



# WESTON SCHOOL

## October 2023

Greetings,

Happy Fall! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Halloween!

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are already a month into the school year! We have had a great start to this year, the time has definitely flown by! We would like to welcome the following teachers to Weston School. Mrs. Vo is joining us to teach Grade 5/6, Mrs. Anciro is the new Grade ½ teacher, Mr. Fontaine is the new Gym teacher and Ms. Bogan is our new support teacher.

Exciting events occurred during the month of September! I would like to thank the staff members for organizing amazing learning opportunities surrounding the history of Residential schools through art, reading, sharing circles and movement. Every classroom had sharing circles discussing why each and every child matters, what each student's strength is and how important it is for children's voices to be heard. Students wore their orange shirts to school on September 29th and they will be asked to continue to wear their orange shirts throughout the year to represent that they are part of our school community.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to our "Meet the Staff" event. We truly appreciated seeing all the family members enjoying themselves. There were a lot of conversations and mingling that occurred during our whole school scavenger hunt. A huge thank you goes out to our staff who worked so hard in the planning, coordination and preparation of this event!

Teachers and students have been working really hard throughout September to set up classroom routines in each classroom and throughout the school. Our students are learning to be a part of the Weston Hawk team. As such we are learning how to be responsible, respectful, safe and most of all KIND! As Hawks we SOAR high in learning! The "S" stands for the SAFETY of all, the "O" stands for: its OK to make mistakes (and learn from them!), the "A" stands for- ALWAYS do your best (even when things are hard!), the "R" stands for: be READY for learning (and on time).

Students and teachers are focused on creating learning goals and targets that assist them in being the best learners they can be. Being at school every day, on time, helps students to attend to their learning-academically, socially and emotionally. Therefore, high student attendance (over 90%) remains an important goal at our school and we encourage all Weston guardians to help us in achieving this. TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE!

Reminders:

- Monday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 3 (elections take place at Weston)- NO SCHOOL- PD days for teachers
- Friday, October 20- NO SCHOOL- PD day for all teachers across the province
- Wednesday, October 11- Parent Council meeting- Childcare provided
- We have several students with food allergies – Please DO NOT send PEANUTS/NUT products to our school. Also remind your children to wash their hands before coming to school to reduce the risk of bringing allergens into the school.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please reach out as I am always available. It takes a village to raise a child, I am honoured to be part of that village!

In partnership,

Lisa Richardson

Principal

# Attendance Facts

## *Did you know....*

- Students need to be present to learn. Attending regularly helps children feel better about school.
- Students who miss **only 15 days a year** will end up missing a **full year of school** by grade 12
- A student with 90% attendance (missing 2 days a month) will miss **4 weeks of school per year!** This can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being only **10 minutes late** each day equals **6 missed days** of instruction over the year.
- **A pattern of absenteeism as early as grade 1 is a predictor of a school dropout.**
- Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one **often have trouble mastering reading.**



# Halloween Safety Tips

**S**tay in groups

**C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant

**A**lways test makeup

**R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets

**E**xamine all treats before eating

**S**tay on sidewalks when possible

**A**void dark houses

**F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility

**E**njoy with caution!

# Weston Parent Centre **October** Events

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# 2023

## Weston Parent Centre

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 No Classes	3 No Classes	4 SPIN Basketball 4:30	5	6 Thanksgiving Bingo & Craft 1:00	7	8
9 Thanksgiving Day No Classes	10	11 Nutrition Bingo 1:15 PAC Meeting 3:30 SPIN Basketball 4:30	12	13	14	15
16 Girls Club @ Lunch	17	18 Paint & Chat 1:00 SPIN Basketball 4:30	19	20 No Classes	21	22
23 Girls Club @ Lunch Nutrition Bingo 1:00	24	25 SPIN Basketball 4:30	26	27	28	29
30 Girls Club @ Lunch Halloween Celebration 1:00	31					



Nutrition Bingo Wed. Oct. 6th & Mon. Oct 23rd @ 1:00  
Come out and win FOOD!  
Everyone is a winner!

Paint & Chat Wed. Oct 18th @ 1:00  
Join us for some stress relieving water colour painting & chat with other parents!

