

Spooky learning

Hallowe'en isn't just about dressing up and trick-or-treating – it's also a great opportunity to learn. ABC Life Literacy Canada offers 10 tips, tricks and treats for the whole family to enjoy this Halloween – all in the name of learning.

• Tell ghost stories. Make up your own stories or read a classic scary book together, like a mystery by Nancy Drew or The Hardy Boys. Reading with a child is one of the most valuable learning experiences.

• Bake a pumpkin pie. Teaching children how to follow a recipe is a great way to improve both reading and math skills. Let them read the instructions out loud to help measure the ingredients while making a treat for the family.

• Research the history of Halloween and share spooky statistics.

• Carve a pumpkin. Let the kids trace a design in marker on the side of a pumpkin (make sure they get creative.) Then let them watch while you make the spooky carving come to life.

• Make your own Halloween costumes. Use material from around the house to dress up in something spooky. Create a list of things you'll need and the have a scavenger hunt to find them all.

Literacy benefits the entire family - practicing together for just 15 minutes a day has tremendous benefits for both children and parents. Whether you're reading the newspaper or baking a cake, learning can happen at any time.



TRUNK SALE FINALE: The last Acton Trunk Sale of the season on October 6 was a cold, blustery event with fewer vendor and shoppers than usual. Shoppers Darryl Diflorio (left), Sandra Fleming and Mike Fleming checked out the sports memorabilia offered by Gordon Carscadden of Rockwood. – Frances Learment photo



50TH
Wedding Anniversary
Open House
 for
Brian & Joan Knott
Saturday, October 27
 51 Birchway Place
(Terrace Room around back)
 12 - 4 pm
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Fire Report

Wire watch
 Acton firefighters kept watch until a Halton Hills Hydro crew arrived in the 25 Side Road/Regional Road 25 area to deal with arcing hydro wires at 10:22 last Thursday night.

Alarm updates
 Acton firefighters replaced the batteries in two smoke alarms, and reinstalled an alarm on a second floor ceiling at a Campbell Court residence at 12:39 last Wednesday afternoon.

Firefighters were called when one of the alarms activated – no trace of carbon monoxide or any other gas was found. There was no CO detector in the residence and staff advised the homeowner to replace the 10-year-old smoke alarms.

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Saturday, October 27th
 12 - 4 pm

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- Free pumpkins
- Free Hot Dogs
- Robert Little Everybody Dance Club & Choir
- Ben the Entertainer
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