

Dear Parents,

Hope you all were able to do something fun this weekend. I got to spend it with my granddaughter, so I was really excited!

We had one of those sweet moments this week. We needed to elect our student council representatives and many students volunteered. Because of online learning the normal voting methods had to be adapted. When the decision was made, and I announced the 2 winners (congrats to Jeevesh and Leo), the class erupted into a cacophony of clapping and congratulations! The whole class made it clear that they were supportive and feeling positive. It was so spontaneous and so warm, I was so, so proud of them all! Not surprised, since I already know how kind-hearted they all are, but definitely amazed!

On to stuff to know.

LINCOLN SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This week through November 1 we will be having a virtual book fair! Our amazing PTA has been working so hard to try and provide those special events and activities for the students even though we are not yet back to normal.

I created a new page on our website with the information the PTA sent me. I also believe they have sent parents the information. FYI, anyone can always go to Scholastic.com and buy books, but in order to support Lincoln with this fundraiser, please use the link they sent. I also included it on the class website page. Just in case, this is the link:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lincolnelementaryschool31>

MAGIC SHOW IS COMING

Speaking of our wonderful PTA, they have also planned a wonderful evening on October 29, at 7:00. It is free for everyone. The magician is Brian Scott. The PTA will be sending out the Zoom link as we get closer to the date.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

We will not be getting to have a regular Halloween party like we usually do at school. I am planning on having Halloween fun on the 29th anyway. I think it would be fun to dress up in some sort of costume that day. I'm not sure if anyone was planning on doing this since perhaps regular trick or treating is not happening. So nothing elaborate and definitely not required. Other fun details of the day are still in the planning stages. Please feel free to share if you have a brainstorm!

HAPPY HOLLOW VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

I have booked a virtual field trip through Happy Hollow Park. This is a trip we traditionally go on in person and I am so happy we get to do this virtually.

One unexpected bump in the road is that the district suddenly informed us that we will need parents to sign permission for their children to participate. We are currently working on the

best way to do this. The “trip” is on October 27 from 12:45 to 2:45. I may be sending another email soon about the details, link, permission forms etc. Please stay tuned.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS ARE STARTING

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for our fall appointments. I am looking forward to meeting with you. This week we have appointments starting at 3:00 for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. These meetings are optional, but just in case, there are still openings if you would like to sign up.

READING ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS

As you know, we focused on reading comprehension last week. I met in small groups with all the Ellerbees twice this week in addition to our class meetings. Growth is happening! Hooray! This week we talked about what possible reason did Karana have for not killing the wild dog and instead bringing him home and nurse him back to health. We had a lot of great ideas! We wondered if she felt a glimmer of hope that they could become friends. Or perhaps since he was wounded and close to death, she had compassion. We even talked about how perhaps she felt like there was no honor in killing a wounded enemy.

I am so proud of everyone participating in the discussions and doing so much better writing their post its! They also have been writing great essays about that very question. Please know that as we move forward, I am more than happy to chat or email about the new chapters. I can give you some heads up to help guide your book talks with your child. A big shout out to all the parents who are reading this book! BTW, it is okay for YOU to read ahead but please make sure your child does not. We don't want any spoiler alerts. LOL!

ELECTRICITY BAG OF STUFF

Just a quick follow up on the ziplock bag included in the materials pick up last week. I didn't have enough supplies for the students to do some of the electricity activities. As I was bemoaning this, Layne Northsea, Ellee's mom, volunteered to buy the needed supplies! I was overwhelmed and so grateful. We aren't starting electricity until the second trimester so there is time to get these extra materials to you all. Stay tuned!

OWL PELLET KIT

I wanted to just remind you that these bags need to stay sealed so nothing gets misplaced when we are ready to start our activity. Also, I want to reassure you that these owl pellets were purchased from a supplier and are guaranteed to be sterile so it will be 100% safe for the students to take them apart to discover all the bones inside.

Thanks again for all your wonderful support!

I am always available for questions!

Stay safe,

Ruth