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## *President's Letter*

### Short and Sweet... while under duress and reconstruction!

The colorful, seasonal transition to fall is always a treat! Including the trickery of a September snow and freeze, continuing adaptations with COVID, and our strong human spirit striving towards better balance, and any measure of progress.

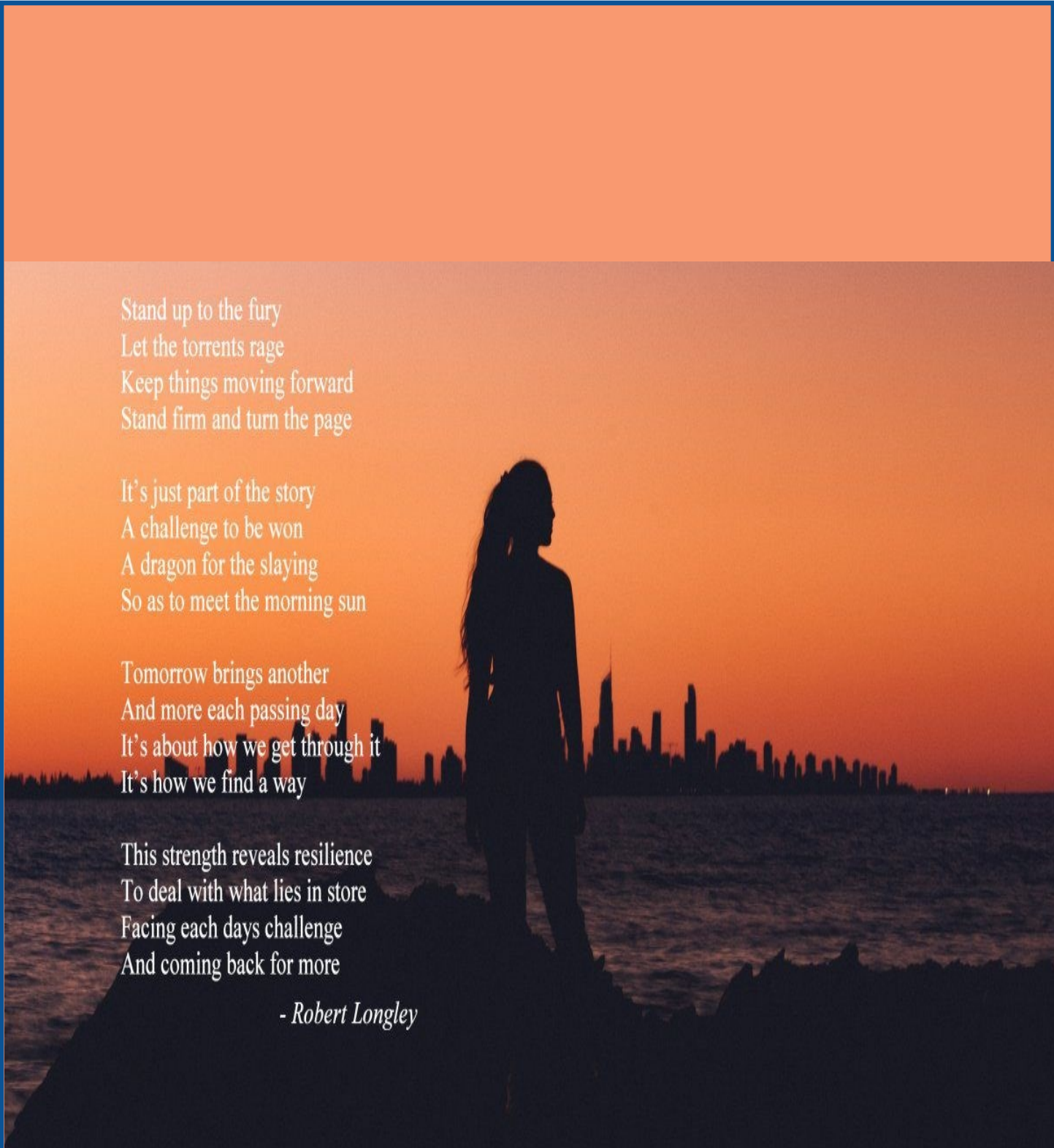
While we carry on amidst the ongoing changes in our workplaces, households and personal lives, we can begin looking forward to the holidays, preparing for the advent of winter and perhaps finding some cherished simplicity and rest! We can accept what we are still missing.....large gatherings, extended family, friends, impromptu social events, going to the movies, concerts, theatre, old routines, normal travel, hugs, casual touch, parties, sports, window shopping, public transportation, more choices, more options, less strife, no such thing as “social distancing” and mask burning! Okay, okay. Let's stop here!

