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Educational Excellence in a Kind, Loving Environment

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Dear Eyestone Parents,

The fall season is now truly upon us – leaves changing, cooler weather, wind, and a near frost! I hope this letter finds your family happy and well as we head toward the holiday season.

Read-A-Thon Fall Festival

Come join us this Friday, October 14th, from 6:00 – 8:00pm for our Read-a-thon Fall Festival! We will be celebrating the end of our fundraiser with a fun-filled evening for the whole family. Activities will include a book swap, storytelling sessions with a published author, book raffle and signing, games, and food! As with other family activities such as our school dance night, any student attending will need to have an adult chaperone present at the festival.

We can still use a couple more volunteers to run/support the activities. If you can help, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Jennifer Werth, as soon as possible at 391-4564.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

To accommodate parent/teacher conferences, there will be **no school for students next Thursday and Friday, October 20 – 21**. Please be sure to honor the starting and ending time of your scheduled conference so that all parents can be accommodated. (Just a reminder: Kindergarten teachers conducted conferences with parents before the start of the school year, so you will not see a schedule for these classes.)

SITE/ESAC Committee

Applications for vacant seats on the SITE (School Improvement Team at Eyestone) and ESAC (Eyestone School Accountability Committee) have been submitted and approved, and our newest members representing the parent community will be Leah Selvage, Kira Nelson, and April Jefferson! (Continuing parent representatives are Joan Ford and Angela Billington.) Meetings are typically held at Eyestone on the second Thursday of each month from 3:00 – 4:15 PM. Eyestone parents are welcome to attend any or all SITE/SAC sessions as non-members. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please call the school at 488-8600.

Changing Weather

Here at school we're certainly enjoying the current cooling trend, which has returned our building to reasonable temperatures! Please be sure your child comes dressed/prepared

for the weather, as we're always outside as scheduled unless the wind-chill temperatures (a calculation that combines the real-time temperature with wind speed and humidity) go below 10° F. It's also a good idea to label coats with your child's name, which makes it much easier to reunite the two when they become separated!

Pickup/Drop-off Tip of the Month

Our pickup/drop-off zone is at the north end of the horseshoe, beginning at the flagpole and extending west to the end of the sidewalk curve near the fire hydrant. Please remember to pull as far forward as possible/available when you enter this zone. This allows for the maximum number of cars to come into the zone, unload (or load), and go. Please avoid dropping students off along the sidewalk before reaching the flagpole, as we do not have direct supervision outside the defined zone. (Students are not allowed to board vehicles outside of the zone unless accompanied by an adult for the same reason, so please do not direct or encourage them to do so.) In addition, this area (and any zone where the curb is marked in red paint) is a **fire lane** that must be kept open unless you are physically in/with your vehicle. If you need to park your vehicle and leave it – even for “just a minute” – please pull into an available parking slot or park on Wilson Ave.

Thanks for all your support for student safety!

Fall Dates to Remember

- Fall Parties and Costume Parade: Monday, October 31. The parade begins at 1:30 PM and classroom parties follow. Please be sure to arrive by 1:15 PM to obtain seating in the gym and flex room if you wish to observe this longstanding tradition!
- Thanksgiving “Dinner”: Friday, November 18. Information coming home today includes times and reservation slips. Please be sure to have slips back to us by Monday, October 31 if you would like to attend this second longstanding tradition!

Thank you!



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