



The Honor Roll School Early Childhood Express October 2018



October 1, 2018

"I am a part of everything that I have read."- Theodore Roosevelt

Dear Parents,

What a difference 6 weeks makes! It is wonderful to walk down the hallway and see our children actively engaged in learning. Children learn best when it comes alive and the opportunity to explore and connect with their surroundings is all around them. Our focus for the next few weeks will be on Fall and Fall activities that capturing the essence of the season.

October Happenings:

Picture Day – October 15 is ECP Picture Day. All students must come to school in their formal uniform.

TK field trip to Dewberry Farm- Our TK students will visit Dewberry Farm for their first field trip on Oct. 23rd for TK 1 & 2 and Oct. 24th for TK 3 & 4. Our students will see a working farm, go on a hayride, find farm animals, visit the corn maze, pick pumpkins to bring back to school and eat a picnic lunch. Parents interested in going on the field trip can carpool together and make one payment at the gate. Please fill out the **permission slip and return by October 18.**

Pumpkin Decorating Contest- We look forward to our Pumpkin Decorating Contest each year, when pumpkins are transformed into creative works of art by our wonderful teachers and students. Our theme this year is, "My favorite book character". The contest will begin on October 24th and will be judged by our Elementary/Middle School Student Council members on October 30th.

Parent Teacher Conference -TK through 8th grade will be closed on October 19th for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Holiday care will be available, but do inform us if you need holiday care. Please sign up for your conference time on the sign-in sheet located on the classroom door. A phone conference can be arranged as well, if you are unable to meet the teacher that day.

Pre-K/Toddler Parent Teacher Conference – Our Pre-K and Toddler teachers will have their Parent/ Teacher conferences between November 1st – 16th.

Halloween Parade- The much- awaited Halloween Parade will be held on October 31st at 9:30 a.m. on the soccer field. Parents are welcome to join the fun and come dressed in their Halloween best as well. Please see our safety guidelines for our students. Clothing that can be a tripping hazard and accessories like toy guns, swords and masks are not permitted at school. After the parade, the children will change back into their regular clothes, so do send extra clothes for your child to change into.

Class parties on Oct. 31st - ECP classes will either have a breakfast or snack party on Halloween. If you are sending goody bags for students, please be mindful of the fact that we are a peanut free school and candy/goodies with peanuts are not allowed.

Recycling - We need recycled items like empty Kleenex boxes, empty paper towel rolls or small cardboard containers for our STEM projects, which will start soon in Pre-K and TK classes.

Principals conference in Las Vegas- I will be out of school attending our Principals Conference in Las Vegas from October 22nd- 26th.

Thank you for all of your continuous support.

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Early Childhood Principal



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you!

THANK YOU to these awesome parents who helped make our TK-3 bake sale a huge success: Afshan Vellani, Keri Etheredge, Anna Jones, Thomas Oliver, Aja Hamlin, Farrah Gandhi, Rjita Shah, Jamie Szeto, Zaibunnisa Momin and Nurin Sayani. And thank you to all other TK-3 parents who donated items or money for the bake sale! It was a giant success and we couldn't have done it without you!



October Dates To Remember



| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| October 5 | TK-4 Bake Sale |
| October 12 | Toddler 3 Bake Sale |
| October 15 | Picture Day—wear formal uniform |
| October 18-26 | Book Fair |
| October 19 | Parent Teacher Conference Day TK-8th No School for TK-8th- Holiday Care Available |
| October 23 | Field trip for TK-1 + TK-2 |
| October 24 | Field trip for TK-3 + TK-4 |
| October 26 | Toddler 2 Bake Sale |
| October 31 | Halloween Parade |

Halloween Rules

Most children look forward to Halloween and going trick or treating. However, sometimes the combination of costumes, masks, unsafe accessories and candy can pose a safety hazard. We would like our families to follow safe Halloween rules that we will also discuss in class. Please follow these safety tips to make Halloween an enjoyable time for your child and you.

Halloween Rules for School

Costumes should be comfortable and short enough to prevent tripping or entanglement.

Do not wear a mask.

Swords, daggers, guns and other weapons are not appropriate accessories to bring to school.

Wear tennis shoes, even if it does not match the outfit!

Walk, don't run.

Wait until you go home and your parents check your candy, before you eat it.

Halloween Rules for Going Trick or Treating

Visit only the houses where the lights are on.

Costumes should be comfortable, bright and reflective. It should be short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame. Plan on a costume that is of flame retardant material.

Carry a flashlight.

Do not touch animals you do not know.

Be sure to say thank you for your treats.

Do not wear a mask and only use non-toxic make-up.

Stay away from a lit jack-o-lantern or candles.

Stay safe and have fun!