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# PTP News

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## Question and

### Answer:

**What website has a lot of information about kids?**

A good one is [www.keepkidshealthy.com](http://www.keepkidshealthy.com). It has information about anything to do with kids; development, sleeping, potty training, you name it...they have it. You can navigate the site by age group or search a topic.

## Book Corner:

This month's book is *Goodnight Goon* by Michael Rex. This book is a Halloween book with a *Goodnight Moon* feel. Instead of "In the great, green room," this book starts, "In the cold gray, tomb." It has all the ghosts, werewolves, and monsters for the holiday. Your kids will love the goon who plays tricks on everyone. The pictures are cartoon-like and the rhyming words will encourage your children to try to "read" the book themselves. Happy Halloween and Happy Reading!!

## Our First Newsletter

We are very excited to announce our first newsletter!!! Every month, we will send you our newsletter to update you on events in your area, supports and resources in your community, and other information that can help you and your children.

Several parents, who have participated in early intervention with Pediatric Therapy Professionals, have said they would like to receive more information and contact from the agency. We feel this is a good way to reach all of our families.

As an agency, we always try to provide ideas and information to the families we work with. We usually do this through handouts, books, and even videos. Now, with this newsletter, we can provide more information to all of you!! Hopefully, you will find it helpful

and informative.

Here, in our first issue, each section is outlined to show what and where all the information will be. We will have a question and answer box (to the left). Here, any questions you have about anything to do with early intervention or kids in general. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Dorsch, Director of Community Outreach, at [bdorsch@pedtp.com](mailto:bdorsch@pedtp.com). Below that box, there's the Book Corner. Every month, we will highlight a different book, geared towards toddlers. Reading and exposure to books enhance a child's language and cognitive skills. The best time to get kids interested in books is when they are young. This will make them excited about reading for a lifetime. The Book Corner will give you a good place to start. On our "front page," we will provide different information

every month that may interest or help your family. On the "back page" above your address, there will be a listing of Upcoming Events in and around your community. These events may be seasonal or related to different organizations in the region.

As mentioned, you will be getting this newsletter every month. Along the way, if you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact the Director of Community Outreach, Brooke Dorsch. Her email address is [bdorsch@pedtp.com](mailto:bdorsch@pedtp.com). We want to hear from you, so we know what resources, information, and events you want to hear about. This newsletter is for you!! We want to make it as useful for you as we can.



## Halloween Safety

Everyone wants to keep their kids safe during Halloween and all the activities that go along with it. You have to think about costumes, trick or treating, candy, and parties. Here are some tips to help you:

- Bright colored costumes are easier to see at night.
- Make sure your children can

see well through masks

- Always consider the weather and dress accordingly. The kids may need a sweater or umbrella.
- Use a flashlight after dark
- Kids should never go into houses or cars, and only go on porches with lights
- Walk and stay on sidewalks

- Don't eat the candy until you get home and have a chance to check it

- Check with local organizations to see if there are any Halloween events in your area

- Always supervise children when carving pumpkins and lighting them with candles.

Have a safe Halloween!



### Upcoming Events

- Fall Festival at Soergels Orchard, Wexford, PA, from Sept. 26th to Oct. 26th. For schedule of events and activities, [www.soergels.com](http://www.soergels.com)
- "Autism and Seizures," Oct. 3rd, 9-3, at ABOARD office. For more info, [www.aboard.org](http://www.aboard.org)
- "Positive, Powerful, and Practical Strategies for Behavior Support," Oct. 10th, 9-3, at Watson ABOARD office. For more info., [www.aboard.org](http://www.aboard.org)
- Parents' Night Out, Carnegie Science Center, Oct. 10th, 5pm. For more info, [www.carnegiesciencecenter.org](http://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org)
- "Sensory Integration and its Emerging Biomedical Theories," Oct. 17th, 9-3, at ABOARD office. For more info, [www.aboard.org](http://www.aboard.org)
- National Down Syndrome Society, Buddy Walk, Hartwood Arces, Saturday, Oct. 19th. For more info, [www.dsapgh.org](http://www.dsapgh.org)
- Tadpole Social Group, ages 2-4, at the HOPE Learning Center, Wednesdays from 1-3. Call 724-933-HOPE or [www.thehopelearningcenter.com](http://www.thehopelearningcenter.com)
- For Treat or Treating days and times, go to [www.wpxi.com](http://www.wpxi.com) or look on your county's website.

If you know of any upcoming events or activities in your area, please contact Brooke Dorsch, Director of Community Outreach. Her email is [bdorsch@pedtp.com](mailto:bdorsch@pedtp.com). We will put any child or family related event or activity in our newsletter. Other families who read it may be interested in attending. Thank you for the information!!



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