Holiday Celebrations Join us for our Thanksgiving (Oct 6th) & Halloween (Oct 30) celebrations! Little ones welcome! Crafts for both adults and kids, food and fun!

SPIN Basketball Free After-School Program on Wednesdays by the City of Winnipeg and Weston School!

Girls Club A club for Grade 6 girls. We have fun and do art to explore a variety of themes. If your Grade 6 girl is interested, contact Kim for a registration form!

# Need a Winter Coat for your child?



provides gently used winter clothing to children whose families cannot afford them.

If you need a winter coat for your child, **contact Kim** in the Parent Centre by calling **204-775-2591** or email **[kstorer@wsd1.org](mailto:kstorer@wsd1.org)**!

## Room 2 Ms.Pruden

News from Room 2

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!!

Room 2 has started learning how to play and learn together.

We are exploring the classroom and making new friendships.

We are learning how to share and take turns. We are using our manners during snack, “no thank you” or “yes please.”

One of our most favorite things to do is dance!!!

Coming up in October Thanksgiving Feast and Halloween party.

I will keep you all posted.



## Room 5 - Mrs. Anciro

Happy Fall everyone! We had an amazing start to our school year as we get to know our friends in Room 5. Our classroom community is learning more about the expectations of being a Weston Hawk as we show that we are safe, responsible, respectful, and kind.

We went on walks around the school and learned about all the different places in our school.

We also talked about Terry Fox, courage, and we participated in Weston's School Terry Fox run!

In Social Studies, we are sharing about ourselves, our family, and our community. We truly enjoy getting to know our friends!

In Science, we are learning about the season of Fall and how our activities and clothing change throughout the season.

In Math, we are using different materials to work on our patterns, count numbers, show numbers in different ways, and add. We use Cuisenaire rods, base ten blocks, and our STEAM Lab to show learning in Math! Math in action is so much fun!

In Literacy, the readers and writers in Room 5 are learning to write complete sentences and read books independently. It is amazing to see how they work on their reading stamina everyday!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or email me at [panciro@wsd1.org](mailto:panciro@wsd1.org).

Thank you and have a great Fall Season!

Mrs. Anciro





# 1ST GRADE



newsletter for room 6

## WOW! IT'S ALREADY OCTOBER!

Can't believe the first month of school has already past. We are getting all settled in. We are learning all of the routines and expectations now that we are in grade 1. We are learning about rules and safety and how it's so important to be kind to others.



## REMINDERS:

Thank you to those that have paid the \$45 for school supplies and sent in headphones and kleenex for the classroom. Please be sure that students have a pair of shoes that stay at school that they can put on by themselves. If they can't tie themselves then they should have slip ons or velcro shoes.

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING:

- LEARNING ABOUT FEELINGS
- WORKING WITH PARTNERS
- GROWTH MINDSET WHICH MEANS WE CAN DO HARD THINGS AND TO NOT GIVE UP!

## CONTACT

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jhorst@wsd1.org





# Adventures with Room 7 and Mr. Storey

Hello parents and guardians! Our first month is coming to an end. It has been rewarding as the students get reacquainted with each other, and I learn all about this new group of students. Our focus this month has been on who we are as people and where we come from. I have asked students to talk to their parents about their cultural heritage. We are all Canadian, but we also have a deep cultural heritage whether it is Indigenous, Asian, European, African, or any other place. Our shared cultures make our class a much more vibrant and exciting place.

In math we are reacquainting ourselves with the practices we all learned last school year. This includes using open number lines, cuisinaire rods, base 10 blocks, and multiple ways of writing and demonstrating understanding of numbers. It's amazing to see the students remember what their teachers taught them last year as they continue to use the same practices this year.

The same goes for how we are working in reading and writing. Our school wide writing program has shown that the students have learned how to plan for writing and then create their best work. I look forward to the many stories they will have to share this year.



# Room 10 - Ms. van Ginkel & Mrs. Mallari

Hello Everyone!

It was so wonderful to meet so many families during the meet the teacher celebration. It was great to start off the school year with so much excitement and enthusiasm. After meeting you all I couldn't wait to get started!!!

