



Important Parent Notice

Monday, October 21, 2013

- ◆ **Book Fair This Week, October 21-24.** Students will preview the books for sale during the day today & tomorrow, October 21 & 22. The Book Fair will be open on the evenings of Tuesday & Thursday, October 22 & 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Grandparents' shopping day is Wednesday, October 23, from 3:00-6:30 p.m. Parents may visit the Fair any day after school starting at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, there will be family activities as well as book sales. Our Parent Team hosts the Book Fair every year, & proceeds from sales are applied toward book purchases for classrooms.
- ◆ **Halloween is not a school holiday & we do not do anything to celebrate it at school.** We do not have parties, pass out treats or candy, wear makeup, funny colored hair, costumes, hats or other attire associated with Halloween. Celebrations & decorations distract from the learning environment & there are many activities in the community where the event can be celebrated with family. We cannot afford to lose a day of teaching/learning & Halloween is offensive to some. Thanks.
- ◆ **Picture Retakes are this Thursday, October 24.** Please return your packets if there is something wrong with the first pictures taken. The photographer must have the entire packet back. Also, if your student was absent for picture day or did not wear their uniform, please submit an order packet for them. Students must be in uniform in order to have their picture taken. Class photos consist of a composite sheet of individual student photos and will arrive after retakes come back to us. You must order the class composite sheet/class group photo.
- ◆ **PLEASE FOLLOW PROCEDURES** for both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. They are for the safety and protection of the children. Some are arriving later & later in the morning & much too early in the afternoon. Our system runs very smoothly if everyone observes the window of time allotted for drop-off & pickup. Remember:
 - Staff members must open doors in the morning to let students out of vehicles at designated areas on the curb. Children should never be let out on their own to come into the building.
 - If staff members have left the curb to go inside, parents must come into the office and sign their children in.
 - Students will not be released to parents in the parking lot in the afternoon unless parents are in their vehicles in the pick-up lane, displaying their colored tag. Parents who park must come into the office and show ID before they may take their child from the school premises.
 - Parents may not park and call their children to their car, or come to the dismissal area where students are waiting on the curb to be put into vehicles and take their children.
 - We have had 3 crashes on our parking lot since school started. One person on a cell phone hit the car in front of her that she didn't realize had stopped. Another vehicle was broadsided exiting the parking lot to turn east on Happy Valley, and a third crash involved a boy on a bicycle who was struck because the driver was looking at traffic and did not see him in front of her vehicle.
- ◆ **LOST & FOUND:** Please have your child check for lost items regularly, or come in & check this week. The Lost & Found did not get donated on October 12, as planned, but it will be sent out this weekend, October 26.

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