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# PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY

## FALL IS HERE!

### Update from the principal:

October is a very busy month at Park Ave with lots of exciting things happening, as you can see from our Upcoming Dates list off to the left. Our September Students of the Month were recognized at Powwow and given certificates, and will get to celebrate with a pizza lunch.

This month we will begin our monthly classroom attendance challenges. Each month, the classroom from each grade level with the best attendance will earn a class party! Please help your child's class win this prize by making sure they attend school every day!

Last school year, work was started to transition the building from a typical report card with grades, to a standards based report card. The intent for making the switch beginning this year, is to make sure we are documenting and accurately reporting a child's progress on their progress towards meeting the actual standards. The traditional grading system does not take into account the child's progress toward the end goal, but instead averages all the attempts each quarter. With the standards based grading system, at the end of each quarter the teachers will report on the individual standards and how your child is doing with those standards with a letter to indicate:

- L- Limited Understanding of the standard
- P- Progressing towards the standard
- M- Meeting the standard
- E- Exceeding the standard (able to perform above grade level content)

This will give you, the parents, a much more accurate picture of how your child is performing at school, with specific feedback on each standard, instead of an overall average of all assignments in that subject area. A sample copy of the grade card is coming home with this newsletter. Also, Kara and I will be hosting a 'Coffee with the Counselor and Principal' on November 6th from 8:30-9:00am in the Library to go over Standards Based Grading and answer any questions. We hope you will join us!

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns,

Ally Schleichert

### UPCOMING DATES:

- 10/9- PTO MEETING (6:30PM)
- 10/11- FIRE SAFETY DEMO (PK, 1ST, 3RD, 5TH)
- 10/19- PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL-STUDENT OF THE MONTH LUNCHEON
- 10/20- 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE PD
- 10/20- PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- 10/24-10/25- 3RD GRADE OST READING
- 10/23-10/27- 2ND/5TH COGAT TESTING



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER: MRS. KARA STRINE

This month we are talking about **Responsibility**. One way to define Responsibility is “taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.” Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others. Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**. Across grade levels students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

**Family Challenge:** Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices. Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it's washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!



## MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT OVERVIEW: **RESPONSIBILITY**

# SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RESPECT

Emmalynn Sherbourne  
Jack Beekman  
Kenna Hazen  
Carson Funk  
Emry Campbell  
Maggie Hornback

Adalynn Pence  
Finn Everson  
Ronni Ruffner  
Leah Bowens  
Matthew Floro  
Cooper Williams

Kodi Keenan  
Sophia Bowens  
Trey Hershner  
Brenden Collins  
Lora Lewis-Reynolds  
Morgan Hirt

Sydnei Cothern  
Luke Rausch  
Layla Nobles  
Hudson Martin  
Ethan Hanshaw  
Daniel Wilford

**Reward:**  
  
**Pizza with  
the Principal**  
  
**October 19**



**Reminders:**  
**Tardy Bell: 7:50am**  
**Dismissal: 2:30pm**

The front loop of the building is a FIRE LANE. This cannot be blocked for extended periods of time. If you are parking there prior to 7:25am, or 2:20pm we will ask you to move.

