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SHARK BITES

OCTOBER 2026

WHERE EVERY STUDENT EXCELS

Mrs. Terry's October Message:

Greetings, Schoeffner Shark Families,

Happy October! Our students are growing, learning, and making new memories, and we have many opportunities to come together this month.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 22–23. Students will be dismissed at **11:55 a.m. on both days**. Conferences are an opportunity to celebrate your child's strengths and discuss their next steps. Scheduling details will be sent home soon; please respond promptly to arrange a convenient time.

Our **Quarter 1 award ceremonies** will take place on October 22 for fourth grade at 9:00 a.m. and third grade at 10:15 a.m. Fifth grade will be recognized on October 23 at 9:00 a.m. Invitations will be sent home to families of students receiving awards.

Students enjoyed our first round of interest clubs, exploring arts and crafts, games, puzzles, acts of kindness, chess, Lego building, and more. Thank you to **Valero St. Charles Refinery** for supporting our clubs and for sponsoring our **Fun with Finley & Friends** event. We are grateful for the opportunities they have helped provide for our students and families. Thank you also to **Bayou Electrical** for donating Alligator Festival ride vouchers for our Top 10 Student of the Year candidates!

Passion First is our October Mindset focus. Students will explore their gifts, interests, values, and dreams as they discover what matters most to them. We will encourage them to try new things, pursue what they enjoy, and keep going when something feels challenging. When students recognize their strengths and put their hearts into what they do, they can make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others.

We will celebrate **Red Ribbon Week, October 26–30**, with themed dress days and activities centered on making healthy, drug-free choices. This year's theme is *"Make A Difference. Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free.™"* Please check the flyer for dress day details and information about the Commercial Contest.

Our PTO will host **Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30**, for ESE and NSE students. Watch for a PTO flyer with details about participating or donating candy. Students may also wear a costume to school on **Friday, October 30**. Costumes must allow students to sit comfortably and safely at their desks and on the bus.

Thank you for helping make Schoeffner a place where every Shark feels valued, connected, and ready to grow. I look forward to seeing you at this month's events!



RED RIBBON WEEK 2026 "Make A Difference. Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free.™"

Monday, October 26th

Dress down: "Heroes Wear Red." Students may wear a red shirt with uniform pants to kick off Red Ribbon Week.

Tuesday, October 27th

Dress down: "Let Your Strengths Shine" - Students may wear a bright colored shirt with uniform bottoms.

Wednesday, October 28th

Dress down: "Follow your Dreams, Don't do Drugs" - Students may wear pajamas (Shoulders must be covered and bottoms must be school appropriate length. No onesies allowed.) Students may not wear slippers to school.

Thursday, October 29th

Dress down: Dress as a superhero or an everyday hero who inspires you. Heroes make healthy choices and help others! Please leave masks, props, and toy accessories at home.

Friday, October 30th

Dress down: "ESE Students Say "BOO" to Drugs" - Students may wear a Halloween shirt or costume to school. The teacher will hold costume accessories if they become a distraction to the learning environment. No inflatable costumes, masks, or full-faced makeup are allowed. Shoulders and stomachs must be covered. Costume length shall be no shorter than two inches above the knee.