunt can be a great way to get your kids moving and excited about the changes the fall season brings. Here is a list of items your family can look for:

- An acorn
- A green leaf
- Something fuzzy
- A pinecone
- A twig
- Something round
- A red leaf
- Two different leaves
- Something yellow
- Something heavy
- Something tiny
- Something spikey
- A piece of bark
- A squirrel
- A scarecrow
- A rake
- A feather
- A bird



## Building Literacy Everyday

Parents often ask how they can make sure their children will be ready to read when they get to Kindergarten. Following these simple tips will help ensure that your child is a "Ready Reader".

Read to your child daily. Even if it's a recipe on a box, a magazine, or a newspaper, it is crucial that reading occurs often.

Play games at the grocery store with your child asking them to name the things they see.

When driving in the car, talk with them about the things they see. Point out the words and letters on common objects (like a STOP sign or restaurant name)

Write simple notes to your child like "I love you" and "Let's play outside" and have them to "pretend" to write notes back to you.

Label common household items. And read the words along your child as you do so. This allows children to make connections that words are incorporated into print.

Incorporate menus from local restaurants in your kitchen. Have your child pretend to read with you and place orders while you are cooking.

Read, sing or say nursery rhymes with your child.

\* Remember children learn best through play. Make sure that reading activities are fun and engaging for your child.



# 2016-2017 HCPC Programs

## Child Care Subsidy

Through Child Care Subsidies, qualifying families can ensure their children are safe and well-cared for while at work. For more information, contact the Department of Social Services **(910) 893-7500**.

## NC Pre-K



NC Pre-K is a pre-kindergarten program for at-risk four year olds designed to help prepare children for kindergarten through a curriculum-based, classroom style learning environment. The goal of NC Pre-K is to reach at-risk children and give them a chance to grow socially and educationally before entering kindergarten.

For more information, contact HCPC **(910) 893-2344**.

## Parent Education Child Care

Parent Education Child Care is offered to parents who attend Central Carolina Community College to help pay for child care. For more information, contact Keisha Petty **(919) 718-7276**.



## Support for Inclusion

The Support for Inclusion Activity will provide consultation, training, and resources to child care providers and families with children zero through five who may have developmental, behavioral, or social and emotional challenges in the classroom. The inclusion specialist will utilize the Social and Emotional Foundations for Learning (CSEFEL) Pyramid Model.

Please contact Inclusion Specialist [Amy Rackley](#) at **910-893-2344** for additional information.

## WAGES

This program provides educational-based salary supplements to qualifying teachers, directors, and family child care providers.

Contact Allison Miller **(919) 967-3272**.

## STEP Program

Through the STEP program, Early Childhood Program Specialists work one-on-one with child care centers and homes to increase star-rated license.

Support– *Leadership support and training*

Technical Assistance–*to increase or maintain Star Rated Licensure*

Evaluation Tool– *Action plans and grants for classroom improvement*

Professional Development– *Education plans and tuition reimbursement*

For more information, contact Lynda Turlington **(910) 893-2344**.



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## Stay Connected



### Partnership Pulse



*...Keeping with the steady rhythm of early childhood education in Harnett County*

To learn about upcoming trainings and events related to early childhood education.

Visit [www.harnettsmartstart.org](http://www.harnettsmartstart.org) to sign up.

### The Partnership Post

A quarterly newsletter will be available electronically on the HCPC website. Call (910) 893-2344 to request a hard copy in the mail.

### Get Involved!

- ⇒ Make a tax deductible contribution
- ⇒ Serve as a board member

**To learn more** about getting involved, please contact us at (910) 893-2344 or visit [www.harnettsmartstart.org](http://www.harnettsmartstart.org).

**Thank you for your support!**

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*...improving the quality of life  
for young children and  
families in Harnett County*

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