



Cherry Avenue Buzz

Principal's Message

October 2025

Dear Cherry Avenue Families:

Thank you, CA PTA, for the generous welcome back staff breakfast, ices for students to enjoy during the end of the first week, and for arranging and overseeing picture day. We are so excited to attend the PTA Fall Festival on Friday, October 17, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please stop by for some fall fun and support our PTA and Cherry Avenue. PTA Red Ribbon Week is taking place during the week of October 20. During this yearly national campaign, we celebrate making healthy, drug-free choices. Here is the list of events, where we can have fun while showing our school spirit:

Mon., October 20:	Neon Day: wear bright colors to shine bright against drugs and bullying
Tues., October 21:	United We Stand: wear red for a school-wide photo and to stand united against drugs and bullying
Wed., October 22:	Mix-Match Day: wear mix-matched clothes so you don't get mixed up with drugs and bullies
Thurs., October 23:	Team Spirit Day: wear your favorite team jersey to team up against drugs and bullying
Fri., October 24:	Hawaiian Day: wear Hawaiian clothes to lei (lay) off drugs and bullying

The fifth-annual Color Run was a huge, fun success. We had a beautiful day weather wise. Thank you to Ms. Makris and her team for bringing our community together once again!

October is Fire Prevention Month. Thank you, West Sayville Fire Department, for accommodating our kinder students on an upcoming field trip to the fire house and for providing assemblies for UPK and first- through fifth-grade students, taking place this month.

As Halloween approaches, all students may dress up (no masks/accessories) in costume on Friday, October 31. The kindergarten parade, a tradition here at Cherry Avenue, will take place at 9:30 a.m. Families are invited to join us outside in the front loop to enjoy the performance. UPK will hold their event at 1:45 p.m. More information to follow for those families.

Important Dates

Thursday, October 2:	Yom Kippur-schools closed
Friday, October 3:	PTA Walk/Bike to School Day
Tuesday, October 7 & Wednesday, October 8:	PTA Fall Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, October 8:	Family Connect Night
Monday, October 13:	Columbus Day—schools closed
Friday, October 17:	PTA Fall Festival @ 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Week of October 20:	PTA Red Ribbon Week
Weeks of October 20 & 27:	3rd-Grade InView/Terra Nova Assessments
Friday, October 31:	Halloween: students may wear costumes (no masks/accessories)
Tuesday, November 4:	Election Day—schools closed for students
Friday, November 7:	Veterans Day Brunch (invitations will go out soon)
	All are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue

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I have included an article from the October 2025 edition of *Parents make the difference!* pertaining to positive learning and respectful behavior.

Positive Learning Environments Begin with Respectful Behavior

Each student plays a part in creating a classroom where everyone feels safe and ready to learn. Respectful behavior helps make school a place where all students can succeed. Encourage your child to:

- Address the teacher by name. Encourage your child to smile, look the teacher in the eye and say, “Good morning, Mrs. Jones.”
- Be courteous. Your child should say please, thank you and excuse me to teachers and classmates.
- Do what’s expected. When teachers plan lessons, students can learn and grow. And when students do their part—like completing assignments and listening carefully—they help create a classroom where everyone can learn together.
- Wait to be called on. When students raise their hands, they demonstrate self-control and respect for others.
- Participate in class discussions on a regular basis.
- Accept feedback from the teacher. Teachers sometimes point out mistakes and areas where students can improve. Your child will be more successful in school by learning to accept constructive feedback in a positive way.

CA Staff Shout-Out

Welcome to our new school nurse, Ms. Avery Jayne, a graduate with an Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing from UNE in Portland, ME and a previous Bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech (Go Hokies). Ms. Jayne returned home to Long Island to begin her nursing career in a hospital setting with experience in Med-Surg nursing. She is a proud second generation school nurse, and worked in an elementary setting for three years prior to her new home at Cherry Avenue. Ms. Jayne enjoys spending time with her little boys. An avid gardener, Ms. Jayne’s favorite flowers are Irises that started out as bulbs transplanted from her great-grandmother’s garden in Colorado. She is honored to be a part of the Cherry Avenue family!



For those of our families who observe Yom Kippur, may you have a meaningful, easy fast.

We look forward to a positive, healthy, fun, and enriching school year! Please feel free to reach out if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ihne, Ed.D.

Principal