The students have all been participating in activities focused on "Who we are" and "Where we come from". We have all really enjoyed getting to know each other better and we have learned so much during the process. The students created a classroom treaty and have been learning about the rights and responsibilities of Canadian Citizens. They were all excited to learn about Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

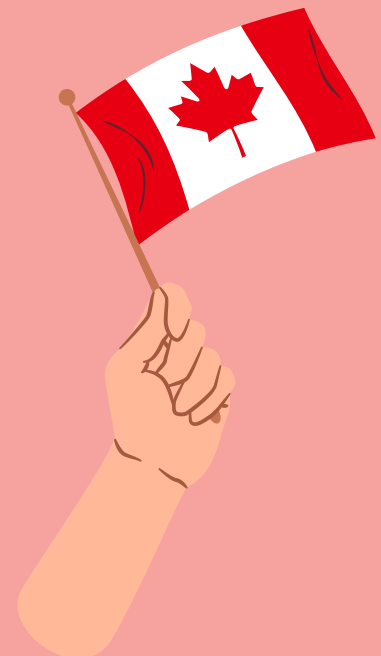
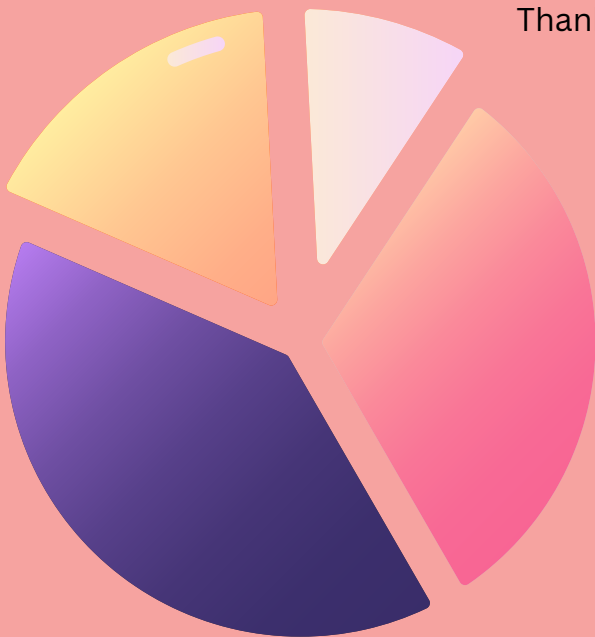
I would like to thank the grade 4 mentors in the classroom. These students have been helping the younger students edit their writing and use classroom resources. Several of the mentors have noticed that when they edit the work of others it improves their own spelling and sentence structure. Everyone learns and the students have fun working together. The students have also been reading with partners every day. The reader reads and the partner asks questions. They both gain a better understanding of the literature.

Learning about fractions in math is so much fun when we use the Cuisenaire Rods. The students are gaining a solid understanding of fractions as part of a whole through hands on shared activities. All of the students collaborate to solve problems.

We are off to a great start. Please ask your child to share one thing that they learned in school each day. Explaining their learning will help them gain an even better understanding.

Thank you all for your support,

Heather van Ginkel



# Room 11 - Mrs. Tokarz

Happy October Everyone!

We had a terrific start to the beginning of the school year! The class has been demonstrating what it means to be a Weston Hawk by SOARING HIGH in our learning.

Every Monday the students get to participate in an Escape Room experience. This is when students are divided up into groups of 2 or 3 and solve 6 different puzzles which include a variety of hands on Science, Social Studies, Math, Spelling, and other brainteaser activities. It is amazing to see how well students are communicating their thinking and helping one another as they are solving the puzzles.

On Wonder Wednesdays, the students add questions that they would like answers to on our classroom Wonder Wall. This is an important time when students can reflect on their wonderings and then follow up by researching information on their Chromebook, or interviewing others about their question.

