

## **GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL**

*October 28, 2013*

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Dear Families,

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Family Fun Walk such a special event. Staff and families alike brought a lot of goodwill and autumn energy to the gathering. The weather provided a good reason to keep moving, and it's been nice to hear about the results from our youngest students. They are sure proud of the number of steps they've accumulated. Keep the healthy activity going!

Recently I showed a video clip at All School Meeting to encourage our students to turn a healthy eye toward their jack 'o' lanterns, too. Rather than throwing your pumpkin away, consider making soup. If yours doesn't seem appetizing, start a seed project so that you can grow your own crop of gourds for next year.

Look for recent clips and other pictures of interest on Facebook later this afternoon. With all the curriculum work staff have been involved in I have been slower to post these past two weeks. The up side is that adding things in afterward helps confirm for me what a busy and productive place our school community has become.

Enjoy,

*Amy*

Amy Clouter

*Principal*

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

<b>November 1-8</b>	<b>Scholastic Bookfair, in the Media Center</b>
November 4	Rotary Readers visit 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
<b>November 5</b>	<b>Parent Conference Day~ No school for students</b>
	Election Day 7 am-8 pm
<b>November 6</b>	<b><i>Prince Caspian (play) for Grades 1-4</i></b>
November 11	Veteran's Day (no school)
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Wingmasters visits 2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b>
	Grade 3 visits Plimoth Plantation
<b>November 15</b>	<b>School Store</b>
	PTO Shopping Spectacular 6 pm
November 19	Author Melissa Stewart visits Grades 3 & 4
	PTO Meeting, 7 pm
<b>November 21</b>	<b>Grade 4 concert, 6:30 pm, Coolidge Cafeteria</b>
November 27, 28, 29	No school; Thanksgiving break

## **FYI**

1. We have 11 registrations for BOKS- **we need 5 more** in order to run the program. Did you know that students in ESC before school can join for free? Please consider this exciting fitness opportunity. Sign up forms can be found on the Coolidge web site.
2. Several parents have asked: Sorry, it's too late to submit Square 1 Art submissions.
3. YES, childcare will be available on Parent Conference Day from 7 am to 3:30. Parents who are interested can drop children in Grades pre K- Grade 4 off in the Cafeteria for the duration of their conference time- about 30 minutes/student.
4. Parents (and even extended family!) are welcome to visit with our students during lunch. Please do not bring younger siblings out to recess, though- if your child is not yet in Kindergarten, s/he should not be on our playground with the older children.

## **FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE:**

### *Halloween Safety Tips*

Here are some quick safety tips to assist you and your children for a fun night if you participate in Halloween.

**S-** Be safe with costumes, they should be flexible and flame resistant. Masks, costumes and shoes should be well fitting. Eyeholes on masks should be large enough so children can see.  
**A-** Avoid Trick-or Treating alone; travel in groups, with family and friends. Know the route or neighborhood that your children will be traveling in.

**F-** Fasten reflective tape on costumes or bags to help drivers see children better. Carrying glow sticks and using flashlights are also a great way for others to see children.

**E-** Examine treats for choking hazards or tampering. Eat only factory made treats and avoid homemade treats from strangers.

**H-** Have Fun!

**A** -Always test makeup on skin in small area before applying on entire face, some children are sensitive to certain costume make-up.

**L-** Look both ways before crossing the street.

**L-** Look at alternatives to just distributing candy, there are non-food treats, pretzels, trail mix, granola bars, etc.

**O-** Only walk on sidewalks, or the far edge of street facing traffic

**W-** Walk from house to house and avoid running, especially if poorly lit.

**E-** Enter homes only with a trusted adult, visit well lit homes.

**E-** Encourage your children to be mindful of the amount of snacks eaten, and eat in moderation

**N-** Never take a ride from strangers

