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HIGHLIGHTS



October, 2011

KIDS FIRST OPEN HOUSE

UAMS Dedicates New, Larger KIDS FIRST Facility To Dr. Robert H. Fiser Jr.

The KIDS FIRST program will hold an Open House on Tuesday, October 11th from 2-4. We will be dedicating our center to the memory of Morrilton native, Robert H. Fiser Jr., M.D.. Fiser, who died in July, served as chairman of the Department of Pediatrics from 1975 to 1994. Naming the new center in honor of Dr. Fiser is a fitting tribute, as without his vision and leadership, the KIDS FIRST program would not exist.

We are excited about the new KIDS FIRST Center. It will allow us to provide care for more children and families in the Morrilton area.

We hope our families will be able to join us for this celebration!



PUMPKINS FOR OUR KIDS

Each year the Sacred Heart Key Club and the Kiwanis Club of Morrilton donate decorated pumpkins to our children. We are excited about them coming again this year and would like to thank them for all they do for KIDS FIRST. Be watching for your child's pumpkin to come home with them again this year!

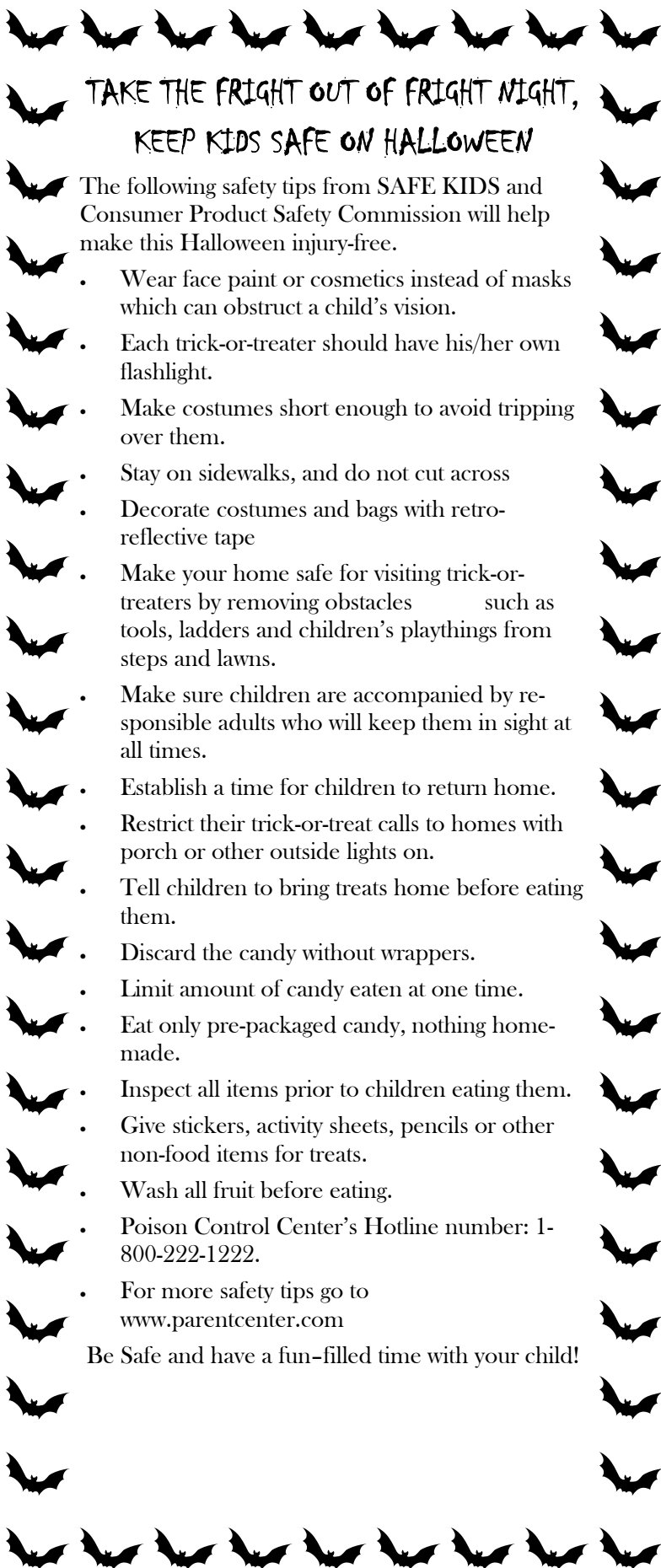
FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Next week you will be receiving a Family Centered care survey to let us know how we are doing. I hope you will all have suggestions on how we can improve our services to you and your child. The survey is totally confidential and no one from our clinic will see them. If you come to the clinic, you can put your survey in the sealed box at the front. If our child is a van rider, you can put your survey in the enclosed envelopes and seal it. It will be placed in the sealed box when your child arrives at the center. It is important to us to hear from all our families.