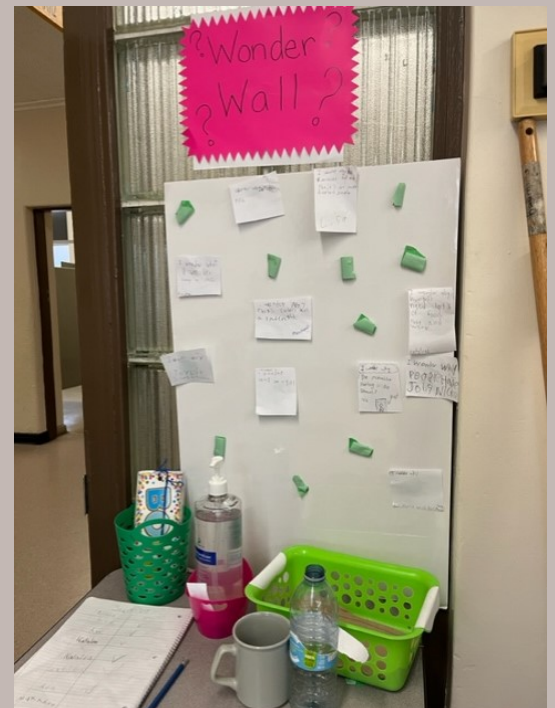
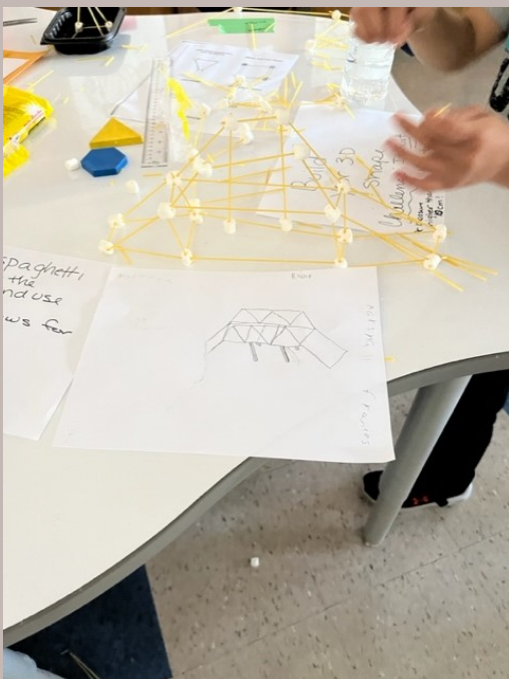
Please ask your child what hands on activities they had participated in daily. Some questions you can ask your child are...

- What made you smile today?
- What was something new that you got to learn today?
- Who is someone that helped you today?
- What are you most proud of today?

These questions will lead to fantastic discussion.

Just a friendly reminder, that if you have not yet paid your child's student fees, please do so immediately as part of this money will go towards upcoming field trips. Thank you to those who have already paid!

Mrs. Tokarz



## Room 12 - Mrs. Goncalves

Welcome back Weston families!

September has been a busy month in Room 12 as we have gotten to know one another. We have been working hard to familiarize ourselves with school and classroom routines. Our class has had many discussions about what a respectful classroom looks and feels like and the roles and responsibilities of both students and adults in creating an environment that is welcoming for all. As one of the oldest classes, we have a huge responsibility in being role models for the other classes in the school and I am so proud of the job Room 12 has been doing already.

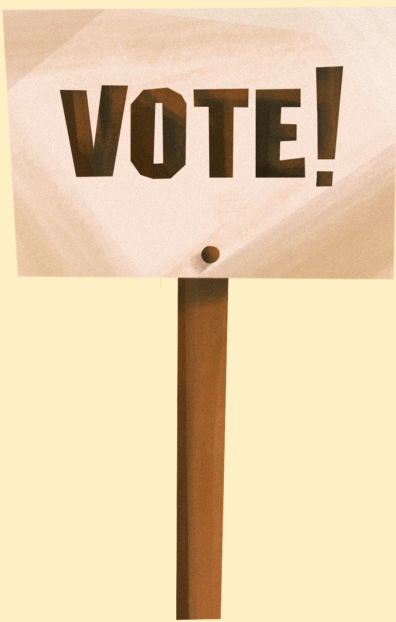
Our focus this month has been on developing classroom routines, building reading and writing stamina, Canadian history, developing strategies for multiplication facts, and identifying and creating fractions of an area.

