



Dear RLA Parents and Community Members,

I am pleased to announce Leslie Davis is joining the RLA staff as our education program facilitator. Mrs. Davis will be assisting our staff and me in all operations of the RLA. I previously worked with Leslie in her role as EPF at Sherman and Jennings. Please join me in welcoming her to RLA. Mrs. Susan Mitola, Special educator and longtime employee for FPS is retiring. Her replacement will be Megan Wallace, currently a CLC teacher at Dwight. Mrs. Elaine Casale has announced her retirement effective November 13. Mrs. Casale has been a long time Fairfield teacher working at Dwight and Jennings before joining the RLA staff. We all wish her well in her new journey of retirement. I will be working with our human resources department to replace Mrs. Casale and will announce a replacement as soon as possible. I will be communicating with Mrs. Casale's class every step of the way in order to plan for a smooth transition.

The holiday season is right around the corner and we know that this is always a time for family and friends. This year, in the year of pandemic and change, gathering may be limited. Food and presents become the focus of these holidays and there are families among us who need our help in order to put a great meal on the table and have presents available for their children. As always, the Fairfield community responds to the needs of their neighbors. This year the need is no different.

On **November 2**, I will be collecting gift cards for our RLA families. I will be standing outside Fairfield Woods Middle School from 9 – 11 to collect the cards, masked and socially distancing! Please stop by to meet me, drop off a card, and kick off the holiday season! If your family is in need of support, please reach out to me at erobee@fairfieldschools.org . I will be working with home school social workers and counselors to assist me in this process.

We have been asking for room parents for each RLA classroom. If you would like to be a "room" parent, please contact your child's teacher.

October 23 will be PINK OUT day in the RLA! We ask that all students wear pink to his or her virtual classes on this day as we strive to raise awareness of breast cancer among the women and men in our community.

Halloween is coming soon! Students will be able to wear APPROPRIATE costumes to class on Friday, **October 30**. Weapons, offensive, and/or provocative costumes will not be allowed. Students wearing such costumes will be removed from the Google Meet.

FPS has announced plans to reopen Grades K-5 for full-time, in-person instruction the week of November 9. On Friday, you should have received an IC message with a unique link for each of your K-5 student(s). It is **EXTREMELY** important that you complete this form no later than **4 pm, Wednesday, October 21**, to identify whether your K-5 student(s) will stay in RLA or return to in-person instruction. This will be binding for the remainder of the school year.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather! Until next time...happy days!

Warmly,

Eileen