In the spirit of gratitude, we can focus on the positive gains and gifts of the past several months. Our computer use and tech savvy have gone off the charts with Zoom meetings and gatherings, Google searches, YouTube, Skype, webinars, public health research and websites, email life exploding, FaceTime, online classes, virtual school, remote library BookStart, ordering it all online and curbside pickup! OOOOPS almost forgot GrubHub! Home cooking and more quality family time. Less traffic, working from home, crowds of people, the re-found fun in road trips, camping, and Sunday drives, long walks. The great outdoors, spending less, appreciating more! Finding time to catch up and be more creative. Less focus on wardrobe, makeup, and need for primping. Adopting pets, buying bikes, helping your neighbor, pitching in and discovering surprising joy in the simple pleasures.

As you transition, let us know how we can continually support you, both personally and professionally. And do remember, as I always tell my kiddos when facing any challenges ..... “This is just for now; it is not forever!”

NOW...please pass the candy corn!

Angela Rosales

A person with long hair stands in silhouette on a dark, rocky outcrop. They are facing right, looking out over a body of water towards a distant city skyline. The sky is a deep orange and red, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The city skyline is visible on the horizon, with several tall buildings. The water is dark and reflects the light from the sky. The overall mood is contemplative and resilient.

Stand up to the fury  
Let the torrents rage  
Keep things moving forward  
Stand firm and turn the page

It's just part of the story  
A challenge to be won  
A dragon for the slaying  
So as to meet the morning sun

Tomorrow brings another  
And more each passing day  
It's about how we get through it  
It's how we find a way

This strength reveals resilience  
To deal with what lies in store  
Facing each days challenge  
And coming back for more

*- Robert Longley*



# In the Spotlight



Hunter Railey

Colorado Director, Small Business Majority

Hunter Railey directs Small Business Majority's Colorado outreach, policy and other operations. Hunter builds and maintains strategic relationships, educates small businesses throughout Colorado on key issues and works on statewide policy efforts. He has been appointed as an advisor to the Governor's Council on Economic Stabilization and Growth where he advises on recommendations for the small business community.

Prior to joining Small Business Majority, Hunter worked as a policy researcher at Education Commission of the States, where he provided research and counsel on education issues to state policymakers across the country. He also has professional experience in advocacy and political campaigns.

I have always worked in politics and public policy throughout my career, but I think the opportunity to work with small businesses was what appealed to me most. Colorado's small business community is incredibly diverse, and touches on so many key constituencies, it is exactly where I want to be working.

Uncertainty. There's always a lot of risk that small businesses face in the course of operating a business, but the public health crisis along with the social instability has meant I have to be thinking ahead with incomplete or no information.

Successful small businesses always have something important to provide their communities. Helping these business owners, and child care businesses in particular, means the benefits of success are shared beyond individuals. Plus, I know where all the best places to eat are.

My family has been in Colorado for generations, but I have lived (in order) in Los Angeles, Spokane WA, Denver, Hadley MA, Moscow ID, Denver, San Diego, Washington DC, and Denver. My wife, my dog, and I are happy to be building our lives in Colorado. Outside of work I spend a lot of time on my bike, reading, and cooking. I'm looking forward to meeting as many business owners as I can, and helping them with whatever they need.

