

Children Edited by Amanda Knorr

THINGS TO SEE

Coolidge Corner Theatre 290 Harvard St., Brookline (617-734-2501). coolidge.org. MBTA: C Green Line to Coolidge Corner. \$9.75, adults; \$6.75, members, children and seniors. • Oct. 24, 10:30 am. Ben Rudnick & Friends' perform humorous tunes acoustically. • Oct. 31, 10:30 am. The Coolidge hosts a Halloween costume party and special screening of Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. **Puppet Showplace Theatre** 32 Station St., Brookline (617-731-8400). puppetshowplace.org. MBTA: D Green Line to Brookline Village. \$10, nonmembers; \$8, members. • Oct. 21 and 22, 10:30 am. In the Lionheart Puppet Company's *Little Red Hen*, Ms. Hen needs her friends to help her bake cookies. • Oct. 24 and 25, 1 and 3 pm. Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers present a comedic version of *The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow*, Washington Irving's classic tale about Ichabod Crane. • Oct. 28 and 29, 10:30 am. Three witches compete for a magic broomstick in *Witches' Brew*. • Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 1 and 3 pm. Puppeteer Brad Shur premieres *Dr. Doohickey's Monster Machine*, about a doctor who brings funny monsters to life.

THINGS TO DO

Art Beat 212-A Mass. Ave., Arlington (781-646-2200). artbeatonline.com. MBTA: Red Line to Alewife. Oct. 24, 3-6 pm. \$18. Create a spooky glow-in-the-dark papier mâché skull for Halloween. **Boston by Foot** 77 North Washington St., Boston (617-367-2345). bostonbyfoot.org. MBTA: Green or Orange Line to North Station. Fri.-Sat., 10 am; Sun., 2 pm. \$8, nonmembers; free, members. Boston by Little Feet gives children a tour of important historical sites in Boston as well as fun attractions. **Boston Children's Museum** 300 Congress St., Boston (617-426-8855). bostonkids.org. MBTA: Red Line to South Station. Sat.-Thu., 10 am-5 pm; Fri., 10 am-9 pm. \$12, nonmembers; \$9, seniors and children; free, members and children under 1; \$1, Fri. 5-9 pm. • Daily, 11 am-4 pm. Art Studio teaches children to take their doodles to a whole new level. • Daily. In the Construction Zone exhibit, children can work on their own construction sites and ride a real Bobcat. • Daily. At Johnny's Workbench, children and families use hand tools and natural materials to create a small woodworking project. • Daily. At New Balance Climb, children climb through a 3-D full-body puzzle located along the glass wall of the museum's lobby. • Daily. In the Recycle Shop exhibit, children grab a bag and start collecting recyclable goods. • Daily. In the Science Playground exhibit, kids use their

scientific skills to explore the natural world around them.

Franklin Park Zoo 1 Franklin Park Road, Boston (617-989-3742). zoonewengland.org. MBTA: Red Line to Andrew, then #16 Bus to Franklin Park Zoo. \$14, nonmembers; \$11, seniors; \$8, children age 2-12; free, children under 2 and members. Oct. 24-25, 11 am-3 pm. Zoo Howl features a haunted maze, costume contest and tunes by Radio Disney.

Harvard Coop 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge (617-489-2000). thecoop.com. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. • Oct. 31, 1-3 pm. Free. The Coop's outdoor Halloween Festival features face painting, pumpkins and a costume contest. Ages 8 and under. • Tue., 11 am. Free. Children are welcome for stories and snack time. • Sat., 11 am. Make crafts and listen to stories. Ages 7 and under.

Harvard Museum of Natural History 26 Oxford St., Cambridge (617-495-3045). hmnh.harvard.edu. MBTA: Red Line to Harvard. Daily, 9 am-5 pm. \$9, nonmembers; \$7, seniors and students; \$6, children age 3-18; free, members. Evolution features fossils and artifacts documenting the evolutionary history of many plants and animals.

Museum of Science 1 Science Park, Boston (617-723-2500). mos.org. MBTA: Green Line to Science Park. Sat.-Thu., 9 am-7 pm; Fri., 9 am-9 pm. \$26, nonmembers; \$24, seniors; \$23, children ages 3-11; \$5, members. Oct. 25-Feb. 21. *Harry Potter: The Exhibition* features Hogwarts-inspired dramatic displays as well as authentic costumes and props from the films.

New England Aquarium 1 Central Wharf, Boston (617-973-3200). neaq.org. MBTA: Blue Line to Aquarium. • Daily, 11:30 am. \$39.95, adults; \$31.95, children. Jump on board the *Voyager III* and travel to the Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary, a rich feeding ground for whale, dolphins and other sea life, as part of the aquarium's Whale Watch. • Thu.-Tue., 11 am. \$45, nonmembers; \$35, members. At *Playtime With Seals*, children ages 9 and up can go behind the scenes of the aquarium's seal exhibit and play with the animals.

Newton Free Library 330 Homer St., Newton (617-796-1410). newtonfreelibrary.net. MBTA: D Green Line to Newton Highlands. Oct. 22, 4 pm. Free. The Chinese Moon Festival features stories, crafting and a snack to teach children about this ancient harvest-season tradition.

Porter Square Books 25 White St., Cambridge (617-491-2220). portersquarebook.com. MBTA: Red Line to Porter. Wed., 11 am. Each Wednesday, storyteller Doriah Hughes reads aloud to preschool-aged children.

Trick-or-Treat and Dine Fine at Aura One Seaport Lane, Boston (617-385-4300). aura.restaurant.com and seaportboston.com. MBTA: Red Line to South Station. Oct. 30, 4 pm. \$30, adults; \$22, children. Trick-or-treat through the Seaport Hotel, and then dine family-style at Aura. While chef Rachel Klein prepares a pre-fixe meal, kids play with toys, enjoy face painting and watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*.

Advice to Contributors
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