Greetings Parents,

As I stood at the gate on Friday I was greeted by pumpkins, princesses, cartoon characters, pirates and many, many strange but happy creatures. The trick or treating was lots of fun for the adults as well as the children.

Thank you to all the EY parents for donating goods and foods for the Halloween bake sale. A big thank you goes out to the parent coordinator group for organizing and running this event. The amount of $1,125 was raised from the bake sale and it will be used in pulling together a winter carnival in December.

I would like to commend parents on their vigilance in keeping children home if they are sick especially if they have a fever. Working together as a community will help us maintain a healthy community in the school.

A gentle reminder to all the parents and adults who enter the ACS campus to wear their ID badges. We want to ensure consistency in dealing with all the parents in order to provide a safe environment for our children, so your cooperation is always highly appreciated.

It has come to my attention that some parents have been dropping off their kids at the bus gate before 7:30 to join the elementary children. Please note that the EY children will not be supervised by the Elementary teacher on duty, so they should be accompanied by an adult. The EY bus riders who arrive earlier than 7:30 are instructed to stay on the bus with the bus monitor until the classroom doors are open at 7:30. I kindly ask all our EY parents to abide by this policy as, again, our children’s safety is our utmost priority.

Some Early Years classes have already visited the school’s outdoor vicinity in Deir El Amar and every class in Early Years will go there 5 times this year. We believe that nature education is an important part of early childhood education. “As young children develop, the natural world offers concrete and authentic learning experiences. Activities focused on nature support learning in all developmental domains. Children develop physically through hiking in natural terrain (forest, nature preserves, fields, and parks), climbing hills and trees, balancing on logs, or running after a butterfly. Nature offers unlimited sensory input. Cognitively, children develop by exploring the natural world, asking questions about what they find, hypothesizing about what will happen, discovering life cycles of plants and animals and just wondering about nature.”
As the weather has started cooling off, consider spending some weekends in the mountains and getting lost in nature with your children; take a walk and go at your child’s pace, collect sticks and rocks and seed pods, take a camera, a magnifying glass and a sketch book and pencils. Look for flowers, insects, reptiles, birds. Listen carefully to the different sounds around you and enjoy the peace and being together. “If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.” Rachel Carson

Mark your calendar for the upcoming book fair.

ACS Book Fair

November 18 – 20th Wed. – Fri. 7:45 – 4:00
November 21st Saturday 10:00 – 2:00
Lower School Auditorium

Respectfully,
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Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember
Nov. 13 Mini NESA—No School
Nov. 18-20 Book Fair
Nov. 20 EY Open House
Nov. 26 12:00 Dismissal & School Closes at 1:00
Nov. 27 Thanksgiving—No School
Nov. 30 Project & Teachers’ Reflection Work—No School for EY Children Only