

THE EAGLE'S WATCH

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FALL

October promises to be extra busy with school activities: Superintendent's Discussion Group, MEAP "madness", PTO Picture Day, the Walk-A-Thon, Homecoming, Halloween Family Night, Parent/teacher conferences, etc., etc.

Keep a close eye on the school calendar, watch for fliers we'll send home, and read inside for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/2 SDG mtg. 9:15 a.m.
- 10/3 Headcheck
- 10/8 PICTURE DAY
PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- 10/9 Creech/VanDamme to
Blake's Orchard
- 10/10 Walk-A-Thon
- 10/14 MEAP Math
- 10.16 MEAP reading/writing
- 10/18 Homecoming Parade
- 10/21 MEAP reading/writing
- 10/23 MEAP sci/soc.studies
- 10/24 Halloween Family
Night
- 10/28 UMA Extended
Conferences
8:30-11:30 a.m.
12:30-3:30 p.m.
- 10/29 Evening Conferences
5:00-8:00 p.m.
By appt.
- 10/31 **NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS**
Conferences 8:30-
11:30 a.m. by appt.
School closed in p.m.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES...This year students do not attend school on Halloween, October 31. Parent/teacher conferences are in the morning and school is closed in the afternoon. Thursday, October 30, will be ORANGE & BLACK DAY. Classrooms that have earned 10 PBS class coupons will be treated to a movie and popcorn. We will not have a parade; only Kindergarten and DK students will be allowed to wear costumes. Mrs. Creech and Mrs. Barnum will send home information with guidelines for that day.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



THANK YOU STUDENTS...for returning your Box Top flyer! The following students have earned a school store coupon plus \$1.00 for Arbor School from each boxtop flyer: Kara Thompson, Tamara Pfropper, Marissa Meyers, John Meyers, Ariella Baan, Hailey ruck, Carlie Tello-Esquivel, Shelby Young, Makayla Meyers, Kyle Lorentzen, Alex Grunow, Madison Young, Calum Lee, Cailey Hamilton, D'Angelo Scheuer-Haislip, Catherine Hoey, Austin Lorentzen, Jessica Ruck, Devin Scheall, Gina Saura, Brandon Banks, Stacey Thompson, Isabella Bolish, Casey Lee, James Van Gorder, Amber Weller, Nick Bensette, Donavon Tocco, Nicholas Hattle and Karina Collins. Keep saving those Box Tops!!

WALK-A-THON...The annual Walk-A-Thon will take place on Friday, October 10. Information and pledge sheets have already been sent home. Please let us know if you need more pledge sheets. This was one of our BEST fundraisers last year, and we want a successful one to start this year to provide field trips and other enrichment experiences. In addition, in honor of Corey Towers, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

SPAGHETTI DINNER/HALLOWEEN FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT...On Friday, October 24, the PTO will sponsor a spaghetti dinner, guest reader, pumpkin raffle and craft project from 6:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.. Tickets will cost \$3.00 per person. Pumpkin Raffle tickets will be \$.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Save the date and watch for more information.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCUSSION GROUP...Once a month, parents are welcome to meet with Mr. John Kment, Superintendent, and other administrators to gain information and engage in discussion regarding a wide range of topics relevant to Roseville Community Schools. Parents appreciate the opportunity to become more informed, stay up-to-date, and be heard. All meetings take place Thursdays mornings at 9:15 at the administration building, except for one evening meeting in February. The SDG dates for this year are: 10/2; 11/6; 12/4; 1/8; 2/5 PM; 3/5; 4/2; and 5/14. We would like to see you there.

HOMECOMING...Is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 18, (not the 11th as published in the district calendar). Arbor will participate in the Homecoming Parade celebrating the City of Roseville's 50th birthday. Come on out to cheer us on!