## National Preparedness Month

Although September was National Preparedness Month I find it fitting for October as well. Hope you find it helpful!

It's September! And as you may know, each September is recognized as **National Preparedness Month**.

Preparedness Month promotes family and community disaster planning now, during the month, and throughout the year.

The 2020 National Preparedness Month theme is: "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today." And for each week in September, Ready.gov offers additional details and ideas surrounding the theme of emergency planning.

### **Week 1 September 1-5: Make A Plan**

First and foremost, you need an emergency plan! If you've already got an emergency plan, is it up-to-date? Planning for emergencies is essential, as an emergency event can happen to anyone at anytime. Make sure your emergency plan covers any of the hazards that you may encounter. If you already have a written emergency plan in place, now is a good time to review it to make sure it is up-to-date. If you did not already include pandemics in your plan, this is a good time to add it.

### **Week 2 September 6-12: Build A Kit**

Do have an emergency supply kit? Is it stocked and updated, ready to go at a moment's notice? For some ideas on what to include, you can download Child Care Aware of America's **Emergency Supply Kit** to ensure you are ready. Remember: because of COVID-19, your kits may look a bit different now, as they will need to include masks and additional personal hygiene supplies. If your emergency supply kit is already stocked, be sure to identify a schedule to make sure the

### **Week 3 September 13-19: Prepare for Disasters**

Now is the time to prepare and plan for the types of emergency events you may encounter in your area. By thinking through this now, you can lessen some of the impacts. How can you make your home more resilient and lessen the impacts of an emergency? Do you need to cut back trees and shrubs that are too close to your house? What about your homeowner or renters insurance – is it up to date? Lastly, are you subscribed to your city or county's emergency alerts? Now is a great time to take these proactive steps and ensure you are better-prepared for disasters.

### **Week 4 September 20-26: Teach Youth About Preparedness**

Are your children included in your preparedness drills? Are they familiar with your emergency plan and what to do if you need to evacuate or shelter in place? Take the time now to ensure children and youth are familiar with emergency plans and take part in your preparedness activities. Think about age-appropriate ways to reinforce these concepts. It is also good to involve parents in the discussions and be sure they know what the plan is as well!

For more information about National Preparedness Month, including videos and graphics to use all month long, visit [ready.gov/](https://ready.gov/) September. Additionally, Child Care Aware of America's Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery team has resources, tips, and tools for parents, child care providers, and children, available here: [www.childcareprepare.org](https://www.childcareprepare.org). (Ctrl left click orange link for more information)



Written by [Julie Looper Coats](#)

# Treasury Report

## July 1, 2020-Sept. 30, 2020

		Balance Forward	\$6,004.61
Income:	Membership	\$1,750.00	
	CAFCC Membership	\$240.00	
	Other	\$0.00	
	Total Income	\$1,990.00	
Expenses:	Telephone	\$161.78	
	Office Supplies	\$276.92	
	SOS Registration	\$10.00	
	CAFCC Membership Dues	\$80.00	
	CAFCC Affiliate Dues	\$300.00	
	Total Expenses	\$828.70	
Ending Balance:			\$7,165.91
Respectfully Submitted, Susan Moberly DCCCA/Treasurer/Membership			



# July-September 2020 Referrals

Castle Rock		Highlands Ranch		Parker	
Under 2	3	Under 2	11	Under 2	5
Full Time:	3	Full Time:	8	Full Time:	5
Part Time:	0	Part Time:	3	Part Time:	0
Over 2	1	Over 2	7	Over 2	7
Full Time:	1	Full Time:	4	Full Time:	4
Part Time:	0	Part Time:	3	Part Time:	3
School Age	2	School Age	2	School Age	2
CCAP	0	CCAP	0	CCAP	
Total	6	Total	20	Total	14
DCCCA WEBSITE	1	DCCCA WEBSITE	4	DCCCA WEBSITE	11
PROVIDER/FRIEND		PROVIDER/FRIEND		PROVIDER/FRIEND	
OTHER:	2	OTHER:	3	OTHER:	

