



SUMMIT ACADEMY

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Dear Summit Academy Parents and Caregivers,

It's that time of year – the cooler weather is upon us and with it comes cold and flu season. In the coming weeks, we'll be working to reduce the spread of germs by emphasizing the importance of handwashing. Please let your child's team know if you need support working on this skill at home. Breaking it down step-by-step makes the skill more achievable – we can help!

If your child is sick, please keep them home and call our **Student Attendance line at (716) 629-3420**. This is the most efficient way for your message to reach us and gives us sufficient time to adjust our staffing accordingly and program for your child. At times, you may not be able to call before 8 a.m. and we understand that. Please call the line even if it is later in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Halloween activities at school

Halloween is always a fun celebration at Summit Academy – for students and staff alike! This year, we're looking forward to bringing back some traditional Halloween events and working on functional skills as we celebrate. Activities will include pumpkin decorating at Creekside, and obstacle courses and Trick-or-Treating at Summit Central. If your child's team is having a classroom party, they will reach out to you with details.

If you are sending in something as part of the celebration, please consider non-edible items (stickers, stamps, pencils, etc.) rather than edible items. If you choose to send in edible items, they must be pre-packaged (not homemade) and peanut/tree nut free.

If you are sending your child in a costume, please ensure that there are no masks, hats, violent themes (blood, gore, etc.) and/or weapons included.

Here is a list of some suggested candy, should you choose to send in treats:

- Dum Dum Suckers
- Mike and Ikes
- Swedish Fish
- Sour Patch Kids
- Smarties
- Starburst
- Pixy Sticks
- Fruit Roll Ups
- Skittles
- Life Saver Gummies
- Fun Dip
- Jolly Rancher Gummies

Finally, I'd like to thank those of you who attended our Open House at the end of September. Students make progress more quickly when there's a strong connection between home and school. We look forward to our continued partnership with you as we work to equip your child with skills that will improve their lives and lead to greater independence.

Sincerely,

Mary Bennett

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Principal, Summit Academy

Please take note of these upcoming dates:

Fri. October 27: Staff Development Day – No School for students
Fri. November 10: Veteran's Day-Summit Academy closed
Thu. November 23 - Fri. November 24: Thanksgiving Recess