October is PARP month! PARP stands for Pick a Reading Partner and it runs from October 2nd - October 25th. During PARP month, we encourage families to read together, as this helps establish a routine of daily reading in children's lives so that children develop a life-long love of reading and learning. Try to spend 15 minutes a day sharing reading time! A PARP calendar was backpacked home on October 2nd. The calendar has suggested, optional activities centered around reading together. At the end of the month, students should return their calendars to school, so that they can be recognized for their participation.

Thank you!  

Amy Leibel Farrugia, Reading Teacher

Greetings to all my Book Buddies,

Fall’s cooler breezes are in the air and we hope that you will warm up with a silly or spooky story. Library classes are in full swing and you can click on the Library Media Center page of the website: https://vc.nyackschools.org for more class library information, encyclopedias and databases, Ebooks and our school library catalog OPALS. Enjoy some family time in the evening and read to your child or have your child read every night. The PTA sponsored Book Fair is October 4 to 11. Please support your child’s life long reading quest by purchasing a book for their home library.

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Monthly Highlights:

October 2019
2  P.A.R.P. kick-off, Morning Program
7th National Anti-Bullying day. Wear blue to stomp out bullying.
9  Schools Closed, Yom Kippur
10 Assembly: Fire Prevention: Gr.K & Gr. 1
14 Schools Closed, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, (formerly known as Columbus Day)
16 Gr.5 D.A.R.E. Officer Norman Peters hosts a Parent Information night, 6pm, Library
   • PTA Mtg 7:30pm
18 Trip: Gr.4 Hook Mountain
23 School Picture Day
26 PTA Trunk or Treat, 2-3pm, Parking Lot
31 Spirit Day; Wear Orange and Black
**Stomp Out Bullying Event**

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Students kick off the month with a *Stomp Out Bullying* walk during Recess on October 7th. Feel free to have the students draw pictures against bullying to carry on their “Stomp Out Walk.” Students may wear a blue shirt this day.

*Jon Hogg, Guidance Counsellor*

Fourth grade classes will have their first trip on Friday, October 18th to Hook Mountain in Nyack, NY. The cost for this trip has been generously covered by the *Outdoor Science Alliance*. Students will have the opportunity to explore Hook Mountain and engage in many hands-on activities to learn about different plant life, local animals and geological history of the park. The *Outdoor Science Alliance* will provide all educational materials and additional staff to facilitate learning to the students.

*Fourth Grade Teachers*

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**Notes from the Nurse**

Remember to notify voicemail at 353-7290 before the start of the school day if your child will be absent due to sickness. Voicemail is on 24/7.

If not already seen by your doctor, physicals are needed for all students in Gr. K, 1, 3 and 5 and all new entrants.

Medical Doctor signature is required for all medications to be administered during the school day. This includes over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, etc.

**Send to school:**
Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue. Sniffles, a runny nose and a mild cough without a fever.

**Keep home from school:**
Any physical or emotional condition that would prevent him/her from participating comfortably in class. A **fever** of 100° or more, coupled with a rash, ear ache, sore throat, sluggishness or nausea. Fever may signal a highly contagious infection. Keep home until fever free for 24 hours. Give Tylenol/Motrin or Advil.

A **persistent** **productive cough** and wheezing coupled with a thick or constant nasal discharge. An undiagnosed rash, especially when there is a fever and behavioral change. **Pinkeye** - in which there is a white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and redness. **Head lice** - Keep home until treated and all nits are removed. **Chicken Pox** - Keep home until all blisters are scabbed over and dry. **Diarrhea or vomiting** more than once or accompanied by fever, rash or general weakness. **Impetigo** - Keep home for 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment. **Ringworm** (contagious fungus infection) - Keep home until treatment is started. Ringworm on the scalp requires an oral medication. Ringworm on the body can be treated with a cream applied directly to the affected area and covered with a Band Aid.

*Patti Kozar, RN, Professional School Nurse*

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