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Fun With Pumpkins

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October is a great time to take the family [pumpkin picking](#) and join together to create a family jack-o-lantern or other carved pumpkin.

For some free pumpkin stencils, [click here](#). Think your pumpkin is pretty cool? Why not enter it in the [This Old House on-line pumpkin contest?](#) (or just get some ideas for a really cool pumpkin). Deadline is October 27th - \$500 prizes to the winners!!

How about a local contest? Drop by the Bellingham annual [Pumpkin Stroll and Pumpkin Carving Contest](#) with your creation between 12-2 PM on October 29th to enter it there.

Or join in the [Keene Pumpkin festival](#) on October 22nd when they try to re-claim their Pumpkin World Record.

Then there is the [spook-tacular Pumpkin Festival](#) to support Camp Sunshine at L.L. Bean in Freeport on October 29th.

Or how about a [Pumpkin Chucking Festival?](#)

Need some [carving tips?](#) Or how about carving a [virtual pumpkin?](#) Or [designing your OWN pumpkin stencil?](#)



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Quote for the month.....

"The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination."
- Albert Einstein

Often local farms also have pumpkin themed events this time of year. Whatever you decide, have a great family outing, get outside in the crisp Fall air & most important, have **FUN!!**



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Newsletter Spotlight

November is Family Literacy Month

Governor Patrick has proclaimed November 2011 to be Family Literacy Month. This marks the 15th year that the Commonwealth is acknowledging and celebrating the important role that families play in their children's literacy development.

Many schools, libraries, adult learning centers, parent support programs and local businesses provide organized activities for families during Family Literacy Month. Many of these events involve hands-on literacy activities for parents and children that demonstrate ways parents can engage with their children at home. Storytelling, family mathematics nights, read alouds by authors and community leaders, interactive sing-a-longs, and creating books and bookmarks are other examples of celebratory activities.

Watch for events in **YOUR** community.

Some activities from the National Center for Family Literacy.

U.S. Department of Education also has some great parent resources.



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Brain Building in Progress

The Brain Building in Progress campaign is a public/private partnership of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley and a growing community of early education and child care providers, academic researchers, business leaders and individuals. Our mission is to raise awareness of the critical importance of fostering the cognitive, social and emotional development of young children by emphasizing its future impact on economic development and prosperity for everyone in Massachusetts. We welcome the business, education, and policy-making communities, as well as members of the media to be part of this crucial venture. By giving a strong start to our youngest citizens, we create a stronger, more prosperous future for all.



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