Room 12 participated in the student vote, which is a mock vote that runs in schools around the province during the provincial election. We researched discussed the candidates running in our area, their leaders and the promises of each party. On September 29 we cast our votes and submitted them to be counted. We are excited to learn if the student vote has the same results as the official vote.

In preparing for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, students have been learning about residential schools, the impact of these institutions and the reconciliation process. We took part in Truth and Reconciliation week hosted by NCTR which allowed us to listen to survivors stories, learn about the importance of culture and language, identity and what reconciliation means and how everyone can be a part of it.

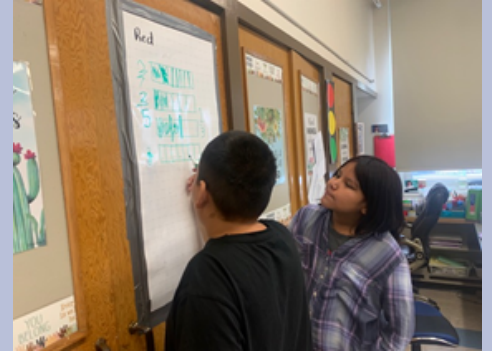
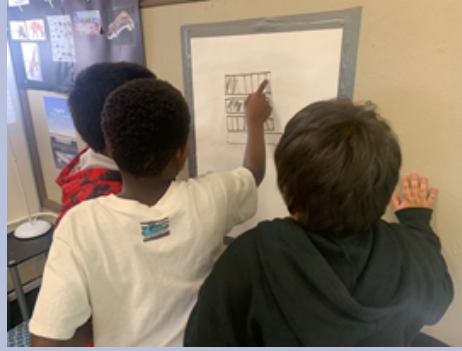
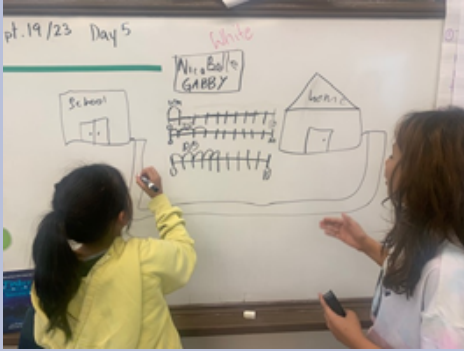
I would like to remind everyone that students require an indoor pair of runners that are not to be worn outside. This is especially important as the weather begins to turn wet. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their \$45.00 supply fees. These fees cover the cost of all materials and supplies you student will need for the entire year. If you need to make arrangements with me to make payments please contact me at the school.

Mrs. Goncalves



## Room 14 - Ms. Massey

This year in room 14 we dove straight into our learning! Students are already able to represent fractions with pictures and numbers and can arrange fractions in order of size on an open-number-line by examining the numerators and denominators. We began by creating physical depictions of fractions with manipulatives like Cuisenaire rods or pizza fractions and now students are able to apply and share their understanding during group problem-solving and we have all caught right on!



Students have also already imagined a fictional story idea and are now developing the main characters of the stories they will write and share with the school community. As students create a plot for their own stories, we will examine the arc of fictional stories within our literature circles and during read aloud. This year our beginning of the year novel for read aloud is, "The Barren Grounds," by David A. Robertson, a local Winnipeg author. Leading up to our reading of this novel, students studied creation stories of the First Peoples during social studies including the, "The Story of the Fisher," an Anishinaabe legend which the, "The Barren Grounds," is based on. Ask students if they can locate Fisher in the night sky! The big dipper which is typically understood to be part of Ursa Major, is seen instead as, 'Fisher,' by local First peoples bringing, 'the bag of summer.'

Lastly, for some exciting news. Room 14 will be part of the division's, "Young Designer," STEAM program. Students will be given the opportunity to continue with their love for exploring, designing and building together.



## Room 15 - Ms. Vo

I am very excited to have your child in my classroom. In September, we got to know each other with “All About Me” mini project and explored what we were going to learn this school year. We started our structured inquiry project “Maintain a Healthy Body” in science. We also began daily number talk, Math thinking classroom in which we used non-permanent vertical surfaces for our small math groups, and Dreambox, an online math learning website. The weather is changing and it rains more often. Therefore, students need indoor shoes and outdoor shoes.

