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Principal Moment...

As mentioned in an earlier Principal Moment, our faculty will be absent several days this month for a variety of reasons. This Tuesday and next, I will be meeting with each teacher for 45 minutes to discuss needs and topics specific to each classroom. Part of our twice-annual Kid by Kid process, this provides invaluable insights as we talk about learning and behavioral needs, differentiation, and ways to align instructional resources and strategies.



Calendar

EVERY WEDNESDAY:
1:15 pm Dismissal,
Grades K-5

Month of October
Kinder dismissal
12:00 noon M,T,Th,F

Tuesday, October 13
3rd Grade Bike Rodeo
Don't forget equipment
including helmet!

Wednesday, October 14
Birthday book club
1:15 to 1:45 pm

Saturday, October 24
6:30 pm Addison Auction

As part of our implementation of Everyday Mathematics, the District has arranged for teachers at every grade level to be released for a full day of collaboration, planning and discussion. This professional development is a remarkable gift of time, and is of critical importance as we continue to tweak our instruction to fit the needs of our students, and as a means to deepening our own practice of mathematics. Over the next two weeks each grade level will be participating in this professional collaboration.

This week we also have eight teachers attending the Nueva Gifted Conference held in Hillsborough at Nueva School. With a slate of national and internationally recognized speakers in the field of gifted education, this is a tremendous learning opportunity in our own backyard. Able to attend as a result of PTA support, thank you from all of us, and in advance, for supporting our growth. By doing so we can better challenge and support your children in their own learning.

Two other events of notable interest fill our calendar this

Lucie Stern Community Center

Tuesday, October 27

No Homework Night

Friday, October 30

Halloween Breakfast & Parade

7:45 am to 9:15 am

Thursday, November 5

PTA Meeting, Library

7-9:00 pm

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day

-NO SCHOOL-

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week. Tuesday is the third grade annual Bike Rodeo. The culmination of a unit about safe biking practices, this ties in beautifully with our Walk and Roll to School focus. Despite our ever-increasing population, you've done a great job of creating a safer biking and pedestrian environment for our children than in past years. Thank you....let's keep up the great work, knowing that this necessitates a community focus year-long. Along with that, please remember that the parking lot off of Webster is for staff parking only. We simply do not have enough space in the school lot for parents and teachers. Thank you.

As you know, Wednesdays are an early dismissal day. More than any other year, children are being brought to the office to await pick-up as parents or caregivers have either forgotten, were running late due to other appointments or just didn't plan appropriate to arrive at school on time.

While I understand that the occasional glitch can occur in one's daily schedule, please know how disconcerting this is to children brought to the office. Additionally, it's important to state that neither the office or classroom teachers are default babysitting services. Should your schedule remains unpredictable, please make arrangements with a friendly neighbor, family member, or with AKC to ensure that your child is picked up on time, and provided the appropriate supervision. Thank you.

John R. Lents, Principal

PTA Co-President's Corner

Just coming off the heels of another successful Kepler's Book Fair, we thought it would be good to talk about books for a quick moment. Did you know that 100% of the books purchased new by the library are funded by the PTA? That's right \$10K is allocated to these very important resources, annually. A portion of the money raised from the Kepler's Book Fair goes directly to our Addison Library towards the purchase of new books.

The benefits from the Kepler's Book Fair are endless:

- * Promotes and encourages reading amongst our students
- * An exciting place to visit and 'bond' over books
- * A place for parents to find books to supplement individual teacher classroom libraries

- * A bookstore offering a mixture of quality and affordability
- * Fundraising that goes directly into the hands of our children

Reading is fun and it's great to peruse good books with friends, get recommendations from teachers and enjoy a good book everyday. Happy Reading.

Dara Knoblock and Jeanese Snyder
PTA Co-Presidents

Auction Update

Helloooooo Our Fine Parent Crew!

We are almost there, only 2 more weeks and the treasure will be all Addison's! And you will be saying....what a mighty fine Auction indeed! But you still have some work to do, like buying your tickets and ensuring your little rascals are secure for the night. Tickets are currently on sale for \$20/person (\$25 at the door). The Children's Activities spots have all been filled.

We will be promoting some of the items this week around campus. Look for tables with display boards touting the wares you will bid on at the Auction. Also, you will receive the catalog on October 19th in the Monday envelope. If you are not planning to attend the auction, but do want to bid, you will want to review the absentee bidding section of the catalog.

And finally, we have the largest volunteer effort yet to come for the auction. The day of the auction is a flurry of activity and we invite any and all help we can get with set up starting at 12noon and tear down starting as soon as the auction is over. We always have tons of help with set up every year and it is a blast, but it is after the party where we really need your help. If your young'ins are tucked away for the night with Grandma or staying with older siblings or you just do not have to be home as soon as the clock strikes, please plan to stay and help us put Lucie Stern back together again.

Oh, and don't forget your Pirate wear!

