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## OUR MISSION

Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide access to high quality services for young children.

## OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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Receive our newsletter twice a year by US Mail. If you want to receive our newsletter, please contact:

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# PARTNERSHIP PRESS

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News and Info about Smart Start in Lincoln & Gaston Counties

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## PFCLG 2012 FOURTH ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR

The Partnership for Children of  
Lincoln & Gaston Counties annual

## SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, October 27, 2012  
12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

WoodMill Festival Grounds,  
1350 WoodMill Winery Lane, Vale NC

Activities include:  
Games • Trunk or Treat • Bounce House •  
Petting Zoo • Fitness Trail  
FREE Hotdog Lunch!



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## STAY SAFE Halloween Safety Tips

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Make plans to join us at the Spooktacular!!!!



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#### Autumn Book Recommendations

- Autumn leaves  
By Ken Robbins
- Fall leaves fall!  
By Zoe Hall
- Leaves fall down: learning more about autumn leaves  
By Lisa Bullard
- Crafts to make in the fall  
By Kathy Ross
- How do you know it's fall  
By Allan Fowler
- Pick a perfect pumpkin: learning about pumpkin harvests  
By Robin Michal Koontz
- The leaves fall all around  
By Steve Mack

Did you know that there's a great place right in your community where you can find books, newspapers, special events, a world of information, music, movies, public-access computers, and more?

It's at your Gaston County Public Library – and it's free!

Get your free library card and check us out. Visit [www.gastonlibrary.org](http://www.gastonlibrary.org) or call 704-868-2164 for more information.

## APPLE FESTIVAL 2012



Save the Date: Run for the Money 2013  
 Run for the Money 11 will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013

## OCTOBER IS SIDS Awareness Month

**SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the sudden and unexplained death of a baby under one year of age.**

#### How can I reduce the SIDS risk?

Health care providers don't know what exactly causes SIDS, but they do know some tips that can help reduce the risk of SIDS:

- Always place babies on their backs to sleep – Babies who sleep on their backs are less likely to die of SIDS. This is the number one way to reduce the risk of SIDS.
- Use the back sleep position every time – Babies who usually sleep on their backs but who are then placed on their stomachs, are at very high risk for SIDS. It is important for babies to sleep on their backs every time, for naps and at night.
- Place your baby on a firm sleep surface. Never place a baby to sleep on a quilt, pillow, or other soft surface. Use a safety-approved crib mattress covered with a fitted sheet.
- Keep all soft objects, such as toys, and loose bedding out of your baby's sleep area. Don't use blankets or pillow-like bumpers in your baby's sleep area. Keep all items away from the baby's face.
- Dress your baby in light sleep clothing and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult to avoid overheating.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following centers who maintained/increased their star ratings in our Quality Sustainability Program (4 and five stars)  
 First Baptist Stanley, maintained their 4 star rating  
 First Baptist Lincolnton, maintained their 5 star rating  
 The Learning Express in Denver, increased their star rating from a 4 star to a 5 star

Congratulations to UR Child Care, who increased their star rating in our Quality Enhancement Program (centers/home rated 4 stars or below) from a 3 star to a 4 star