Parents, please remember that cool weather is approaching and your child will need a lightweight jacket for outside play.

Thank you, Please stop by my office or call me anytime I can help you.

Andrea Holland, Director



**TAKE THE FRIGHT OUT OF FRIGHT NIGHT,
KEEP KIDS SAFE ON HALLOWEEN**

The following safety tips from SAFE KIDS and Consumer Product Safety Commission will help make this Halloween injury-free.

- Wear face paint or cosmetics instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Each trick-or-treater should have his/her own flashlight.
- Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping over them.
- Stay on sidewalks, and do not cut across
- Decorate costumes and bags with retro-reflective tape
- Make your home safe for visiting trick-or-treaters by removing obstacles such as tools, ladders and children's playthings from steps and lawns.
- Make sure children are accompanied by responsible adults who will keep them in sight at all times.
- Establish a time for children to return home.
- Restrict their trick-or-treat calls to homes with porch or other outside lights on.
- Tell children to bring treats home before eating them.
- Discard the candy without wrappers.
- Limit amount of candy eaten at one time.
- Eat only pre-packaged candy, nothing home-made.
- Inspect all items prior to children eating them.
- Give stickers, activity sheets, pencils or other non-food items for treats.
- Wash all fruit before eating.
- Poison Control Center's Hotline number: 1-800-222-1222.
- For more safety tips go to www.parentcenter.com

Be Safe and have a fun-filled time with your child!



BEV Award 2011 winner is Anita Ehemann

The Bev Award is awarded annually to 12 people in the state, one from each KIDS FIRST clinic and POC. It is named for Beverly Bursk, a longtime KIDS FIRST employee, who died in 2001. Beverly was highly regarded by all who know her. Employees may be nominated by co-workers, families, and visitors in whose opinion, the employee demonstrates care and concern for all and best exemplifies the qualities in the BEV award guidelines.

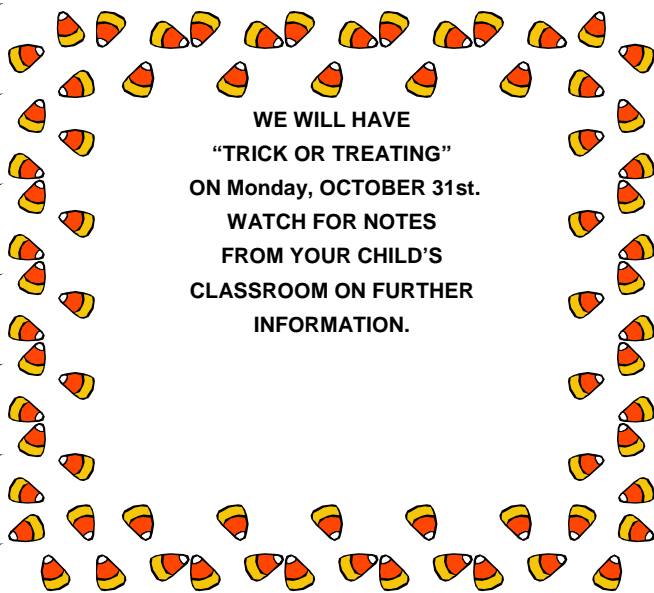
B = Balance and behavior

E = Excellence and Encouragement

V = Values and Vigilance

This year's honoree is **Anita Ehemann**. Anita has been with KIDS FIRST for 18 years. Anita is an Administrative Asst. for KIDS FIRST and works at our front desk and will be the first smile you see upon entering KIDS FIRST! Anita is a dedicated employee and loved by all!

Congratulations Anita!



**WE WILL HAVE
"TRICK OR TREATING"
ON Monday, OCTOBER 31st.
WATCH FOR NOTES
FROM YOUR CHILD'S
CLASSROOM ON FURTHER
INFORMATION.**