

B L U E H A W K N E W S

Parent Teacher Conferences

First quarter ends tomorrow, October 25th. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th and Thursday, November 7th. We believe communication between school and home is one of the most valuable tools in education. Our goal is 100% attendance at conferences. Watch for conference planning slips **coming home today**. Please indicate which of those evenings works best for you and return it to school by **Monday, October 28th**. Scheduled conference times will be sent home with students on Thursday, October 31st.

School Pictures

We are eagerly awaiting school pictures. We are hopeful that they will arrive here in time to be given out during Parent Teacher Conferences. Picture retakes have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th.

HARVEST PARTIES

Our classroom Harvest Parties will be held, in the afternoon, on Thursday, October 31st. Students may wear costumes to school that day, with the following guidelines:

- ⇒ The costume must not hamper student learning
- ⇒ No masks. Student's faces must be fully visible.
- ⇒ No blood or gore. Costumes must be school appropriate
- ⇒ No costumes that could be traumatizing to younger students.

Watch for information from your student's teacher regarding classroom treats, party materials, and parent helpers.

PTO Needs YOU

The first PTO meeting of the year was held yesterday. A few plans were outlined for the year. They will hold Popcorn Friday's the second Friday of each month. They are seeking sponsors again this year. A sponsorship of just \$50 per Friday, ensures that all students enjoy free popcorn that day. If you would like to sponsor a Popcorn Friday, let them know. Plans are also in the works for Santa Secret Shop, as well as the much anticipated Mega Bucks Campaign. Watch for more information about these events, or better yet, plan to attend their next meeting which has been set for **Wednesday, November 20th at 4:30PM**.

Punt, Pass, & Kick

The annual Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition will be held **Sunday, October 27th at the High School Football Field (Previs Field) beginning at 1:00PM**. This competition is an opportunity for boys and girls to compete individually against their peers in football skills. Every competitor must register online at www.ppkusa.com. Registration is free. The ten competing divisions are 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15 for both boys and girls with ages determined as of 11:59 p.m. local time on December 31, 2024. More information can be found on our website, by clicking on any calendar. Questions? Please contact Jake Mickelson, the local host, at jake_mickelson@yahoo.com.

Important Happenings

- 10/21-10/25 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24 Cap It (drugs)! - wear a hat
- 10/24 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/25 Red Ribbon Day - wear red
- 10/25 Book Character Pumpkins due**
- 10/25 Lion's Vision Screening permission forms due
- 10/25 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 10/25 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/26 Community Fun Run—10:30AM—Power Park
- 10/26 SCHD Free Movie - 5:30PM - Baptist Church
- 10/27 Punt, Pass, & Kick - 1:00PM - HS Football Field
- 10/28 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/29 Lion's Vision Screenings conducted
- 10/30 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/30 JH/HS Fall Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
- 10/31 Classroom Harvest Parties in afternoon
- 10/31 NO REACH
- 11/1 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Development Day**
- 11/3 Daylight Savings Time ends - fall back 1 hour
- 11/4-11/8 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/4 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/5 Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment
- 11/6 NHS Blood Drive
- 11/6 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/7 Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment
- 11/7 No REACH
- 11/8 Popcorn Friday - sponsor needed
- 11/8 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/10 Elk's District Hoop Shoot
- 11/11 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/14 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/20 Picture Retakes by Legacy

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Tired of Repeating Yourself?

“That boy is going to be the death of me. He never listens. I tell him and I tell him, but do you think he cares what I say? No, not in the least! I don’t know how he is going to learn if he never listens.”

We’ve all heard a parent who talks like this and, like us, you might think to yourself, “Now we know the problem—too many words.”

How old were you when you learned to shut out your parents’ lectures? Lectures didn’t work for our parents, and they will seldom work for us. They don’t even bring out the best in our spouses.

The best rule of thumb is:

- Keep it short.
- Keep it polite.
- Make it a question.

Here is an example of how you might start a conversation with your kids. “I noticed that you were being a bit snippy with your friends when we were in the car. Do you ever worry about losing their friendship because of that?”

It’s possible you might get a snippy answer like, “No, besides it’s none of your business.”

Instead of lecturing, stick with your polite questions, delivered calmly and with empathy. “Oh, that might be true, but if not, do you have a plan? Good luck.”

Polite questions get kids thinking. Lecturing shuts the door to listening.

It can be a supreme challenge to avoid lectures and too many words when your kids are pushing your buttons. Find practical tips to help you stay calm and build stronger connections with your kids, even in tough moments, in our audio [“Keeping Cool When Parenting Heats Up”](#).

Each week we will share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.

Contact our school counselor, Ms. Taylour Freed, for more info.