

Happy Friday families!

I hope you have had a wonderful week and have some fun plans for the weekend. Last night, my sons asked to accompany friends to a haunted trail this weekend, which is something they have never shown interest in before. I'm not sure about your children, but only one of mine enjoys being scared and the other one most certainly does not, however they want to hang out with their friends at this age. I look forward to Halloween, not only because I can catch glimpses of the kids my children are beneath their middle school adolescent exterior, but also because I can raid their candy stash after they go to bed. (I know some of you can relate!)

There are only a handful of notes today.

- The Author Jerry Craft is coming to MMS on 10/24 for a presentation to 6th and 7th grade. (8th grade will have an enrichment activity later in the year).
- Book Fair Time! We are so excited to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair to MMS! Choosing their own books empowers students and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. The Book Fair will run October 25th-27th when students will have the opportunity to shop for books during designated times throughout the school day. Students will also participate in an exciting trivia contest during FLEX next week to win a Book Fair-related prize. Each grade will have a winning class. Please see the MPN this Sunday 10/16 or the [Book Fair homepage](#) for detailed information about when your child will shop the Book Fair, payments accepted including the Scholastic eWallet, and how to volunteer at the Fair. The countdown to more Bookjoy is on!
- Monday 10/17 will be our second Genius Hour lesson. Ask your children what their passions are and what they are interested in!
- Upcoming Team Days are: Gold 10/19, Blue 10/20, and Aqua 10/21, Purple 10/24 and Teal 10/31. Your students should be able to tell you about all the activities they did that day.
- Halloween this year is on a Monday and we are allowing students to dress up within the following guidelines: [Halloween 2022 Costume Guidelines](#)

Notes from the MPA:

- **Book Fair Time-** We are thrilled to welcome the book fair back to MMS, Tuesday 10/25 through Friday 10/27. Please see the MPN this Sunday 10/16 or the [Book Fair homepage](#) for detailed information about when your child will shop the Book Fair, payments accepted including the Scholastic eWallet, and how to volunteer at the Fair.

- **Author Jerry Craft Visit-** Kicking off book fair week, we have Jerry Craft visiting the 6th and 7th graders on Monday, October 24th. You have the opportunity to pre-purchase his book "New Kid" and have it signed by him. We have partnered with Barrett Bookstore to provide the books for your student(s). Monday 10/17 @ 12:00PM is the final day to pre-purchase "New Kid" for \$12.99. Click [here](#) for purchasing information. If you already own one of Jerry Crafts books and would like to bring that in to get signed, please ensure your child's name is labeled in the book and have them bring in to school by Thursday 10/20 to their English A teachers (6th grade) and English teacher (7th grade) and we will make sure the book is signed by Mr. Craft.
- **All School Social-** Buy your tickets before the event is sold out! Please join us on November 11th at 7pm for a fun night listening to great music from band Hello Brooklyn at the Piedmont Club. Enjoy tasty pizza from our food truck and open bar while catching up with old friends and making new ones. We hope to see you there!!! Click [here](#) for ticket purchase.

TOPS:

- 8th Grade TOPS Tokeneke Fair Night – Friday, October 14 – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. \$25 entrance includes unlimited access to limited rides. You may want extra \$\$ for fair games/concessions. STUDENTS NEED TO BE REGISTERED TOPS MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS – AND ANY – TOPS EVENT. www.darienct.gov/yc *BIKING/WALKING TO/FROM TOPS EVENTS IS NOT PERMITTED.* Carpooling with your friends is much more fun anyway!

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