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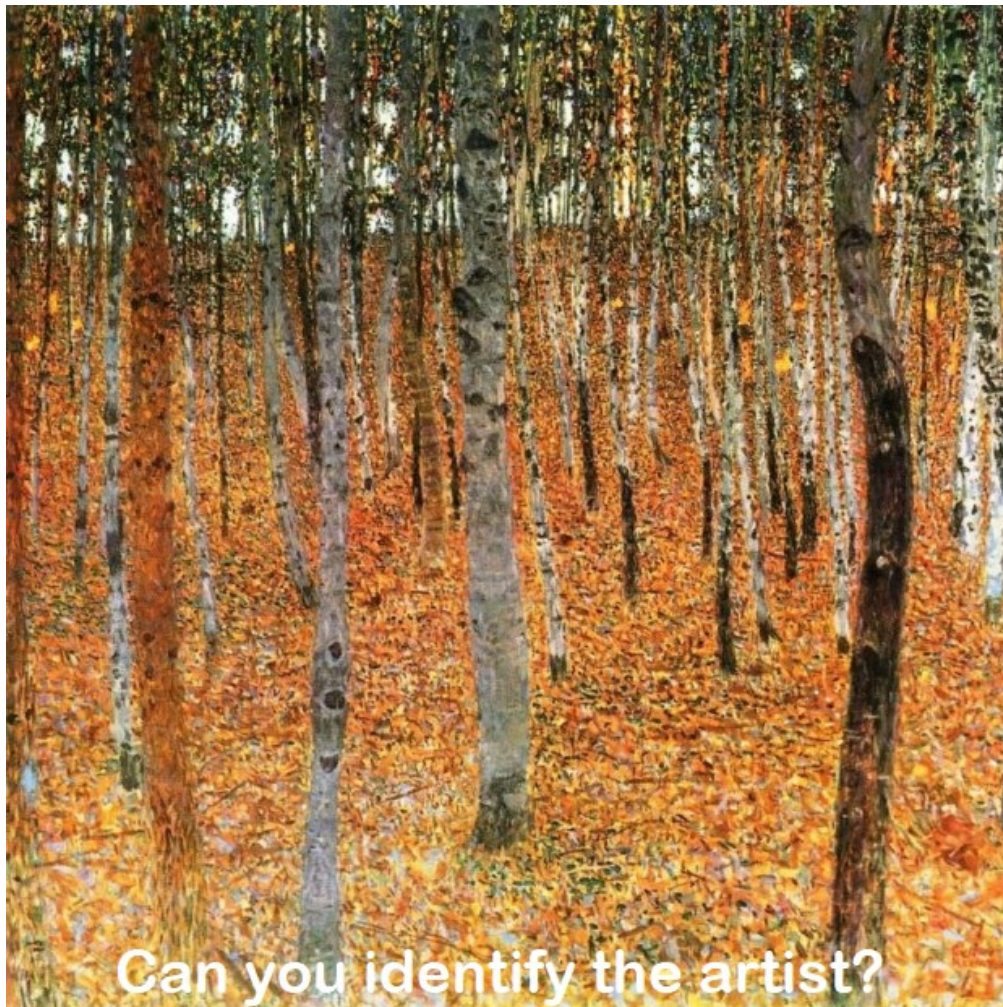
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Fri, Oct 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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**Autumn Trivia!****Dear Parents,**

*Throughout history, autumn has inspired poets and artists around the world. Autumn trivia! Can you identify the artist who painted this? What's the prize you ask? Knowledge! We are never too old to receive knowledge, but to retain it we must maintain it. Exercise your mind, and your mind will reward you.*

Thank you for all your help and support during distance learning. We understand the challenges you face and we appreciate your understanding regarding the challenges our teachers face. Despite the rumors, we sincerely hope the situation will improve enough to reopen schools November 2nd. Speaking of rumors, one rumor suggests G1 and G2 may have permission to return after the break even if older children will remain at home.

If for any reason, G1-G5 cannot return to school November 2nd, **we will still celebrate Halloween with BB, Polar, Panda and CPK, and postpone the G1-G5 Halloween celebration to a later date.** However, if G1 and G2 have permission to return to school, G1 and G2 will celebrate on Nov. 2nd, and we will postpone Halloween for G3-G5 until they return. I will send updated information as soon as possible; please monitor your email. Let's stay optimistic!

We understand lockdown will limit ways to enjoy the fall break, so this newsletter offers ideas from outside sources, and a fall break checklist.

**This newsletter contains information about the following items:**

- Mark your calendar
- Turn back time
- School Meeting Minutes
- Halloween Meal Treats
- Online theatre with PYT
- November Lunch Menu
- Classroom Newsletters
- Fall Break Checklist

**Enjoy fall break!**

Lana and our Panda and Central Point Team (and Gustav Klimt)



**Oct. 26-30th** - Fall break - **No School**

**Oct. 31st** - Happy Halloween

**Nov. 2nd** - Classes resume (*fingers crossed*)

**Nov. 2nd** - Halloween costume party

**Nov. 17th** - State Holiday - **No School**

**Nov. 18th** - 50th day of school

**Nov. 26th** - Happy Thanksgiving (*show cancelled*)

# Don't forget to fall back!

Sleep tight and enjoy the extra hour!



