



Cherry Avenue Buzz

Principal's Message

Dear Cherry Avenue Families:

Thank you, CA PTA, for organizing Red Ribbon Week, where we focused on making healthy, drug-free choices and standing strong against bullying, too. Our UPK students enjoyed going outside to the “pumpkin patch” and all other students were happy to receive a pumpkin from the PTA.

Halloween was a fun-filled day for all and we loved seeing our kindergarten students take part in the annual Halloween Parade. Thank you, Ms. Woerner, for working with our students on the musical pieces. We also appreciate the PTA hosting Trunk or Treat.

School will be closed for students on Election Day, November 5 and closed for all on Veterans Day, November 11.

In observance of Veterans Day, we will dress up in red, white, and blue on November 8. We are also holding a Veterans Day Breakfast that day for our military families to show how grateful we are for them and for their service to our country. Thank you, Ms. Teufel, for all your hard work in planning and running this heartfelt event. A special thank you to Ms. Lauren Daquet and the BOCES Culinary Department for catering the delicious spread of food and for serving our guests! Ms. Woerner, thank you for assisting with music, adding a special touch to the ceremony.

During the week of November 18, we will hold activities in class to celebrate multicultural week. The evening event will take place on Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Monday, November 18:** Students will create a passport in class. If you attend the evening event, please have your child(ren) bring it to get stamped at each table.
- ◆ **Tuesday, November 19:** Flags/Maps
Students will create their own flags in class using symbols that are important/special to them. They may also bring in a flag representing their culture.
- ◆ **Wednesday, November 20:** Bring in an artifact/object that represents your culture/heritage.
- ◆ **Thursday, November 21:** Submit your favorite multicultural recipe. We will create an online recipe database/book to distribute to each classroom.
- ◆ **Friday, November 22:** Cultural Fashion Show
Wear a shirt, colors or outfit representing your culture/heritage.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We wish you and your families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and extended holiday weekend.

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Dates to Remember in November

Election Day—school closed for students	5
Brunch for Veterans @ 9:00 a.m.	8
Wear red, white, and blue in observance of Veterans Day	8
Veterans Day—school closed	11
PTA meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	13
Family Connect Night	14
Week of November 18-Multicultural Week	
BoE Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.—D.O.	21
Thanksgiving Recess—school closed	28 & 29
P/T conferences—11:10 a.m. dismissal, evening P/T @ 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	12/5
11:10 a.m. dismissal for P/T conferences	12/6 & 12/11

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In planning ahead, please remember that we will hold 11:10 a.m. dismissal on Thursday, December 5, Friday, December 6, and Wednesday, December 11 to allow for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Evening conferences are scheduled on December 5.

I have included two articles below from *Parents make the difference!*[®] pertaining to the importance of reading to your child(ren) and teaching and practicing listening skills (November 2024 edition).

Demonstrate the Importance of Reading to Your Child

People read for many reasons, from gaining information to enjoying a great story. Show your child how important reading is in everyday life. You can:

- Explain to your child how you read for information. Say, “I’m trying to figure out how to use a new computer program for work. This article explains how it works.”
- Read for a purpose. Do you take the bus in the morning? Show your child how you read the bus schedule to decide when to leave the house. Are you looking for a new recipe for dinner? Demonstrate how you search online or through cookbooks.
- Read for pleasure. Let your child see you reading just to relax. Mention that reading isn’t just for school or work.
- Share something you’re reading. If you see an interesting news article, read some of it aloud. Print or cut out an article you think your child will enjoy and pass it along. Your child will see that reading is something that is fun to share.
- Take your child with you when you go to the library. Show how rewarding it can be to browse titles and discover a great book.
- Bring something to read with you everywhere you go. Your child will see that reading is a constructive way to pass the time.

Are You Teaching and Practicing Listening Skills?

The most important part of communication isn’t talking—it’s listening. And listening skills are crucial for students’ success in school. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are showing your child how to become a good listener:

1. Do you try to give your undivided attention when your child is talking? If you’re busy, tell your child when you can listen attentively, and then do so.
2. Are you patient when you listen? Sometimes, it may take a while for kids to actually say what they want to say.
3. Do you avoid interrupting your child? Ask your child not to interrupt you, either.
4. Do you “listen” to your child’s behavior? A child who is acting up is communicating a need.
5. Do you avoid chiming in with the “right” answer? Instead, listen as your child thinks through what to do. How well are you doing? Mostly yes answers mean you’re teaching your child how to listen. For each no answer, try that idea.

CA Staff Shout-Outs

Ms. Colleen Rose has worked in the Food and Nutrition Department at Cherry Avenue for the past 31 years, with the past 20 working as lead cook. She will be retiring in December. Ms. Rose looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and traveling, as well as enjoying her hobbies, which include treasure hunting and metal detecting. We wish Ms. Rose a happy and healthy retirement and we thank her for 31 years of service.



As always, please reach out if we can provide assistance.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ihne, Ed.D.
Principal