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADDITIONAL DCCCA VOLUNTEERS			
President	Angela Rosales	303-766-9241	<a href="mailto:amagr8rose@q.com">amagr8rose@q.com</a>
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Secretary	OPEN		
Treasurer Membership	Susan (Taboada) Moberly	303-841-5899	<a href="mailto:susantboada@comcast.net">susantboada@comcast.net</a>
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Castle Rock	Sabrina Fulks	303-660-5584	<a href="mailto:sabricus-tomemb@gmail.com">sabricus-tomemb@gmail.com</a>
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Continuing Education Committee	OPEN		
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State Representative	OPEN		
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Newsletter Editor	Vickie Scholl		
Douglas County Zoning	OPEN		
Employer Identification	EIN#	1-800-829-4933	<a href="http://www.irs.gov/businesses/smallbusinessesself-employed/employer-idnumbers">http://www.irs.gov/businesses/smallbusinessesself-employed/employer-idnumbers</a>

LICENSING SPECIALIST INFORMATION AND OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS		
Castle Rock: 80104, 80108, 80109	Heather Sporrer	303-866-5958 <a href="mailto:heather.sporrer@state.co.us">heather.sporrer@state.co.us</a>
Highlands Ranch: 80129,80130	Jodie Gillespie Lead Licensing Specialist	720-415-6141 <a href="mailto:Jodi.gillespie@state.co.us">Jodi.gillespie@state.co.us</a>
Highlands Ranch: 80124, 80125, 80126	Amanda Schoniger	303-866-4453 <a href="mailto:amanda.schoniger@state.co.us">amanda.schoniger@state.co.us</a>
Parker: 80134, 80138	Nicole Hubbell	303-866-5958 <a href="mailto:Nicole.Hubbell@state.co.us">Nicole.Hubbell@state.co.us</a>
Centennial: 80122	Cammile Espinosa	303-403-2677 <a href="mailto:Cammile.@IREEInc.com">Cammile.@IREEInc.com</a>
Colorado Department of Human Services	303-866-5958	<a href="http://Coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com">Coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com</a>
24 Hour Child Protective Line	303-271-4131	
Immunization Line	303-237-7178	
Rocky Mountain Poison Control	303-222-1222	
NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)	800-359-3817	
Child Find for Douglas County	720-433-0020	
	<b>Food Programs</b>	
Kids Nutrition Company	303-987-4851	
Southwest Food Program	719-573-2246	
Wildwood Food Program	303-730-0460	

## Child Care Insurance Options

Dawna Nolan, Broker	720-519-0291	<a href="mailto:dawna@cowest.com">dawna@cowest.com</a>
ADCO General Daycare	303-893-5770	
Adults &Children Alliance	800-433-8108 x2028	<a href="http://acainc.org/partners.html">acainc.org/partners.html</a>
Allstate Insurance	303-833-5588	
Assure Child Care	855-818-5437	<a href="http://Assurechildcare.com">Assurechildcare.com</a>
Cherry Creek Insurance Group	303-799-0110	<a href="http://travelers.com">travelers.com</a>
Child, Inc. Liability Insurance	800-844-8288 x108	
Child Care Insurance Professional	800-819-9992	
Dan Gillespie, Insurance Broker	303-656-6912	
Daycare Defender	800-414-1066	<a href="http://scdefender.com">scdefender.com</a>
DC Insurance Services, Inc.	800-624-0912	<a href="http://dcins.com/contactus.html">dcins.com/contactus.html</a>
Farmers Insurance—Daniel	303-970-0315	
Mike Boling Markel	888-515-8537	
New England Ins. Services, Inc.	888-845-8288	<a href="http://neisinc.com">neisinc.com</a>
State Farm Ins.—Daniel West	303-790-4333	

