



**DUPLIN COUNTY**  
Partnership for Children

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*News for the Communities, Families and Early Childhood Educators of Duplin County*

# FREE Car Seat Inspection Event!



**Sponsored by:**  
**Duplin Buckle Up Kids**  
**Warsaw Fire Department**  
**Warsaw Police Department**

When: October 7, 2023  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Warsaw Fire Station  
714 North Pine Street, Warsaw, NC

During the **FREE** car seat check, new seats will be available to purchase at a reduced price, if eligibility requirements are met. There is no charge to check a seat you own.

**FREE**



*An estimated 4 out of 5 children who are placed in child restraints and booster seats are improperly restrained. It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure the safety of the child. Ask how **YOU** can make a difference.*

## Bouncy House Fun!



**Special Guest:**



**Buckle Up Bear, Fire Pup & McGruff**



For more information, please call Karen Pacheco at 910-296-2000.

**October**

**2023**

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## Pumpkin Facts

The name pumpkin originated from "pepon", the Greek word for "large melon"

Giant pumpkins can weigh over 1,000 lbs.

Pumpkins are, scientifically, a fruit.

Over 1.6 billion pounds of pumpkins are grown on over 65,900 acres in the U.S. each year.

Pumpkins can be used in many ways: pumpkin flowers are edible, the seeds can be roasted for a snack and pumpkins can also be used as feed for animals.



A Halloween-themed poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. The background is dark purple with orange and black triangular bunting flags at the top. In the center, a large orange jack-o'-lantern with a black face contains the text 'Trunk Or Treat' in a stylized font. Surrounding the pumpkin are seven cartoon children in various costumes: a girl in a red devil costume, a girl in a white witch costume, a girl in a black cat costume, a girl in a red devil costume, a boy in a red cape, a boy in a skeleton costume, and a boy in a pirate costume. The date 'OCTOBER 24, 2023' is written in white at the top. Below the pumpkin, the time '6:30 pm - 8:30 pm' is written in white. The location 'Duplin Events Center' is written in a large, orange, stylized font, followed by the address '195 Fairgrounds Dr. Kenansville, NC 28349' in white. At the bottom, the text 'Duplin County Partnership for Children joins Duplin County Library for their 6th Annual Trunk or Treat' is written in white. Below this, the text 'Come out and meet the staff and learn more about our programs. We look forward to seeing you!' is written in orange. Two white spider webs are illustrated at the bottom corners. A small watermark 'Made with Canva.com' is visible in the bottom left corner.

OCTOBER 24, 2023

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Treat**

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**Duplin Events Center**

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Are you looking for fun, free family activities? Starting on October 5th, you can join your Cyberchase and PBS NC Friends on this STEM adventure! Sign up by text for this family learning program for parents, caregivers, and children ages 5 - 8 years. You will receive videos and activities in English or Spanish from the PBS KIDS show Cyberchase sent right to your phone. Explore math, science and the environment through indoor and outdoor experiments, games and crafts. Text ROOTLE to 30644 to sign up today.

# Chili Cheese Stuffed Sweet Potato

**Stuff sweet potatoes with an easy-to-make beef chili and top with sour cream, cheddar and scallions. Perfect way to start off the Fall Season.**

## Ingredients

- 4 small sweet potatoes, scrubbed and washed
- 2 medium carrots, roughly chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 plum tomato, chopped
- 1/2 medium onion, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons of red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon of ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon of cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 pound of ground beef
- Sour cream and shredded cheddar, for serving
- 3 scallions, sliced



## Directions

1. Poke each sweet potato a few times and microwave until fork-tender, about 10 minutes, rotating halfway through. Set aside and keep warm.
2. Meanwhile, put the carrots, garlic, tomato and onion in a food processor; add the vinegar, cumin, oregano, cayenne, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper and pulse until coarsely chopped. Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, add the vegetable mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until dry, 3 to 4 minutes. Add 1/4 cup water and cook, scraping up any brown bits with a wooden spoon, until the water evaporates, about 1 minute. Add the ground beef and cook, stirring and breaking it up into smaller chunks, until browned and cooked through, about 4 minutes. Remove from the heat.
3. Split the potatoes in half, scoop out some of the warm flesh and add it to the beef mixture, stir to combine. Divide the potato halves among 4 plates and generously fill each half with the beef potato mixture. Top each with sour cream, cheddar and scallions.

**Pulled from [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)**

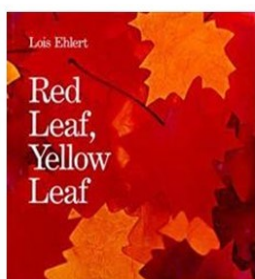


It's the perfect time of year to read some books about Fall with your child and take a walk outside to discover the Fall colors found in nature. The books listed below will help get you ready for a nature walk.



In *Fall Leaves Fall!*, by Zoe Hall, when fall comes, two brothers enjoy catching the falling leaves, stomping on them, kicking them, jumping in piles of them, and using them to make pictures, in a story which includes a description of how leaves change through the year.

In *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves*, by Julia Rawlinson, as the autumn season sets in, Fletcher is very worried his beautiful tree has begun to lose all of its leaves. Whatever Fletcher attempts to do to save them, it's simply no use. When the final leaf falls, Fletcher feels hopeless... until he returns the next day to a glorious sight.



In *Red Leaf Yellow Leaf*, by Lois Ehlert, a young child observes the life cycle of a maple tree, from a fallen seed that sprouts in the woods to being transplanted and sold at a nursery to being replanted and cherished in a new home. This book might be found in our Little Free Library at Kenan Park! Stop by and visit the Little Free Library and see if it is there, and let us know if you find it!

Contact Amanda Sanderson, at 910-296-2000 for more information on literacy activities or if you would like more information about our Little Free Library.

# Trainings, Updates & News

Training	Date	Time	Location
ITS-SIDS	10-09-23	6:30-8:30	DCPFC
First Aid & CPR	10-18-23	6:00-8:00	DCPFC

- Early Educators need to keep staff and training worksheets up-to-date.
- Child Care Immunizations are due November 1, 2023
- Stay connected with “What’s New on DCDEE website [www.dcdee.nc.gov](http://www.dcdee.nc.gov)
- Upcoming virtual Director’s meeting, your consultant will make you aware of date and time.
- James Sprunt now offers 5 & 8 week Early Childhood classes. Admin I & II are now offered at the same time.

If you are interested or have any questions, contact  
Kris’T Sloan at 910-275-6318 or  
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PREVENTION  
MONTH

**Donor Levels:**

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\$50-\$99	Patron
\$100-\$249	Bronze
\$250-\$499	Silver
\$500-\$999	Gold
\$1000 +	Platinum

Duplin County Partnership for Children is a 501(c) 3 private, nonprofit organization. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. All contributions are appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution, make checks payable to the Duplin County Partnership for Children.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\_\$25  
\_\_\_\_other

Your donation will help ensure that young children in Duplin County are healthy, safe, and ready for school.

Contact Information

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**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Library Hours**

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