Happy new school year,  
From room 15



# Ms. Bogan

## A Note from Ms. Bogan

I would like to thank the Weston Community for your very warm welcome to Weston School. It has been an incredibly busy September and I have been so happy to see so many friendly faces back at school!

September can be a tricky month to get back to a routine. Trust me, I completely understand as a mom myself. Having a school routine is incredibly important so that our kids are ready for learning each and every day. When children follow a regular routine...

- they feel more secure and confident because routines promote predictability.
- they are able to cope better with change.
- healthy social emotional development can take place.
- a sense of calmness is built.

Routines include a home routine as soon as you get home, eating dinner together as a family, wind down time and bedtime. Having children go to bed at a regularly scheduled time promotes a good sleep and being ready for school the next day. Have children wake up every morning around the same time, eat breakfast and get ready for school so they can take on the day!

THANKS 😊

Lauren Bogan, B.Ed, PBDE  
Differentiated Instruction Teacher  
Weston School





## Music Ms. Neufeld



We're moving on up! The music/arts class has moved upstairs, and we are working on making it a welcoming place. So far, we've made a word wall of movement/dance words, and soon plan to have a wall dedicated to the seven teachings. These words and teachings have come to us through the song, "Seven", by William Prince. The whole school is learning the song to sing at assembly in October. In addition to the opening song we start every class with, students will be gaining experience in dance and movement, and working on collaborative projects.

The Weston choir will start practicing soon on Day 6 lunch hours, starting Oct. 6th. It will be open to students from Grades 3-6. Permission letters will be going home soon.



## Physical Education Mr. Fontaine

What a start to the year it has been for our Weston Hawks in physical education! First off, I'd like to say how amazing it has been getting to know all the students the past few weeks! Building strong and trusting relationships with everyone has been very important to me this month.

Even though it's just the start of the year, September has still been a very busy month for us! This month we started by playing some awesome team building games and practiced our gym expectations. Towards the end of September, we started our intramurals programs for grades 3-6, AND our soccer team for grades 5-6. To close out the month we are doing an Indigenous games unit for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, where students will get to play outdoors in a variety of traditional Indigenous games such as Lacrosse and more!

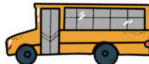

As we enter October, we will be moving onto our next unit which is.... SOCCER! And of course, you can expect to see some Halloween themed games at the end of October! I can't wait to continue seeing the growth in all of our Weston Hawks!







# October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 2 2 PD DAY NO CLASSES	Day 3 3 ELECTION DAY NO CLASSES	Day 4 4 Room 12 & 15 Lunch intermurals	Day 5 5	Day 6 6 Lunch Soccer Practice Choir Practice @ lunch
9 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	Day 1 10 Room 11 & 14 Lunch intermurals	Day 2 11 Room 12 & 15 Lunch intermurals Parent council 3:30	Day 3 12	Day 4 13 Lunch Soccer Practice
Day 5 16 Room 7 & 10 Lunch intermurals	Day 6 17 Choir Practice @ lunch Picture Day Grade 6 immunization	Day 1 18 Room 12 & 15 Lunch intermurals	Day 2 19	Day 3 20 PD DAY NO CLASSES
Day 4 23 Room 7 & 10 Lunch intermurals	Day 5 24 Room 11 & 14 Lunch intermurals	Day 6 25 Choir Practice @ lunch Room 12 & 15 Lunch intermurals	Day 1 26  Bus Ridership Day	Day 2 27 Lunch Soccer Practice
Day 3 28 Room 7 & 10 Lunch intermurals	Day 4 29 Room 11 & 14 Lunch intermurals	Day 5 30 Room 12 & 15 Lunch intermurals	Day 6 31 	

## Parent Council Meetings

### Important Dates at a Glance

- October 2nd - PD Day No Class
- October 3rd - Election Day No Class
- October 9th - Thanksgiving No School
- October 17th - Picture Day
- October 17 - Grade 6 immunization
- October 20th - PD DAY No Class

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on October 11th at 3:30