**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Sunday.** Daylight saving times ends at 3am Sunday, October 25th. Imagine if it was always that easy to turn back time. Enjoy the extra hour in a special way!

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## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday evening we had our first school meeting via Zoom. It was a nice, productive meeting that actually finished on time. However, that seems to indicate the challenges we face maintaining the same level of social interactions virtually. We hope to offer the April 21st meeting in person to everyone who wants to attend. Below I have written a summary of the meeting topics. Click the button below for complete details and information.

### Topics Discussed:

**Confidentiality vs. disclosure:** We clarified our notification procedure if a child, parent or staff member in our school community goes into quarantine or tests positive for Covid-19.

### Suggestions if distance learning continues:

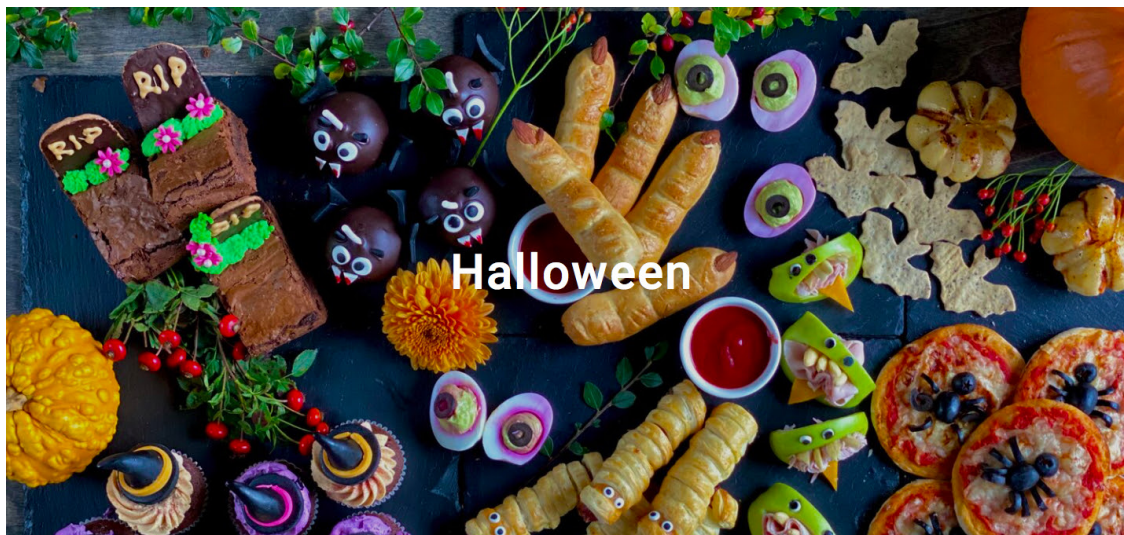
Overall, parents expressed satisfaction with distance learning. We discussed how to keep track of links, a balance between written work and online work, and communication challenges due to drop-off and pick-up at the gate.



**General Feedback:**

Parents expressed satisfaction with the efforts of our school and teachers toward distance learning and keeping our school community healthy and safe. We appreciate your positive feedback. We look forward to working together as we navigate our way through this strange and unpredictable time. Thank you for your support and trust.

[Click here for complete meeting details and information](#)

**Halloween Party Box**

It appears the new lockdown measures will cancel trick-or-treating. If you plan to celebrate Halloween at home, consider ordering a Halloween Party Box. Musa Catering, the company who prepares our school lunches, will prepare Halloween food boxes to help families celebrate Halloween in a delicious, scary way. Place an order using the link below. One party box serves four persons, and will cost 1 800czk. Free delivery within ten kilometers of the center of Prague. Delivery available from 28.10 until 31.10. <https://www.musacatering.cz/halloween>

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### Online Theatre

Lockdown has created limitations, but that does not mean you cannot have a culturally themed evening. Enjoy an evening of online theatre streamed by PYT (Prague Youth Theatre). Dress up or get in your pajamas and enjoy one or all three of these productions. Enjoy with your family or get the kids to bed early and enjoy an evening in.

1. **Monday, October 26th at 7pm** enjoy **The Girl Who Forgot to Sing Badly** by Finnegan Kruckemeyer.

Appropriate for all ages. Approximately 70 minutes in length

2. **Tuesday, November 3rd at 8pm** enjoy the National Theatre's adaptation of **Treasure Island**. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Approximately 100 minutes in length with a short interval.

3. **Monday, November 10th at 7pm** enjoy the Bridge Theatre's production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

Appropriate for ages 10 and up. About 2 hours 40 minutes with intervals.

If you have an interest, **RSVP in advance via the Zoom link below:**

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ0pcuCtrD8sGtxZueOMr49NfYnDY8990Bw6>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email** containing information about joining the event.

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[Click here for the November lunch menu](#)

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## Fall Break Checklist

- Sleep in
- Go on a nature walk
- Collect colorful leaves
- Relax
- Carve a pumpkin
- Roast pumpkin seeds
- Drink hot cider
- Get cozy and read a book
- Jump in a pile of leaves
- Eat something with apples
- Make your Halloween costume
- Family game night
- Eat something with pumpkin
- Drink hot chocolate
- Have fun

Enjoy fall break!

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