

## FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL HALE

It was a great week to start of Quarter Two. I know it was nice to see many students returning to campus for the first time. The students are doing such a good job welcoming old friends back, and including new friends to our community. Teachers met on Monday for professional development and were treated to lunch by our PTO which included a super hero theme. They enjoyed the lunch and the recognition.

This is usually one of my favorite quarters of the school year due to the fun community events we typically host at school. While we won't be doing many of them this year, we do have some ideas of how to keep our wonderful school spirit alive and honor many of our traditions. If you are new to Tarwater, we have a long-standing tradition of hosting pumpkin carving at school. We won't be doing that this year as a group, but we do encourage families to decorate or carve a pumpkin and post it on a tech tool, "Padlet"

<https://padlet.com/Johnstonjennifer/kuecfxgfvfn040>

This past week our PTO had their first general meeting of the year. The group met virtually and had a great turn-out. As I said Wednesday night, this is a great year to get more involved in your child's school, since many things are happening virtually, it's easy to tune in from home. Remember, any engagement is good for your child, and we are grateful to have a diverse and engaged community.

Our systems and protocols are working well, but they only work with your cooperation. School starts at 8:20am. Please do your best to be on time. Our staff on duty is limited to only those of us who are not assigned a class, so it is safest for everyone if students arrive before 8:20 while adults are on duty. In addition, all students are required to wear a mask while at school. Please remember to pack an extra for your child in case their first is soiled or lost. Finally, please place a large sign in your vehicle on the passenger side if you pick up your child after school. As you pull into the drive, we look at the sign and call your child from their classroom. This system has worked very well while minimizing large groups of students together. I appreciate your cooperation in our new systems.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

*Diane Hale, Principal*



## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER

- 10/19 Online Book Fair Begins now – 11/1
- 10/22 Zeek's Pizza (Ocotillo) PTO Fundraiser

### NOVEMBER

- 11/3 Election Day
- 11/11 Veterans Day – **No School**
- 11/25 **No School**
- 11/26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – **No School**

### DECEMBER

- 12/4 Spelling Bee
- 12/17 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 12/18 Teacher In-Service – **No School For Students**
- 12/19 – 1/3/21 2<sup>nd</sup> Intersession-Winter Break – **No School For Students**

### JANUARY

- 1/4 Teacher In-Service – **No School For Students**
- 1/5 School Resumes
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday – **No School**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Running Club Information** – Please see the attached letter regarding Running Club. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.
- **Class Dojo** – If you have not signed up for our communication app, Class Dojo, please do so, it's a great way to stay connected.
- Check out Ms. Hale's Blog, [Running With the Bulls](#), or the Podcast, [Learning As We Grow](#) linked within the text.

## MANDARIN

### Did you know...

The Chinese character for the word crisis is a combination of the words danger and opportunity. Hmmm.

How has this crisis been an opportunity for YOUR family?

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A time of danger; A time of opportunity;