Thanks!
Corrie Sid & Marina Zago

Arches of Addison

Kepler's Book Fair

Another fantastic Kepler's Book Fair arrived on our doorsteps this year. We are fortunate to have three(3) returning chairs that lead the effort in planning and promoting the book fair, finding and training the volunteers, coordinating classroom visits, working in the book fair and offering rich programs during the book fair. A big thanks to Beth Keller, Lisa Voge-Levin and Elizabeth Moragne.

An extra day was added to give teachers, students and parents more time to peruse the shelves. A very interesting Parents Book Club was offered to evaluate current reads for adults. This event is a highlight for our students that get to enjoy the benefit of a quality book store right outside their classroom. Happy reading to all.

Addison Hoedown

Thanks so much to our Addison Hoedown team who gave us a good ole 'down home' harvest night. Kully Kooner and Anne Alexander, coordinated with an amazing group of volunteers to bring the Addison Community together for our biggest family night of the year. The food was hearty, the atmosphere was festive **(and very well lit thanks to the Campbell and Sid families)** and the band was knee slappin' good.

A big thanks to all the volunteers that made the Kepler's Book Fair and the Hoedown such a success:

Anne Alexander, Michael DeLapa, Laura and Eugene Dong, Abbie Dorosin, Kit and Craig Gibbs, Andy Gottlieb, Chip and Christina Hall, Andrea Hyde, Kully Kooner, Nirmy Kang, Joyce Mitchell, Dan Rich, Ellie Rubin, Rebecca Shaw, Chris Strachan, Kisa and Lytton Young, Emily, Nick, and Kathy Hopple, Mara and Sondra Zenger, Dara and Quinn Knoblock, Matthew Keller, Natalie and Jeanese Snyder, Anna and Rebecca Moragne, Joanna Fu, Ji Kim, Fara Marinkovich, Janis Bajor, Lois Garland, Roy Wang, Heike Fisher, Kimberley Wong, Karleen Lykken, Cyndy McLean, Susan Diaz, Kit Gibbs, Tara Feldmeier, Sheri Novak, Susie Hornbeek, Marci Kirk Stevens, Deri McCrea, Teresa Flagg, Cathy Fisher, Lisa Lauria, Trinity Klein, Tim Ranzetta, Lisa Kerr, Vidya Rajagopalan, Rosemary Busher, Laura Wingard, Katie Shade, Fern Mandlebaum, Lubna Qureishi, Cindy Traum, Charlotte Giovangrandi, and Laura Stark.

Thanks so much to Vidya Rajagopalan for producing an outstanding combined Student Directory and Handbook. Vidya spent countless hours ensuring we would have a quality book that provides our Addison Community with useful and necessary information. Thanks Vidya.

Dara Knoblock
Jeanese Snyder

Gift Wrap Update

Our Innisbrook fundraiser was a huge success thanks to your participation. We were able to surpass our sales expectations.

Our numbers soared to \$10,400 of which Addison receives \$5,200!!

You'll receive quality products that will make celebrating birthdays and special occasions lots of fun for you and your family. Remember, you can order on-line all year round. Using Addison's code (113643) ensures that 50% of your sales flows back to our school.

Stay tuned for information on delivery of all items, sometime in late fall.

Olenka Villarreal

Celebrate Biking

Riding a bike can be a lot of fun! The good news is that overall, there are less fatalities and injuries in the United States over the past 10 years most likely due to education of bicycle safety.* Your life choices do have an impact on your children's decisions. There are rules you need to follow when you ride your bike and who better to role model this behavior than a parent. Do you eat healthy and exercise? Do you wear a helmet? Yes, these are everyday choices a parent makes and models for their children. We hope you will keep this in mind as your family bikes.

It's easy to fall off a bike and get hurt, more so if you don't know the rules of the road or your bike isn't working right.

- * Always wear a helmet that fits your head - not too big or too small.
- * Wear the helmet flat on your head.
- * Before you ride your bike, make sure it is safe and working right.
- * Test your brakes.
- * Make sure the handlebars are straight and there's enough air in the tires.

Riding can be fun, good for your family and community. Join your fellow cyclists in making this a safe activity!

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/kidsandbikesafetyweb/>

According to national data collected by bicyclinginfo.org

Katie Shade - PTAC , Co-VP Health and Safety

Birthday Book Club

Wednesday, October 14 is the next Birthday Book Club. If your student has a birthday in October (or July, August, or September and missed last month's Birthday Book Club), please join us in the Addison Library from: 1:15-1:45pm.

During monthly Birthday Book Club celebrations, birthday students select a new book or an old favorite from the Addison library collection that has ***already been purchased by the library***. This book is then dedicated to the student using a specially designed Birthday Book Club book plate. Students check out their birthday book and return it to the library when they are finished reading it so it can be enjoyed by others for years to come. Every child is welcome to participate during his/her birthday month. Parents are welcome to come with their children to help them select their book.