

OCTOBER 2019



Thank you to all parents who filled out the reading survey that was sent out at the beginning of September. There were 118 respondents. This information represents about 37% of our students.

This survey gave us some great information and suggestions. Results were presented at our October PTA meeting.

As a result we will:

1. Report out the findings of the survey - PTA October and Highland Highlights.
2. Add reading tips to each newsletter (Who saw it last month? We gave away 2 new books to the student raffle winners.)
3. Continue LOL and look at other possible reading events (currently there is a kindergarten parent/child book group provided by a grant that our Title tutor is running.)
4. Continue to hand out birthday books - Every child gets a new book on his/her birthday.
5. Work with our new curriculum materials to introduce many genres of literature to students, student choice, encourage independent reading, helping students at their level and providing ideas of books they might enjoy.
6. Explore ways to help introduce students to new book options.

## Halloween Costume Guidelines

When sending in your child's costume, we ask the following:

- **No blood and gore**
- **No weapons · No masks** – Too dangerous as we go up and down steps!
- **Students will not be permitted to change in the restroom** – The costume should be able to be changed into in the classroom.
- **Do not send your child to school in full make-up or dyed/sprayed hair** as this is very distracting to learning prior to the party.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY NEWS:



This year the Halloween Parade and Party will take place on October 25th.

Our parade will begin at 2:35pm and will take place on our blacktop playground area. If you wish to come to the parade, please arrive by 2:25 and find a spot to sit or stand around the perimeter of the blacktop. You may wish to bring a lawn chair. After the parade, our students will re-enter the building for the class party. In case of rain, the parade will be in the gym. Onlookers are asked to vacate the property immediately following the parade.

**PLEASE NOTE** - As a district, we allow five fingerprinted adults in the classroom party. The room parents have notified you if you are one of the five. If you were not chosen for this party, know that we have an additional opportunity to help at a party in February. If you are coming to set up for the Halloween party, you may arrive and sign in with the PTA at 2:20pm. If you arrive before 2:20pm, you will wait in the library. We will dismiss the volunteers to the classrooms at 2:20pm.

## **Reading Tip:**

### **Ideas to help your child find a good fit book**

#### **Five Finger Rule:**

1. Choose a book that you think you will enjoy.
2. Read the second page.
3. Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of, or do not know.
4. If there are five or more words you do not know, you should choose an easier book.

#### **Quick Read:**

Read two or three pages and ask yourself these questions:

- Do I understand what I am reading?
- Do I know almost every word?
- When I read it aloud, can I read it smoothly?
- Do I think the topic will interest me?

If most of the answers are “yes”, this will be an easy book to read independently.

Rogers, K. (2008). *Selecting Books for Your Child: Finding 'Just Right' Books*. Retrieved November 7, 2008, from [www.readingtogether.org](http://www.readingtogether.org).

***If your child can tell his/her teacher a way to find a good fit book,  
s/he will be entered in a drawing for a new book!***

## **Morning Drop-off**

Please note that if you bring your child to school in the morning, you should supervise your child until the doors open at 8:55. We do not have supervision outside prior to that time.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Remember that on October 18, the students are dismissed early from school. The end of the school day will be 1:35 pm. All buses will arrive at your stop 2 hours earlier than usual. Walkers and parent pickups will be dismissed at 1:35 pm.

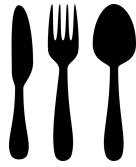


Picture Day is  
10/08/2019!  
Order online at:

[inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/41781WF](http://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/41781WF)

### **Emails to Mrs. Drabinski in the Office:**

If you email Mrs. Drabinski about changes in dismissal please look for her reply within one hour. If you do not see a reply, you must contact the office at 330-689-5330. There are times when Mrs. Drabinski is out of the office and unable to respond. Thank you.



### **LUNCH PACKERS**

If you bring your own lunch to school, please remember to bring your own napkins and utensils to use. The cafeteria supply of these items are for lunch buyers only.

## **Treats and Party Items**

We are requesting that treats that come in for parties or for birthday celebrations be pre-packaged/store bought. This allows us to see ingredients to help with the many food allergies that are present in our building. Thank you!

### **News from the Kitchen:**

We would like to welcome Mr. Dave Dragus who will be our new kitchen manager starting Monday, October 7.

If you need to get in touch with him please do so by either calling the school or emailing him at [st\\_ddragus@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_ddragus@smfcsd.org)



## **Morning reminders...**

- Instruction starts at **9:05**. All students should be in their classroom by that time.
- Graham crossing guards are there until 9:00 so if you cross Graham please be at the crosswalk by 9:00 at the latest. Know the building opens at 8:50 and your child can come in at that time.



## **END OF QUARTER 1**

As the end of our first quarter

approaches, we want to remind you about conferences. Parent/teacher conferences are taking place on Oct. 22 and 30 between 3:55pm - 8:55pm. If you have not already scheduled one with your teacher, please do so.

If you wish to meet with one of our specialists, please contact him/her directly as each sets his/her own appointments. Their contact information is as follows:

PE Mr. Buckwalter  
[st\\_tuckwalter@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_tuckwalter@smfcsd.org)

Music Mrs. Engle  
[st\\_engle@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_engle@smfcsd.org)

Speech Mrs. Currier  
[st\\_rcurrier@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_rcurrier@smfcsd.org)

Miss McDonough  
[st\\_mmcdonough@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_mmcdonough@smfcsd.org)

Guidance Mrs. Chapman  
[st\\_kchapman@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_kchapman@smfcsd.org)

Psychologist Miss Fooce  
[st\\_sfooce@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_sfooce@smfcsd.org)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2019

- 4 Gr. 3 F.T. - Heritage House
- 8 Picture Day
- 9 Marco's Pizza Night  
Gr. 3 Field Trip to City Hall - 1-2pm
- 11 **NEOEA Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 17 Gr. 1 to Beckwith Orchard  
Gr. 3 & 4 Concert - 9:30-10:30am
- 18 End of First Quarter  
**Early Release Day - Two Hours Early**  
Qtr. 1 PAWS Activity
- 21 BOE Meeting @ Echo Hills - 7:00pm  
3rd Grade AIR ELA part 1
- 22 Parent Teacher Conferences -  
3:55pm-8:55pm  
3rd Grade AIR ELA part 2
- 25 Gr. 2 to Briarwood - 9:45am  
Halloween Party - 2:15pm
- 28 Fire Safety Week
- 30 Parent Teacher Conferences -  
3:55pm-8:55pm

## NOVEMBER 2019

- 3 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 5 **No School for Students - Professional Development Day**
- 7 PTA Meeting - 7:00pm
- 12 Picture Retake Day
- 13 Marco's Pizza Night
- 18 BOE Meeting @ Riverview - 7:00pm
- 27 **NO SCHOOL - CONFERENCE DAY**
- 28-29 **NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**



In an effort to help families know what Encores (AKA - specials) the children have, here is a calendar that should let you know what rotation day it is.

### October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 F	2 A	3 B	4 C
7 D	8 E	9 F	10 A	
14 B	15 C	16 D	17 E	18 F
21 A	22 B	23 C	24 D	25 E
28 F	29 A	30 B	31 C	

### November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 D
4 E	5 NO SCHOOL	6 F	7 A	8 B
11 C	12 D	13 E	14 F	15 A
18 B	19 C	20 D	21 E	22 F
25 A	26 B	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL

