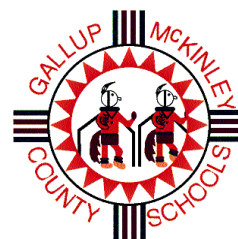




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October Newsletter

October 11th, 2017

Dear Families,

We want to thank you for being so flexible while the completion of our new parking lot is taking place. Your support and cooperation has been extremely helpful while we continue to strive to make the best decisions for our students and their safety.

We have a very busy month of October ahead of us! Please see the information below.

Important Dates:

- **October 12th and 13th:** Fall Break – No School!
- **October 16th:** Data Day – No school for students
- **October 17th – 20th:** Parent Observation and Support Week
- **October 17th:** Fifth Grade Basketball practice begins (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
- **October 19th:** Report Cards go home
- **October 20th:** 1st Quarter Awards Assemblies (K-1: 8:15am, 2-3: 9:00am, 4-5: 9:45am)
- **October 20th:** Student Buy-In Day – “Hat Day!”
- **October 27th:** PBIS Assemblies – “Respect” (K-2: 9:30, 3-5: 10am)
- **October 31st:** Halloween parties at 1:45pm (only healthy food and snacks)

Red Ribbon Week (Drug and Alcohol Free Awareness Week):

- **Monday, October 23rd:** Hat Day (Put a Lid on Drugs!)
- **Tuesday, October 24th:** Sport/Jersey Day (Be a Member of the Drug Free Team!)
- **Wednesday, October 25th:** Athletic/Exercise Clothes Day (Be Healthy Being Drug Free!)
- **Thursday October 26th:** Crazy Hair Day (Have Crazy Hair, but Don't be Crazy by Doing Drugs!)
- **Friday, October 27th:** School Spirit Day (Wear Del Norte Colors Turquoise/Silver/White)
- **Monday, October 30:** Pajama Day (Wake Up to a Drug Free Future!)
- **Tuesday, October 31st:** Costume Day (Be Who You Want to Be, but Be Drug Free!!!)

Remember to wear your Red Ribbon Bracelets every day during Red Ribbon Week!!!

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Halloween Parties:

Halloween parties will be held at 1:45pm on October 31st. Students may not wear costumes to school, however, they may bring them to change into for the party. We request only healthy food and snacks on this day. Cupcakes, cookies, and candy will not be sent to classrooms.

Tardies and Absences:

Last week we had **183** tardies and **113** absences – in ONE WEEK!!!! Parents, this is too much. In order for us to provide your children with the best education possible, we are asking for your help. Instruction begins at 8am. All students must be in the classroom by this time in order to learn. When students come late to school, they are a step behind all day and they miss important learning. Please show support for your children by getting them to school on time each and every day.

Check-Outs

Please do not check your children out of school. Again, instruction takes place all day long and students miss out on important learning when they are not here. Our Friday check-outs are especially increasing. Fridays are an important instructional day. All students take assessments and continue learning on Fridays. Please parents, wait until after 12:30 to go out of town or schedule appointments on Fridays.

Around the School:

Systems Action Team:

The Systems Action Team has been working on trying to set up a consistent set of rules and consequences for all grade-levels when students are outside on the playground. The students need consistency so they know what is expected of them, which will help to prevent issues when different grade-levels are intermingled on the playground. The Systems Action Team will be forwarding our information to the Safety Action Team so that they can work on final implementation of the rules and consequences.

On rainy mornings, students aren't allowed outside on the playground so the Systems Action team came up with a plan to alleviate the number of students in the gym.

This week, we had our first rainy day since we established a new lunch room exit policy, so during our next meeting we will assess how well the new system worked.

Soon the new parking lot will be finished and the Systems Action Team will be focused on streamlining processes like student drop-off and pick-up.

Student Awards Action Team:

Our Student Awards Action Team has been busy working on getting ready for our awards assembly in October. This first quarter has gone by very quickly and we are anxious to celebrate the achievements our students have made the first nine weeks of school with both attendance and curriculum. The assembly will be October 20th! Please see the times of the assemblies above. Our students will be given awards for attendance, academics, as well as special classroom awards like Istations and sight words. We hope to see you at our 1st quarter assembly!

PBIS Action Team:

Our poster contest for the Del Norte Core Values continues. Please see attached to design a poster to be printed and displayed school-wide for one of the following core values: INTEGRITY and INNOVATION.

A big shout out to the following students for their amazing posters about Perseverance and Respect: Zoe Lansing, Isabelle Silentman, Daniel Herrera, Jazmine Sandoval, Karma Nez, Joaquin Livingston.

Keep an eye out to see these students' amazing posters throughout our school. Our next "BUY-IN" Day is scheduled for October 20th. We will celebrate our day with HATS! Bring a dollar to wear a hat! Thank you all for your wonderful support with this.

Staff Support Action Team:

The Staff Support Action Team will be working on welcoming and helping new staff settle into Del Norte Elementary School. We will be creating a Staff Handbook that will be a how-to guide for new staff. It will be designed to provide information on all the many things that we need to attend to at Del Norte, as staff, to make our school a place with a rich learning environment and a smooth running facility. We hope that this will make a quick and easy transition for our new staff members. We will also be providing a staff support contact that will be there to answer questions and welcome new staff.

Del Norte Advisory School Council – Parent Representative:

"Hi, my name is Monika Crowfoot and I'm the school's new parent representative. I grew up in Window Rock, AZ. I received my bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education. I have 4 children in grades K-7th. Our children's education is very important to me and I am eager to help provide communication and information between the school and parents during this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through my business email at: samcrowfootphotography@gmail.com"

Climate and Culture Action Team

The Climate and Culture Action Team has created criteria for electing "Staff of the Week" at Del Norte. All staff members will be elected throughout the year. We have also celebrated staff birthdays for the months of August and September. We love our Del Norte staff!

Safety Action Team

Our Safety Action Team has worked to train all staff and students on our emergency drill processes including: fire drills, lock down drills, and evacuation drills. Additionally, Red Ribbon week is being planned. During this week students will see a presentation on staying drug free and will be able to dress up during our themed days.

Best,
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