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Scheduling Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences

Flynn will continue to use the electronic scheduling system, PTC Fast, to schedule our November 2018 Parent-Teacher Conferences. This system will allow you to select the teacher(s) with whom you would like to conference. By registering your email address, you will be able to view and select conference times that work for you.

What if you need to schedule multiple conferences (more than one child at Flynn)?

If you have more than one child at Flynn School, you may begin scheduling your conferences on Friday, November 2nd. You should select (check) all teachers with whom you need to conference from the list of available teachers. You will then be prompted to enter each child's name for the corresponding teachers. When that is done, you can proceed with registering your email address. You will receive a link via email to access and view the teachers' schedules. You will see all selected schedules at one time! Click here to begin scheduling:

http://ptcfast.com/schools/John_J_Flynn_Elementary_School

Families that need to schedule a conference for only one child may begin scheduling conferences on Tuesday, November 6th..

Go to: http://ptcfast.com/schools/John_J_Flynn_Elementary_School
Supporting documentation can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/flynnparentconferencehelp>

If you are not able to access this system and need help, please call the Flynn office (864-8478) to schedule a conference appointment with our administrative assistant, Karen Priebe.



Costume Parade

October 31

1:00

PTO Meeting

November 1

6:30

Conference Sign-Ups

Families with Siblings

November 2

All other families

November 6

School Play

November 9

7pm

November 10

4 pm

Conferences

November 19 & 20

Flynn Annual

Food Drive



All food collected will go to Flynn Families in need.

November 6th-November 17th

Bring in your non-perishable food items or gift cards to the office.

We are also looking for the following fresh food items for families to cook a Thanksgiving Dinner. These items must be dropped off on Monday, November 19th.

Rolls, Pies, Squash, Carrots, Potatoes, Butter, Milk, Eggs, Turkeys.

Outerwear Swap

We have a selection of gently worn outerwear available in our lobby for those in need of winter coats, gloves, snow pants. If you are in need of a particular size or article of clothing please let us know.

We are taking donations of outerwear your family has outgrown. Bring donations to the front office!



Guidance News

Kindergarten through Second Grade students have been learning about the Zones of Regulation and how we can use "tools" to help us stay in the "Green Zone" when we are having big feelings. Ask your students which tools help them be "Green Zone Students!" Classroom guidance will begin the week of October 29th for the Third through Fifth Grade students. We will be focusing on positive friendships and bullying prevention. As always, don't hesitate to reach out or stop in with questions, concerns, or to just say hi!

Items needed for Recess Carts:

We are in need of Blocks, Legos, matchbox cars and other manipulatives for our indoor recess carts. Please drop off in the office.



Our Annual Costume Parade at Birchwood will take place on October 31st at 1:00. Parents are welcome to watch Flynn students as they exit Flynn to parade down the halls of Birchwood Nursing home. We will have activities in the library for students who do not participate. Please contact Amanda Chauwecker at 864-8478 if you do not wish for your child to participate in the parade.

Halloween Costume Guidelines

This memo outlines District guidelines regarding Halloween activities to allow students to feel safe, respected, and included.

The following guidelines shall apply:

Some parents/cultures may not celebrate Halloween and would not like their students participating in any Halloween-related activities. Schools should create a safe space for students who cannot participate and all attempts should be made to engage these students in meaningful alternative activities and help these students not feel excluded.

One of the most important mandates is that costumes shall not be demeaning to any person or group based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity (boys as girls and vice versa), nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or to any individual staff or student at the school. Costumes should be respectful and culturally sensitive, (e.g., non-Muslim students should not wear hijab or other garb that could be viewed as culturally insensitive).

Costumes should not include blood or imply any type of violence. For any student who cannot afford a costume, the school should provide one. No costume can be worn that is unsafe or that may create a safety hazard.

No weapons or replica weapons are to be brought to school. No masks are allowed that completely hide the identity of a student; however, masks may be worn during a parade or other specific activity, provided that safety is not hindered, as determined by the site administrator.



Principal Letter

October 26, 2018

Dear Flynn Families:

Can you believe it is almost November already? The cooler weather is here and snow is sure to come sooner than later! This is a good opportunity to remind families to double check your child's outdoor clothing for the day's forecast. We want the students to spend as much time outside during recess time as possible, so they may be outside in the cold, the snow, and even some light rain.

Remember there is an upcoming Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting on November 1. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's at 6:30pm in the Flynn Library. Hope to see you there!

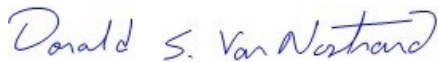
The students practiced some classroom lockdown drills at the start of the school year, and we have a planned school-wide lockdown drill on November 5 at about 9am. Please do your best to avoid coming to school at that time or you might get stuck in a lockdown for a bit. The Burlington Police Department will be at school to support the drill. If you want more information about Flynn's emergency protocols please reach out to me or visit <http://iloveguys.org/>.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up. Please sign up to meet with the classroom teacher and learn about some great things your child is doing. And remember, you don't have to wait for conferences to reach out to the teacher. We have amazing staff at Flynn working with the children!

Finally, I am excited about the upcoming school musical. On November 9 and 10 the Flynn School's Very Merry Theater will be performing *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Kids*. An adaptation of the fourth of Mary Pope Osborne's award-winning fantasy adventure books from the Magic Tree House book series, Jack and Annie's Tree House takes them to an exotic island with pirates, where the two discover the power of friendship and the simple pleasures in everyday life.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,



Donald S. Van Nostrand
Interim Principal

