

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL HALE

It feels like we are in the swing of things already for this quarter. We had a busy week, which is relative these days without as many community events. Monday night our School Site Council met. This group serves as an advisory and ambassador body for the larger school community. This year's site council is represented by Lori Marsh, Christopher Tyk, Kara Guzman, Kristie Van Engelen, Kim Kowalski, Heidi McCoy, Monique Joseph, Rachel Pauly, Carrie Purcell, Christopher Crompton, Anne Jones, and Jim Chiang. I appreciate their input and time in helping our school.

Thursday night was our first PTO fundraiser and fun night. Zzeeek's Pizza did a great job serving up delicious pizzas and it was wonderful to see so many Tarwater families, if only for a few minutes. Thank you for participating.

This is typically a very busy quarter with a lot of social events. This week several teacher committees met to discuss how best to keep our school spirit alive while we maintain safe protocols during this time. We are excited about some of the ideas. First of all, we encourage families to decorate or carve a pumpkin and post it on a tech tool, "Padlet" linked here <https://rb.gy/wpvf88> so our whole community can see. Next week we will have a spirit dress-up week. See below for details!

Each year we focus on a school-wide academic goal. This year we will continue our strong focus on writing. I was so pleased to visit classrooms this week and see a lot of explicit instruction on teaching writing. Stay tuned for more information on this.

With all of the safety reminders I am sharing with parents, students and staff related to our masks and hand washing, it seems we have lost focus on the safety in our streets and parking lots in front of school. Please plan for a little wait when dropping off or picking up your child. Teachers are in the classrooms beginning at 8:00am to greet students, please do not drop students off before 8:00, as there is no supervision. In the afternoon, our system keeps your children safe in the classroom until you arrive so that they are not clustered in the parking lot waiting. Everyone has somewhere to go and waiting is not ideal for anyone, but modeling kind and careful behavior for the children is important.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.
Diane Hale, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Running Club Information** – Running Club will start virtually on November 17. Link for more information and to sign up your student. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e7gHavF_Ba6i7JNP52fGmfQgXlp9xpxXqsiZNYZl8ws/edit
- **Spirit Week** – See the attached flyer for spirit week Monday is Pumpkin Day, Tuesday is Silly Sock Day, Wednesday is Rocktober Day, Thursday is Fabulous Fall Day, and Friday is Disney Day. This should be a fun way to celebrate. Post your pictures.
- Check out Ms. Hale's Blog, [Running With the Bulls](#), or the Podcast, [Learning As We Grow](#) linked within the text.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 10/26 Nat'l Pumpkin Day
Wear pumpkins or Orange!
- 10/27 Silly Sock Day!
- 10/28 Rocktober! Dress like a Rockstar or wear your favorite band's t-shirt!
- 10/29 Fabulous Fall Day – Dress for Fall!
- 10/30 Disney Day – Dress like your favorite Disney character

NOVEMBER

- 11/1 On iline Book Fair Ends
- 11/3 Election Day
- 11/10 Last Day to sign up for Running Club
- 11/11 Veterans Day – **No School**
- 11/17 Virtual Running Club Begins
- 11/25 **No School**
- 11/26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – **No School**

DECEMBER

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



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