CHERRY AVENUE BUZZ



November 2026 Edition

Dear Cherry Avenue Families:

CA PTA, thank you, for a fun, team-building Red Ribbon Week. We also enjoyed the *Box Out Bullying* assembly!

We enjoyed celebrating Halloween a day early and watching our students roam the halls in costumes. Our kindergarten students were adorable during their parade and musical performances, under the direction of Mr. West, who worked hard preparing our kiddies for the musical numbers.

As the weather is changing, just a reminder that students may only wear hats and hoods while outdoors at recess and physical education. Students will enjoy outdoor recess, as long as conditions are dry and the wind chill (real feel temp) is at or above 15 degrees fahrenheit.

School will be closed for students on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 and closed for all on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. In observance of Veterans Day, we will dress up in red, white, and blue on Tuesday, November 10, when we are holding our Veterans Day Breakfast for our military families to show our gratitude. Thank you, in advance, Ms. Teufel, for your hard work, passion, and love in planning and holding this event. Words do not do it justice to explain how touched our veterans feel, thanks to Ms. Teufel's attention to detail. Mr. Mike Harpaul, from Food and Nutrition, continuously supports our activities with enthusiasm. 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. Mr. West will be assisting with music, adding a special touch to the ceremony. Thank you to the Shinsky family (Strathmore Bagels in Selden) for catering bagels and spreads and making the brunch an even greater hit! As always, thank you, CA PTA, for your time, generosity, and support in helping to ensure this event has all that it needs to make our honored guests feel loved, respected, and valued.

We are excited to celebrate Multicultural Week (week of November 16). Our evening festival is scheduled for Monday, November 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The following events will take place in class throughout the week:

- **Monday, November 16**: Students will decorate a passport in class. For those attending the night event, please bring the passport to be stamped at each table.
- **Tuesday, November 17:** Bring in an artifact/photo that represents your culture/heritage.
- **Wednesday, November 18:** Students will create their own flags using colors, symbols, and shapes that represent their heritage.
- **Thursday, November 19:** Identity Web: students will create a web illustrating what makes them unique, such as favorite food, language(s) spoken at home, celebrations, etc.
- **Friday, November 20:** Cultural Fashion Show: Wear a shirt, colors or outfit representing your culture/heritage.

Thank you, in advance, for making the holidays brighter for our families, whether it be through a Thanksgiving food donation or gift for the Giving Tree.

In planning ahead, please remember that we will hold 11:10 a.m. dismissal for **K-5** on Thursday, December 3, Friday, December 4 and Wednesday, December 9 to allow for Parent/Teacher Conferences. **K-5** Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences are schedule on Thursday, December 3. Our holiday Giving Tree will be available during conferences, too.

I have included an article from the November 2026 edition of Parents make the difference! pertaining to reading.

Help Your Elementary Schooler Discover the Joy of Reading

Strong reading skills make learning every school subject much easier. However, literacy experts agree that literacy skill-building is most effective when children want to read. If your child isn't interested, try these ways to spark that excitement:

- Listen to audiobooks or record your own. Your child can follow along with the physical book while listening.
- Follow current events that catch your child's interest. Read the latest updates together each night. It's a great way to show how reading connects your child to the world.

- Sign up for a pen pal. Kids love getting mail and reading about life in other countries. Ask your child's teacher or a librarian about how to find a pen pal program.
- Take a virtual field trip. Challenge your child to research a local attraction, like a museum, online. Your child can be your "tour guide" by sharing interesting facts from the museum's website.
- Give reading coupons. Use these as rewards for good behavior to show your child that reading is special. The coupons could be good for 30 minutes of shared reading time or a trip to pick out a new book.

Important November Dates

Tuesday, November 3: Election Day - school closed for students
Wednesday, November 4: PTA meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 5: BoE meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - District Office
Tuesday, November 10: Wear red, white, and blue, Veterans Brunch @ 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day - school closed
Thursday, November 12: BoE meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - SHS
Monday, November 16: Family Connect Night (no homework), Multicultural Festival @ 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - CA Cafe
Tuesday, November 17 - Thursday, November 19: 3rd-Grade CogAT Assessment (make-up window to follow)
Wednesday, November 18: Back-to Basics "Homework"
Friday, November 20: **UPK** '50th-Day Walk': dress in 50s attire
Tuesday, November 24: Turkey Trot @ 9:30 a.m. (for students only), feel free to dress in fall colors/Thanksgiving theme
Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27: Thanksgiving recess - school closed
Tuesday, December 1 & Wednesday, December 2: PTA Holiday Boutique
Thursday, December 3 & Friday, December 4: **K-5** 11:10 a.m. dismissal/P/T Conferences
Thursday, December 3: **K-5** Evening P/T Conferences
Wednesday, December 9: **K-5** 11:10 a.m. dismissal/P/T Conferences

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CA Staff Shout-Out

Welcome, Ms. Chesly Munar, our new Elementary World Languages Teacher (LACES). Originally from Medellín, Colombia, she loves sharing her passion for languages and cultures while making learning fun and engaging for her students. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Munar enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, as well as traveling, and camping.



Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy Thanksgiving...and a table filled with delicious food!

Please feel free to reach out if we can assist you in any way.

Warm regards,

Lisa Ihne, Ed.D.
Principal

