

NIHONMACHI LITTLE FRIENDS After School Program

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MONTHLY UPDATE - October 2018

Curriculum: ASP's annual Halloween Party is coming up! The 3rd-5th graders are busy planning their own carnival on Friday, October 26th. This year, the 3rd-5th graders took time to research about the "Celebration of the Dead" around the world. They noticed that people celebrate death in similar way regardless of their cultural backgrounds, so they are going to incorporate cultural factors into the games. They have also realized that what makes people feel "fear", are unknown factors! Combining those two findings, the students will design/plan several game booths incorporating "unknown factors" and the "cultural ceremonies of death."

The K-2nd grade children are busy exploring their world of occupations. At the beginning of this project, the children talked about their dream jobs. During that process, they became interested in exploring the mechanism of yarn phones. They are using different materials to create their own phones by becoming engineers.

Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 19: October Birthdays Celebrated

Friday, October 26: Halloween Party (3:00-4:00pm) Children who do not regularly attend on Fridays are welcome to come that day for the party, but please let Maya-sensei know in advance.

Tuesday, October 31: Rosa Parks' Halloween Dance Party (ASP staff with a few parents, will pick the children up from Rosa Parks following the party.)

Halloween Party: ASP's Halloween party will be on Friday, October 26th. Please encourage the children to bring their costumes on that day; however, we would like to remind you that the children should not bring any type of weapons as part of their costumes. Thank you!

Big Steps for Little Friends 5K Run/Walk: The "Big Steps for Little Friends" 5K Run/Walk held on **Sunday, October 14th** at Lindley Meadows in Golden Gate Park was fun and a great success! Following the run and walk, participants enjoyed brunch refreshments, and participated in some Zumba. Thank you to everyone, for your participation and assistance with the event. We couldn't have done it without your wonderful support!

Sushi Social: NLFs 43rd Anniversary Celebration, Sushi Social 2018, will be on **Friday, November 16th**. The invitations to the event will be placed in parents' mailboxes soon with limited childcare available that evening. If you have not yet contributed to the Capital Campaign, or would like to make an additional donation or pledge to qualify to have your name on one of the donor boards, we thank you for your consideration in supporting this important effort.

Rosa Parks Halloween Dance Party: Rosa Parks will hold its annual Halloween Dance Party on **Wednesday, October 31st from 2-3pm**. Children who will join the Halloween Dance Party will miss the school bus to the ASP. Therefore, the ASP staff will walk the children from Rosa Parks to the ASP on that day. The sign-up sheet is on the parent's table, and the due is on Friday, October 19th.

Reminders:

1. Please remember to call the **ASP at (415) 346-5064** and leave a message if your child will not be attending on a regularly scheduled day so that the teachers do not need to contact you to make sure your child is ok. If you can't get through, please leave a message at the main office, (415) 922-8898 or send us an email at nlfchildcare@gmail.com.
2. Now that it is getting dark earlier in the evenings, we would also like to remind you to please be aware of your surroundings when walking in the Japan town area. Robberies and muggings tend to increase during this time of year. Never leave packages or other valuables visible from inside your vehicles as windows are often smashed for that reason, even in broad daylight. And of course, you should never leave your babies and younger children unattended in your car when you come to pick your children up from the ASP!
3. We would like to remind parents to please write their children's names inside their jackets and sweaters so that we will be able to return them to their rightful owners if the children misplace them. Also, please check the "lost and found" next to the Parents' Table, for any items your child may have left at the ASP.
4. Please remind your children that they should not bring toys from home to the ASP. We will not be responsible for any toys that get lost at the ASP.

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