

MES Family Update email - October 22

Happy Thursday MES Families - what a beautiful fall day!

Halloween: MES Halloween will have a COVID twist this year. While our littlest children will still be dressing up as storybook characters, our traditional parade will sadly not be happening. Our children will be able to see each other's costumes at recess time. Halloween treats will be provided by MES - we will be delivering treats to each room next Friday.

enVision 2020 Math Program: Our new math program's Parent Corner can be accessed at (<https://parents.savvas.com/>). A link to this site is also found on our website.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher Conferences will all be held virtually this year. Your child(ren)'s teacher will be sharing information on how to sign up for a conference slot. If you would like to have a conference with a staff member who is not your child's classroom teacher, please send him/her an email so a time can be arranged.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home on November 17th. Reminder that we have changed how your children have their specials this year. Our 'specials' staff is assigned to classrooms for a block of three weeks, 5 days a week. Once the three weeks is up, the teachers rotate to a new group of classes. Your child will get grades from the specials that they have had until the end of the first marking period. Due to some COVID best practices, concepts such as 'melodic concepts' under music -will not be evaluated. Best practice at this time has our music staff instructing music without singing, making this indicator more challenging to measure.

Enrichment / Tier: In creating our MES School Reopening Plan for this fall, MES drove to keep class sizes the smallest they could be to provide the greatest amount of social distancing. Curriculum Specialists, who provide enrichment and tier services, are all currently instructing classrooms. We strive every day to provide in class instruction to maximize each child's learning, while implementing health recommendations from the CSDE and the DPH. Staff is creatively working to address every student's best next learning steps, without being able to work with them in small groups.

School Advisory Council (SAC): Our School Advisory Council will meet three times per year. Our SAC committee has representation from staff, parents, and BOE. Our mission is to share information about our school and to hear questions from our parent representatives. If you have any questions you would like the parent representatives to share at our meetings, their contact information is:

Kerri Barella - email: kerribarella@gmail.com

Anna Holden - email: anna@annaholdenphotography.com

Melissa Jordan - email: Salvia601@aol.com

PTO: PTO will be holding their virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00. Please see meeting information below:

meet.google.com/cho-jrb-qzb or join by phone: 1-507-400-0073 (pin: 929980200)

Think Pink Day: Please see information below:

Marlborough Elementary School's **Think Pink Day**

What is it?

Our school's **Think Pink Day** is one day to wear as much pink as you can find! Socks, sneakers, shirt, shorts, or pants!

Why do we do it?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so our school is participating in **Think Pink Day** to raise awareness for not only Breast Cancer, but Cancer as a whole because it impacts too many lives!

Who can do it?

Anyone can participate in our school's **Think Pink Day**, teachers and students!

When is it?

Our school's **Think Pink Day** is Wednesday October 28, 2020!

We hope that everyone has a fabulous Friday and a wonderful weekend.

Dan & Kim

New Fliers (located on the school website):

***Park & Rec: Dog Obedience Training**

***Park & Rec: American Red Cross Babysitting Course**

***Park & Rec: ART-ventures for Kids**

***AHM: Play & Learn Group**

***School: School Meals Free for all Students for the Entire 2020-2021 School Year**