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THANK YOUCostco for once again providing each student with a backpack filled with supplies on the first day of school; **Pastor Emily Snider and Christ Community Church and Fairway Sav-Mor Drugs (Eastpointe)** for the wonderful donation of schools supplies; and **YOUR CREDIT UNION** made a donation to our Walk-A-Thon. The students and staff greatly appreciate all the kindness and thoughtfulness extended to Arbor.

DETROIT FREE PRESS "GIFT OF READING BOOK FAIR "FEATURING YAK...is being held at the Detroit science Center (on John R. St. at Warren Ave.) on Sunday, October 5, noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the Science Center and Book Fair is free, authors will speak and you can meet Yak. The first 500 children attending will receive a gift bag. Authors to be featured are Wong Herbert Yee, Jean Alicia Elster, Jonathan Rand, Debbie Taylor, and Kelly Dipucchio.

THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE IS 50 YEARS OLD... a Dinner-Dance is being held on December 30, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. (dinner at 7:30 p.m.) at Athena Banquet Center. \$30.00 per person; \$35.00 after November 1. Any questions please call 445-5410.

PROJECT ART IN ROSEVILLE (P.A.I.R.) presents a 50th Anniversary Sock-Hop on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at St. Donald Church Hall on 12 Mile Road. \$5.00 admission. Call the City Managers office for more information.

JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH CONFERENCES...to accommodate the schedule for MEAP testing at the junior highs, the conference schedule has been revised as follows:

<u>Wednesday, October 15</u>	Grades 10-12
12:30—2:40 p.m.	
5:30—7:30 –.m.	

<u>Thursday, October 16</u>	Grades 7-9
12:30—2:40 p.m.	
5:30—7:30 p.m.	

SAFETY AND HEALTH

HEADCHECK OCTOBER 3, 2008...Please make sure your student's hair is clean and free of mousse, gel, hairspray, braids, ponytails, etc. Help is always welcomed. If you can volunteer about an hour to two hours to help with the headcheck, please call the office at 445-5745. Any and all help is appreciated.

LUNCH MENU CHANGE...a couple of changes have been made to the October Menu. Please make note that the lunches for October 14 and October 15 have been switched. Also, the lunches for October 21 and October 22 have been switched. Any questions, please call the office.

IT'S THE LAW STARTING JULY 1, 2009! UNTIL THEY'RE 8 YEARS OLD OR 4'9" CHILD MUST USE A BOOSTER SEAT. Until children are 8 years old or 4'9" they can be too big for a child car seat but too small for a safety belt. A booster seat makes safety belts fit properly and reduces the risk of injury in a crash. Booster seats are available at many stores. They cost between \$15 and \$100 depending on the style. All booster seats are safest when used in the back seat and with both the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt, NEVER with a lap belt only.

IF YOU NEED TO SEE A TEACHER...Make an appointment. Please send a note or call, or stop at the office to see when a teacher is available. Remember, all visitors need to check in at the office. Please note that before school starts is teacher preparation time.

SAFETY DRILLS...each year we are required to have fire, tornado, and lockdown drills. So far we have had two fire drills and one tornado drill.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

MEAP TESTING...Guidelines and schedules have changed for the MEAP test. Students must complete the test on the day it is given. If a student is absent or leaves school during the test, a complete new test must be completed on a make-up day. (Special education students are excluded from this schedule.) Hence, **we need your help in making sure that your child is in school and completes the tests as scheduled:** Tues., Oct. 14 Math; Thurs., Oct. 16, Reading and Writing; Tues., Oct. 21, reading and Writing; Thurs., Oct. 23 Science grade 5 and Social Studies, grade 6.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS...If your child is absent and you want homework, give teachers adequate time to prepare these assignments. Sometimes assignments are not picked up or returned, so please do not submit a request unless you plan to pick up the assignments.

DID YOU KNOW?

This is Arbor's second year with school-wide Title 1 status. We have purchased writing resources called CRAFT PLUS and hired a Math Aide 3 days per week. Professional development will include workshops about Writing Traits and CRAFT PLUS. We also anticipate scheduling three parent workshops. Stay tuned for more information.