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Happy Thursday! We are very happy to have everyone in school this week for conferences! We love being able to show off our school as well as share specific information on your child(ren) with you. While report cards share information from the first marking period, being able to sit together and talk allows for the personal touch that is so important when creating successful years for our children. Hearing information from home and being able to share anecdotes from school helps us build a better understanding of the children we all care about. School is a place where our children work at building their independence. From the happy feelings of success to the more unsure feelings associated with bumpier times when they reach out for assistance, school is one place they learn to spread their wings. We know how much you love them and we appreciate your support as we help them navigate through each of their school days.

Today is our Junior Achievement Day! A HUGE thank you to Liz Gorgoglione and all of our parents and volunteers that spent today at school teaching our children about financial literacy. Below, please see information on the programs offered at each grade level:

**Kindergarten:** Ourselves - Our kindergarteners will learn about making individual choices, the value of work and the importance of saving.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Our Families - Our first graders will be exploring the difference between needs and wants and how to acquire goods and services.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Our Community - Our second graders will explore the role of businesses and jobs in our community, as well as learn about taxes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Our City - Our third graders are learning how to manage their money and about the economics in a city.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Our Region - Our fourth graders are learning about how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Our Nation - Our fifth graders will learn about the need for employees that can fill current day, high demand jobs.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Economics for Success - Our sixth graders learn strategies for building strong personal financial security, as well exploring career options.

The next Thursday letter will be arriving home on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We would like to remind everyone that our PTO Book Fair starts Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, we will have our annual Ice Cream Social/evening hours at the Book Fair. We are looking forward to reading some of our favorite books at 7:00 pm.

On the back of today's letter, you'll find our newly revised Family Survey. As always, we appreciate your feedback as it allows us to make decisions moving forward.

We wish everyone a nice Thanksgiving holiday next week and a wonderful 4-day break with family and friends.

*Dan & Kim*

### **Upcoming Events:**

11/21 – Early Release Day: 1:00 & Conferences  
11/21 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm  
11/22 – Early Release Day: 1:00 & Conferences  
11/28 & 11/29 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

### **New Fliers:**

Park & Recreation: [Drawing Techniques](#)  
Park & Recreation: [Netto Soccer](#)  
AHM: [Truancy Referral – A Guide for Families](#)

