

October 29, 2025

Hello Cumberland Community,

Welcome to the Cumberland Connection, our school newsletter where we share information and updates with our community.

Halloween Parade

Friday, October 31 we will be hosting our annual Halloween Parade. Students will parade through the school to allow student viewing of all the costumes as well as across the blacktop for family viewing. Once again we will have a family viewing area marked off on the blacktop. Please remember to stay behind the markers.

Students who dress up should wear appropriate costumes that do not include blood, weapons or anything overly scary.

If you have a student who will not be participating please inform the classroom teacher. We will have the students go to the library to do games, drawing or other quiet activities.

ELAC

Are you the parent of a multilingual student? If so, we warmly invite you to our upcoming English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th, at 8:15 a.m. here at Cumberland Elementary. This is a wonderful opportunity for families of multilingual students to share their insights and help us enhance our support for English language learners.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support our students' success!

Phones and Smart Watches

To help students stay focused, phones and smart watches that can call or text may not be used during school hours. Phones should be turned off and kept in backpacks, and parents are asked to ensure call and message features on watches are disabled during the day. We've noticed some students using Apple Watches to contact home, which is not allowed. All communication during school hours should go through the office. Thank you for helping us keep classrooms distraction-free.

Wellness Policy

Birthdays will be acknowledged in the classroom, but our [District Wellness Policy](#) does not permit sweet treats for birthdays. Please save birthday treats for at-home celebrations or a birthday party.

- Consider donating a book to the classroom or providing a non-edible item.
- Birthday treats that arrive at school will be sent home, instead of being distributed.

Join Our Noon Aide Team!

We're recruiting Noon Aides for this school year! If you enjoy supporting students during lunch and playtime and can make a Monday–Friday commitment, we'd love to have you join our team.

- Schedule: 2 hours per day, 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
- Positions available: Regular 5-day positions and substitute openings

Noon Aides help supervise students while they eat and play, creating a safe, positive, and fun lunchtime environment. It's a great way to contribute to and support the Cumberland community—and to work with an awesome Noon Aide team!

If you're interested in becoming a full-time or substitute Noon Aide, please contact Dr. Mack at kelly.mack@sesd.org for an application. We would love to have you join us. 🐾