



HALLOWEEN GHOST TRAIN

Kitsap foster care & Kitsap Live Steamers invite you to Ride the Ghost Train.

Jackson Community Regional Park in Port Orchard

Saturday October 29, 2011 2 to 8 pm

Fun And Games For The Whole Family

Kids Can Come In Costume & Trick Or Treat

Ride The Train Through The Haunted Park \$3.00

Community and Family Services Foundation's

Car's For Kids car show was a huge success! The show was held on 6/26/11 in Moses Lake. There were over 30 cars, trucks and bikes. 1st place trophies were given for each category and there was a trophy for "best in show", voted on by the community at the end of the show. There was a DJ, food and sno cones. This was a fun event for the community and CFSF received donations for the agency. This was the 1st for our Moses Lake CFSF and will become an annual event.



Olan Mills Photography Studios

has reached out to offer an awesome photo package to ALL WASHINGTON AND OREGON children in Foster Care.....**FOR FREE!!!** This offer doesn't expire and can be used for any foster child. Contact Michelle @ CFSF 360-895-7889 for more info.

Fostering The Community

Prices for Foster Children at the YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

* Infant—14 years old =

\$16.50 a month

* 15 years and up =

\$19.00 a month

No joining fee!

Financial Assistance available

Stop by any YMCA branch in Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

CFSF Family Connection



October 10, 2011

Washington State Patrol
Clearinghouse for
Missing Children
1-800-543-5678

Training Website
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/ongoingvid.asp>

www.independence.wa.gov
Info and programs available for youth (13-21) in out-of-home care.

CPR/1st Aid/BBP
www.keepthebeatcpr.org
or call
1-888-704-6074

Adoption Referral & Information Service
www.adoptionreferral.service.com

Hello Everyone—

If you look outside you can see the weather has changed and we are finally into the fall season. We had a great time at Lake Days this year, but so many good things happen in the fall too ... trees show their colors, plenty of football games, favorite sweaters get pulled out of storage, school schedules kick in and we all settle in and continue doing what we do for the kids. We hope you know how much you are truly appreciated.

As we all know, the State budget continues to be an issue that needs to be faced. We at CFSF are working hard to ensure the budget doesn't (or minimally) effects the foster families we serve. We ask for your patience and understanding as we take on the task of planning for the future. We also ask that you help out by contacting your Senators and Representatives to help inform them of the important role Private Child-Placing Agencies play in your home. Please check our website for contact information (red banner streaming across home page.)

On a lighter note, our Moses Lake crew will be manning a booth at the Women's Expo this month, the KFCA's Ghost Train is just around the corner, and plans are well underway for our annual Christmas parties.

Best of the season to you all!

Happy Halloween!

Holiday closure schedule:

November 11, 2011—Veteran's Day

November 24 & 25, 2011—Thanksgiving

December 26, 2011—Christmas

Please be aware that inclement weather may periodically force any of our offices to close for partial or full days.



Please remember to make copies of all school progress reports, any Dr. appointments, medical information and med logs for the children in your home. These must be turned in to your case manager every month.

Community and Family Services Foundation would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to all our foster parents that have persevered for months and sometimes years for the child in their home to be adopted. It can be a long hard battle but the children and all of us at CFSF thank you!

Flu Season

Flu vaccine recommendations for the 2011-12 flu season didn't change much from last year. Experts still recommend the vaccination of all people who are at least six months old. In fact, this year's flu vaccine includes the same three strains of flu virus as the 2010-11 flu vaccine. Since post vaccination antibodies decline over the course of the year, everyone still needs to get a flu vaccine this year.

Children less than nine years of age still need two doses of the flu vaccine if this will be the first time that they are getting vaccinated. The only big difference in this year's recommendation is that kids who didn't get two doses of flu vaccine last year won't need two doses this year. Previously, if you only got one dose your first year, you still needed to get two doses the next year.

This year's flu season hasn't started yet. If fact, routine flu reports won't start up again until sometime in October.

Please check out Google's Flu Trends. This site relates flu searches in an area to how many people are actually sick with the flu. Google Flu Trends is supposed to estimate flu activity faster than traditional systems like the CDC and based on their scale, flu activity has declined to its lowest level since early April. This year, be prepared.

If a child placed with you leaves your care, don't forget to contact your case manager to give them the exit date. If you have a social worker contacting you about placement of a child, please remind him/her to always contact CFSF first.

Christmas Party

Region's 5 and 6
December 7, 2011
Sons of Norway Hall
1018 18th Street
Bremerton, WA 98337

All foster parents, foster children, bio children and staff are welcome. Dessert will be served. Santa will arrive with plenty of toys. Time TBA.

Direct Deposit

If you don't already have direct deposit, it's fast, easy and the funds are in your account and available for use on the 10th of each month. Call Michelle at the Port Orchard office for more info.

If you have questions or a great resource, please send them to Celeste Carey, ca-ce@cfsf.net or 206-794-8316.

Word Search: Find the names associated with Halloween: pumpkin, mask, apples, parties, witches, goblins, maze, costume, trick, treat, ghost, moon and one case aide.

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Edible Aquarium

Ingredients:

- 4 to 8 Clear Dixie Cups depending on size
- 12 to 18 Gummy Fish
- 1 large package blue Jello

Directions:

- Make Jello according to box
- Pour into clear cups, let set for about 45 minutes or until slightly firm
- Use clean fingers to push fish into Jello



Let set until firm. Be creative and add gummy frogs, sour apple licorice for moss, jelly beans for rocks, the list is endless.

This Month in History

10/1/1908—Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

10/2/1968—California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of all trees, growing up to 400 feet during a lifetime that can span 2,000 years.

10/4/1965—Pope Paul VI became the first Pope to visit the U.S. and the first to address the United Nations.

10/14/1964—Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the \$54,00 in prize money to the Civil Rights movement.

American teacher and journalist Noah Webster (1758-1843) was born in West Hartford, Connecticut. His name became synonymous with "dictionary" after he compiled the first American dictionaries of the English language.

10/24/1945—The United Nations was founded.

10/31—Halloween or All Hallow's Eve, an ancient celebration combining the Christian festival of All Saints with agan autumn festivals.