



OCTOBER



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

NOW THAT WE'RE INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, I WANTED TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME YOU TO FALL! WE HAVE MANY NEW EVENTS COMING UP THIS YEAR SINCE WE ARE "BACK TO NORMAL". PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGES, ETC. FOR UPDATES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING. THIS IS ALREADY A FABULOUS SCHOOL YEAR AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE GROWTH IN ALL OF OUR SCHOLARS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE MR. EVENSON STEPPING UP AS THE DEAN OF STUDENTS. HE WILL BE ASSISTING ME WITH A VARIETY OF THINGS RELATED TO BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS, AS WELL AS ATTENDANCE. HE IS MY RIGHT HAND MAN! IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH ME OR MR. EVENSON, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO DO SO. MRS. BURCK IS OUR AMAZING COUNSELOR WHO IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF SUPPORT. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD!



Principal Dahl

EVENTS

10/17 picture retakes

10/18 Goodies with Grownups 7:00-7:45am

10/20 Skyward signups for Conferences

10/31 Tiger Pride Day (GLOW Party)

11/1 Giving Tree begins (stay tuned for info.)

11/2 End of 1st Quarter

11/6 Daylight Savings ("fall back 1 hour")

11/7 Assembly: DEPENDABLE

11/8-10 Early Release 12:10pm (conferences)

11/8 Family Collaboration w/ Principal Dahl

11/8 Election Day (time to vote!)

11/10 Assembly: Veteran's Day @ EHS

11/11 Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)

11/14-18 American Education Week and IDEA Project workshops

11/15 Goodies with Grownups 7:00-7:45am

11/23 Early Release 12:10pm

11/24-25 Thanksgiving Break

11/28 PTO Meeting 6:30pm



Monthly Character Trait



I can be DEPENDABLE by ...

- Showing that I am responsible
- Being consistent
- Helping others
- Doing what is expected of me
- Being there for others
- Being trustworthy
- Remembering my promises
- Following through on what I say
- Being on time
- Being reliable

School starts at 9:05am Monday and 8:05am Tuesday through Friday. DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF BEFORE 8:30am Monday and 7:30am Tuesday through Friday. If your child eats breakfast at school and you drop them off or they walk, please be sure they come before the start time, in order to have enough time to eat. Those that ride the bus will eat upon arrival.





GLOW

On October 31st, Grant will have their first quarterly Tiger Pride Day. Students will participate in a GLOW in the DARK party. They will get to use their already earned Tiger Tickets to purchase more glow in the dark SWAG.

This is a time we reward our scholars who have NO OFFICE REFERRALS. Those that do have a referral will not be "punished" a second time, rather they will have the opportunity to receive some instruction around social emotional learning and behavior support.

WEATHER



It's the time of year to start thinking about changing weather. Starting November 1st we would like all students to come in pants and closed toed shoes with socks! It's going to get cold quickly, so please send them with a warm coat as well. If you need assistance with this, contact Mrs. Burck, our school counselor.

Construction Update



You may recall that the last bond vote approved funding to remodel Grant Elementary. Last week we opened bids from contractors hoping to approve the project. What we found is that at current pricing, we are unable to afford the project. Bids were submitted at nearly 40% more than what we have budgeted. At this time, we cannot, in good conscience or as good stewards of taxpayer money, accept this project. Grant Elementary construction will be delayed.

Our plan, moving forward, is to bid Grant Elementary, the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and Beezley Springs renovations in the summer of 2023. Although construction will be delayed, our community will benefit as this delay allows Columbia Ridge and Ephrata Middle School gymnasium to finish, significantly reducing the impact to gym space that would have occurred if Grant Elementary, the PAC gym, Columbia Ridge and EMS gym were all unavailable at the same time.

We are unbelievably saddened that we are not able to proceed with construction as planned. We remain true to our promise to deliver a new/remodeled and improved Grant Elementary. Any strategy to trim the project down 40% would create a project that is not equitable, and/or will not meet the standards set for an elementary school in Ephrata. We will deliver an improved Grant Elementary when we are financially able to do so - we are hoping for the summer of 2023.

Tim Payne
Superintendent, Ephrata School District

