

From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

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2017-18-Issue #9



Grade 8 Pajama Project - "Caring, Cooperative and Respectful Community of Learners"

Important dates

- Nov. 6-Term 2 begins
- Nov. 10- No School
- Nov. 14- Report Cards
- Nov. 16- Harvest Feast
- Nov. 17-Picture Retakes
- Nov. 20- Parent Conferences (No School)
- Nov. 21-24- No School- Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1- Roller Skating

Pick up patrol – Use by 1:30pm for changes in end of the day transportation.

Pick up Patrol is now up and running.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Please be sure to call the office by 1:30pm for any changes in transportation at the end of the day. The end of the day is very hectic and we don't want any miscommunication about changes in transportation.

Attendance: All absences must be called or emailed in to SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105
- Email- to report absences- sms-attendance@conval.edu

Picture Day: Retakes Nov. 17

- Picture Day
ID:LG387405Q0
- Order at
Mylifetouch.com

SMS Roller Skating 12/1-Session 1-
5:30-7:00 pm \$7.00- Session 2- 6:30-
8:00pm \$7.00

- Both sessions: \$12.00

Permissions slips with parent contact information is needed for each evening.

Pick up is in the back of school.

Students may not use their own skates

SMS Halloween!



Recess in Winter- Please be sure that students dress for weather conditions for outside recess. We try to go out rain ,cold or snow if possible. Students need hats, coats, and necessary winter wear.

Food Drive – The Turkey Trot is the annual kick off for the SMS Food Pantry Drive. Students will be collecting canned goods and donations for the SMS Food Pantry. The advisory that brings in the most canned goods will host the prestigious Canned Goods Trophy for 2017. Trophy 2017



Turkey Trot- Winners 2017



Parent /School Connection:

Please start off the year supporting healthy habits:

- Students should arrive to school on time 7:20am
- Time should be set aside each night for reading and homework.
- Attendance is a priority to a student's success in school
- Dress should be appropriate for school and not beach.
- Check Planners for homework assignments each night.
- No hats are allowed at SMS
- No gum chewing
- No cell phones are allowed in school
- Promote: "Caring, Cooperative and Respectful " behavior at all times.

Fresh Picks: Food Service Link for parent payments and info.<http://www.k12paymentcenter.com/> Please note that it takes 24 hours for payments to reflect on accounts.

Peer Mentors



Harvest Feast Nov. 16-

Parents are welcome to join their children for our Turkey Dinner on Nov. 16. We do have to have reservations and payment of \$5.00 per adult by Nov. 8. Please send money with name and child's name to the advisor.

Social Media- Check student emails

Please monitor the pictures, texts and emails that your children are sending through social media. Inappropriate pictures or texts can lead to legal issues if students are not appropriate. Every year, we deal with serious issues between students ,that cause problems for students and parents. Students seem to have a lot of independence with phones and computers in middle school and that can get them in trouble. Know the passwords to your children's digital devices and have them show you what they are doing on social media. This can be an opportunity to share and learn from your child. It is very important to monitor this through middle and high school for the safety of all children.

Grade 5 Teachers



Peer Mentors

The AHT Dates for meetings are:

Grade 8 AHT Trip 4/16-20/18-

The grade 8 AHT Trip to Washington DC in April is being offered to our students this week.

The trip includes a community service piece and a historical report for all students who participate on the trip.

There are mandatory student meetings and two mandatory parent meetings.

- 11/16- Student Meeting
- 1/16- Student Meeting
- 2/8 Student Meeting
- 3/8-Student Meeting
- 3/21- Student Meeting
- 4/5 Student Meeting
- 4/5-Parent Meeting Mandatory 6-7pm

Popcorn Sales- \$1.00 per bag

Proceeds go to the Red Cross and the grade 8 AHT Trip. (Wed. and Thursdays)

School activities: No student may stay after school without adult supervision. Most games do not start until 3:30pm. Students may not stay on school property waiting for games to start. When students are unsupervised there can be many safety issues.

Box Tops-SMS collects Box Tops for money towards schoolwide activities We appreciate everyone helping us out to support our students needs and offerings.

Athletic Awards Night

