

Jack Northrop
EXPLORER NEWS

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Mrs. Peterson, Principal

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/20 Great CA Shake-out Earthquake Drill
- ◆ 10/21 Sprit Day - Wear Red & BMX Bike Assembly
- ◆ 10/21-30 Red Ribbon Week Activities
- ◆ 10/25 Student of the Month
- ◆ 10/26 No School for Parent Conferences - Report Cards go home
- ◆ 10/27 Min. Day for Parent Conferences
- ◆ 10/31 Costume Parade
- ◆ 11/3 @ 8:35 Principal's Coffee Club in the library

Principal's Message:

It's hard to believe that the first quarter is already over – it seems as if the school year just began and now it's already feeling like Fall! It has been an exciting and busy start to the school year, and I know that the first quarter has been rewarding and successful for our students! I hope that everyone takes advantage of the upcoming Parent Teacher Conference days to schedule a conference with their child's teacher. We are all partners in this important job of raising educated, thoughtful, and happy children, and I know that our teachers look forward to working productively with you. **There will be no school on Wednesday, October 26, and Thursday, October 27 will be a minimum day with 12:50 dismissal** so that teachers have an opportunity to meet with families.

Halloween:

As in previous years, students may dress up in their costumes for the Halloween parade around the Quad. Students may put on their costumes at 2:30, and the parade will be at 2:45. Parents are welcome to join us for the festivities at 2:30. Please be sure that all costumes are appropriate for elementary school – no masks or excessively scary or gory costumes, and clothing must meet our usual dress code standards. Please be mindful that many of our students have expressed fear regarding the clown nonsense that has been on the news so much lately; for that reason, no masks will be allowed, and we ask parents to be mindful of these concerns when planning for the school parade.

School safety is a primary concern for us, and we regularly practice all sorts of drills, including fire, earthquake, lock-down, and shelter in place. On October 20 at 10:20, we will participate in the Great California Shake-out, where we'll practice our Drop, Cover, and Hold procedures, then evacuate to the field. Our goal in these drills is to learn how we can improve our emergency response in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. It's a great time to review our emergency procedures and preparation as home as well – we never know when emergencies may occur! I'd like to thank all of our families who are helping us to keep the school safe by following the pick-up and drop-off procedures each day. I know that the traffic can be very frustrating, and I appreciate our families setting a good example for the students by being patient, and careful each day as they pick or drop off their children. I'd like to ask that parents not check their children out early as a way to avoid the traffic – not only does it cost your child valuable instructional minutes, but early check-outs disrupt the educational process for the entire class.

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Red Ribbon Week Schedule:

Friday, October 21- Spirit Day – Wear Red and BMX Riders Assembly
Monday, October 24 - Be On A Drug Free Team – Wear Your Favorite Sports Shirt
Tuesday, October 25 – Sock It To Drugs – Crazy Sock Day
Thursday, October 27 – Follow your Dreams, Not Drugs – Appropriate Pajama Day
Friday, October 28 – Hats Off Free From Drugs – Wear Your Favorite Hat
Monday, October 31 – Halloween – Costumes/Parade



I'd like to invite you to the Principal's Coffee Club
Time: 8:35 - 9:30
Date: Thursday, November 3
Location: Library

I'll host one of these gatherings each month, so that we have an opportunity to enjoy coffee and pastries, share what's happening at school, and hear your questions and concerns. I hope that you can join us!

PTO

Remember that your PTO meets the First Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in room 28. If there are any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to call and leave a message! The phone number for the PTO is (661) 949-0435 ext. 228.

In closing, I have an exciting event coming up in my own family! My oldest daughter Cadence is getting married in Portland, Oregon on October 15, so I will be out of town on the 13th and 14th so that we can share in the festivities. We are thrilled for her and are so looking forward to having our whole family together for such a happy event! Mr. Gross, who many of you know well, will be here to help out while I'm gone.

It's been a great beginning to the school year, and I just want to say how proud I am of our students and their teachers each day. The absolute best part of my job is the time that I get to spend with our kids each day! ☺

Sincerely,

Sherry Peterson, Principal
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