

Penguin Post

Dear Open Classroom Families,

We have had a successful first quarter! Report cards will be coming home on Friday. We greatly appreciate the efforts families are making to get their kids here to school. The only reason kids should stay home sick is if they have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Learning starts to be impacted when a child misses more than 2 days a month.

Optional Flu Shot Clinic:

We will be having our optional flu shot clinic this Friday. Permission forms are due today (Wednesday the 30th), so please stop by the office and drop them off or get a new copy if needed.

What is Día de los Muertos?

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. Unlike Halloween, it is not a day of mourning, but a joyful celebration of life and death. Families honor their deceased loved ones by building ofrendas (traditional altar) at home or in public spaces, decorating them with photos, candles, and offerings such as flowers (usually marigolds), food, drinks, and personal mementos. It's a time to share memories and connect with the legacy of those who came before us.

How You Can Participate:

Bring a personal item (e.g., a photo 8X10 or smaller, favorite snack, or something that reminds you of your loved one).

1. Feel free to share stories with others if you'd like, as this is an opportunity to celebrate together as a community.
2. The ofrenda is set up now until the end of this week. Please note your name on the item to make sure it's returned back to you.

Tomorrow (Oct. 31st), Open Classroom will be celebrating Halloween. The costume parade will start close to 9:00 in the building and culminate on the playground. You are invited to line up on the playground to watch the kids parade around (no parents in the halls). Kids may wear costumes all day, masks during the parade ONLY, and there are no weapons of any kind (fantasy, cloth, obviously fake) allowed. After the parade, the kids will return to class for classroom activities. The Fundraising Committee will have a coffee and merch sale set-up for parents on the playground. They will be out there from about 8:30-9:30. Help support our school and keep warm and awake while watching the costume parade! Per district rules, we can only accept cards, no cash. 🍷

Upcoming Events:

- October 31 - Halloween - Early Out Day – 1:30
- November 15 – Early Out Day 1:30
- November 26 – Early Out Day- 1:30
- December 6 – Frost Fest
- December 13 – Uppers Play – Evening performance 6:30
- December 20 – Solstice, blanket giveaway, Early Out Day 1:30

- December 23 – January 3 – Winter Break

Should you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, I am available to assist you. You can reach me through our main office phone number or via email. I also encourage you to regularly check our school website and Facebook for important updates and announcements. I hope you all have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Craig Pitts