

OCTOBER 2022

NEWSLETTER

The child seeks for independence by means of work; an independence of body and mind.

-Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 7: Apple Harvest Day
- Oct 10: School closed for Parent-Teacher conference
- Oct 14: Field trip to Dallas Zoo
- Oct 21: Fall Festival
- Oct 26: Picture Day (*new date)

OCTOBER: ANIMALS & HABITATS

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
3 FARM ANIMALS	4 FARM ANIMALS	5 ZOO ANIMALS	6 ZOO ANIMALS	7 APPLE HARVEST DAY
10 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE (SCHOOL CLOSED)	11 RAINFOREST HABITAT: JAGUAR	12 RAINFOREST HABITAT: TIGER	13 RAINFOREST HABITAT: TOUCAN	14 FIELD TRIP TO DALLAS ZOO
17 DECORATE PUMPKINS	18 DESERT HABITAT: VULTURE	19 DESERT HABITAT: ARMADILLO	20 DESERT HABITAT: SCORPION	21 FALL FESTIVAL/ (FREE DRESS IN COSTUME)
24 WOODLAND HABITAT: RABBIT	25 WOODLAND HABITAT: DEER	26 WOODLAND HABITAT: BEAR	27 WOODLAND HABITAT: FOX	28 WOODLAND ANIMAL CRAFT
31 READ ALOUD: BRING A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS				

Fall Events

Pumpkin Decorating: Bring a pie pumpkin (about 6-10" diameter) by 10/11. Write your child's name on the bottom with a pen or Sharpie. We will decorate it on 10/17.



Fall Festival: We will have a Fall Festival October 21! You may wear your Halloween costume to school on that day. (No guns, swords, or weapons. No masks that cover the eyes or any costumes that interfere with learning, sitting in a chair, or playing outside.)

To prepare for the fall festival, please bring two unopened bags of candy or small prize/toys by 10/12. Make sure the candy does not contain nuts or spicy ingredients. (Nut and spicy candies will go in the teacher's lounge!)

Costume Contest!

Email the office a picture of your child's Halloween costume. Votes will be counted via Facebook until 10/30, 12 noon. First, second, and third place winners who get more than 100 likes will receive \$200, \$100, and \$50 tuition credit.

October Schedule

We are closed on Oct. 10 for Parent-Teacher Conference. See your email to sign-up for a time.

After School students: PISD is closed on Oct. 11; we are open regular hours. (We will accept After School Program students for drop-in care. Please email the office to sign up. Drop-in fee: \$55 Lunch: \$5)

ZOO FIELD TRIP 10/14

Sign up online for the Zoo field trip.

This is an optional field trip. Students who do not go will remain at school with teachers.

COVID PROCEDURE UPDATE

As of August 2022, the CDC has updated the recommended procedures for those who test positive and close contacts of positive cases.

Positive test: Stay home for 5 days, return on day 6 if your symptoms are improving, wear a mask on days 6-10.

Close contact: No quarantine required. Wear a mask for 10 days, test on day 5 even if you have no symptoms.

For complete details, please see the CDC's website.

Positive cases of students need to be reported to the office. Notifications school-wide and to the Collin County Health Department are still required.

Beginning 9/23/22, tuition will not be credited for absences due to Covid.



SHOULD I COME TO SCHOOL OR NOT?

For the safety and well-being of all our students and faculty, students should remain at home when they exhibit signs of illness, including but not limited to:

- **Fever greater than 100.0°F.** They must be fever-free (without use of fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Vomiting (2 or more episodes)
- Difficulty breathing including requiring breathing treatments every 2 hours or more
- Diarrhea (2 or more episodes)
- Blood in stools
- Persistent abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours
- Rash with fever or behavior change
- Purulent conjunctivitis ("pink eye" with thick discharge from the eye)
- Head lice, must be completely nit-free
- Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection) until 24 hours after treatment starts
- Strep throat or other streptococcal infection, until 24 hours after starting antibiotics and fever has ended
- Chicken pox, until all sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days)
- Feeling too ill to comfortably participate in activities
- Testing positive for Covid-19. (A 5-day quarantine is required per the CDC, even if your child has no symptoms.)

Absence reporting: Please report absences by 10am, either by email, or by marking your child "Absent" on Childpilot. On Childpilot, click the 3 dots by your child's name, then click Report Absent.