# Crane Elementary School
# After School Care
## October 2026

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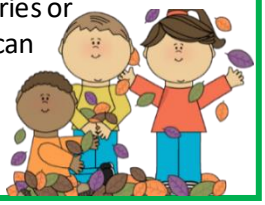
Dear Families,

Autumn in western New York is when the air turns crisp, the leaves change colors, and cozy sweaters reappear in wardrobes. It's also time for the flavors and foods of fall, including apples, maple syrup, cinnamon, and pumpkin, to take center stage.

During your seasonal outdoor adventures—from apple-picking to leaf-peeping, hayrides to corn mazes—keep your energy up by drinking lots of fluids, getting plenty of rest, and packing lots of healthy snacks.

The Easy Pumpkin Bread recipe spotlights a signature ingredient of the season. You can experiment with incorporating your favorite mix-ins, such as mini dark chocolate chips, chopped walnuts or toasted pecans, dried cranberries or raisins, into the batter. And you can give a loaf to someone special!



Sincerely,
Pearl Tokar

## During October, Cub Care Zone will collect for UNICEF

UNICEF, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, was founded in 1947, and has been working to improve children's lives ever since. The fact that many children in developing countries are orphans adds to the problem. UNICEF ensures that the children it protects are healthy, receive some education, are protected from violent environments, have access to healthcare — especially those affected by HIV or AIDS — and, perhaps most importantly, are not forgotten by society.

The money that kids raise will help UNICEF bring clean water and sanitation, fight hunger, provide education, nutrition, and vaccines all over the world! During the month of October, we will be collecting for UNICEF. There will be a collection box available in the Cub Care office of your school.

**Thanks for your help!**

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## Easy Pumpkin Bread

**Makes 2 loaves**

### Ingredients

1 cup coconut oil {or canola oil}
2 cups granulated sugar
3 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups solid pack pumpkin
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice (which is equal parts ground cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and allspice mixed together)

### Instructions

1. In a medium-size bowl, mix together the oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla, and pumpkin. Set aside.
2. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, and pumpkin pie spice.
3. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix just until combined. Do not overmix.
4. Grease and flour two 9-by-5-inch loaf pans. Divide the batter between the two pans.
5. Bake at 325 degrees for 45–50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean.
6. Allow the bread to cool in the pan for 10 minutes before turning onto a wire rack to cool completely.

## November Payment is Now Due

The November 2026 payment for your Cub Care Zone participation is now due. Full payment must be made by October 15, 2026.

If you have made your payment, thank you! If you have authorized us to charge your credit card, that payment will be made soon.

## October

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| 12 | Columbus Day – no school, Cub Care is closed |
| 15 | November payment is due |
| 16 | November late fee added |
| 30 | Halloween celebration |
| 31 | Happy Halloween |
| 31 | Make A Difference Day<br>Rush-Henrietta High School 12 p.m. |

**A LOOK AHEAD……..**

## November

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| 1 | Family Literacy Day |
| 1 | Standard Time begins – turn your clocks back one hour |

## A look ahead…

**National Family Literacy Day is Sunday, November 1, 2026**

We will be celebrating National Family Literacy Day on Monday, November 2, 2026. We will have fun reading and writing activities for the students.

## Halloween Safety for Parents

- Be sure your children go **with an adult**.
- Look at all candy **before** letting your children eat it.
- Have your children wear bright clothes and carry a flashlight so drivers can see them.
- Cross the street with your children; look both ways before crossing.
- Make sure your children can see out of their masks, and their costumes are not too long (so they will not trip on it).

## November Non-School Days

November 11, 2026 *Veterans Day* - Cub Care is closed

**Cub Care is available at the Webster Learning Center**

**2000 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467**

| ***Date*** | ***Registration Deadline*** |
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| *November 23, 2026 R-H Conference Day* | *November 9, 2026* |
| *November 24, 2026 R-H Conference Day* | *November 9, 2026* |
| *November 25, 2026 Thanksgiving Holiday* | *November 9, 2026* |

## Halloween Spooktacular at Tinker Nature Park

**1525 Calkins Road**

**Saturday, October 24, 2026, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

Halloween fun at Tinker! Wear your costume and take a walk down Trick or Treat Street to visit our not-so spooky haunted houses and collect special treats along the way. Then visit the Jack-O-Lantern Trail and stop by the Homestead for a Victorian funeral scene. Enjoy cider and donuts at the barn. Open for trick or treaters from preschool – grade 6.

Register at henrietta.org. For more information call Henrietta Recreation Center at (585) 359-2540 press 8.

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