# Glow Stick Necklace Pumpkin Ring Toss



Kid Friendly Things To Do.com







## **Halloween Fun with Five Little Pumpkins!**

There are many great pumpkin ideas for the classroom to make learning fun. Let's start with the Five Little Pumpkins Poem:

**Five Little Pumpkins sitting on a gate.**

**The first one says, "Oh my! it's getting late".**

**The second one says, "there are witches in the air".**

**The third one says, "But we don't care".**

**The fourth one says, "let's run and run and run".**

**The fifth one says, "I'm ready for fun!".**

**Then Ooooo went the wind and out went the lights,  
and the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.**



## Halloween Tin Can Bowling



Halloween Tin Can bowling. We had Great fun making this set of ghoulish (or maybe just a little bit cute?!?! Tin Can characters!). I love this project, as it takes your old “tin can”, that you were going to throw away and you get to upcycle it into a fun tin can craft and game (more fun [Halloween Games](#) here). You can vary it by how you decorate your tin cans.. you can add numbers to the back of your halloween cans and get the kids to practice their adding up skills or, you can also use them as pen pots (I confess, we have done this with a couple of them). Simple to make, lots of possibilities of play and use!











<https://www.craftymorning.com/candy-corn-turkey-craft->

## Turkey Pretzels

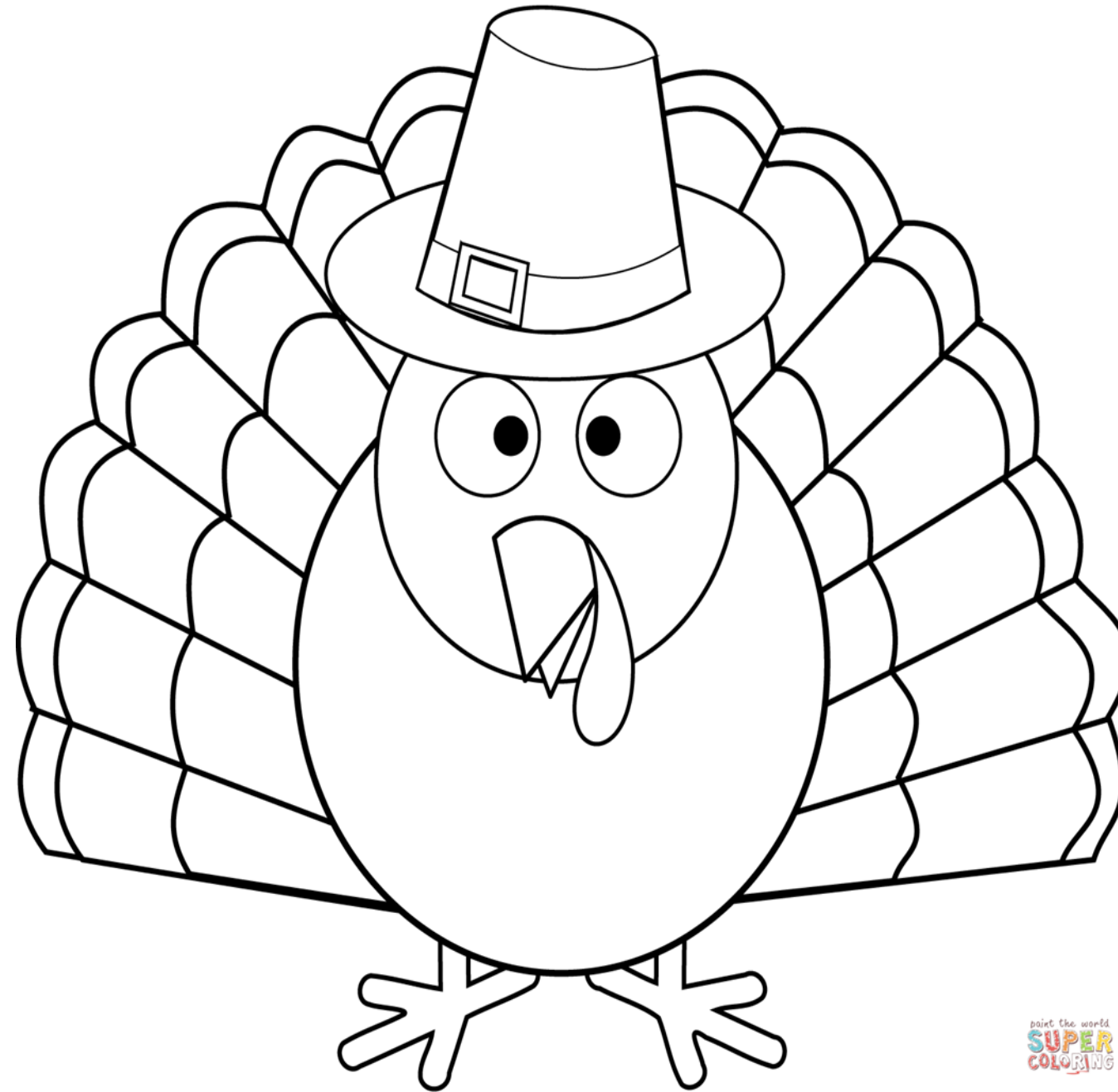


### Ingredients

- For each turkey you will need:
- 1 square pretzel
- 1 rolo
- 2 candy eyes
- 1 orange/yellow m & m
- 3 candy corns

### Instructions

1. Line a cookie sheet with nonstick foil.
2. Spread out the pretzels and top each with a Rolo.
3. Bake at 350 1 min.
4. Remove and press on the 2 eyes, m & m beak and 3 candy corns for feathers.
5. Pop in fridge to set up!



paint the world  
**SUPER**  
COLORING

Happy Thanksgiving



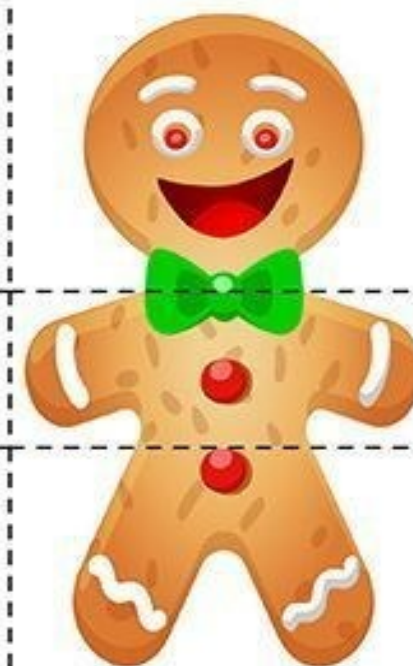
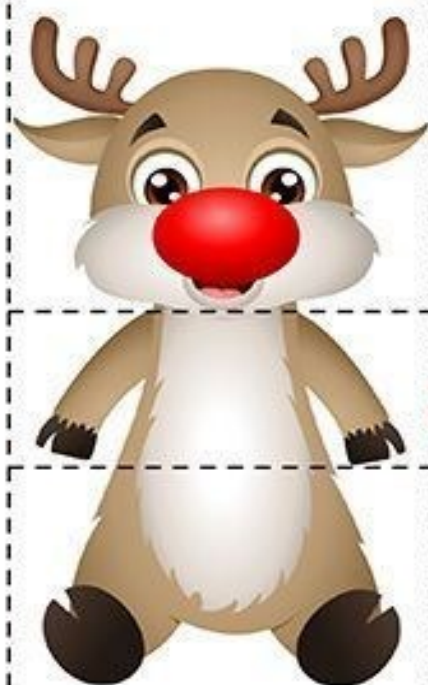
# Christmas Games

## Printable

# Puzzle



123kidsfun.com



## Egg Carton Christmas Crafts



<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/egg-carton-christmas-crafts/>



## Grinch Party Christmas Snack



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<https://www.cleanandscentsible.com/wp-content/>

