



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

October 8, 2021

The week of respect was a wonderful success with many students and faculty celebrating daily themes by not only wearing theme-based outfits but also announcing different quotes each day. THANK YOU for your support as we continue to promote a positive message of respect within our student community.

### **ABSENCE REPORTING....**

Everyone is doing a wonderful job reporting an absence; however, we do need to ask that you share THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE including illness symptoms. This is necessary to ensure a safe return to the learning environment while also making determinations regarding access to virtual learning. This request includes travel destinations.

### **ASSESSMENTS – We are DONE!**

It has been a busy week for our students and they have done extremely well engaging in testing expectations. iReady was administered to all students with NJ Start Strong to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade only. Our data will be culled to use to drive instruction. More on this in the weeks ahead.

### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Although I will be sending home a separate notice regarding the Halloween parade, I wanted to let our families know a few important details to allow for planning.

- The school day is a regularly scheduled day 8:15 to 3:00.
- We will be running the day as a “single session” day with a common lunch/recess period 12:30 to 1:30.
- Students *may be* picked up during that window of time to go home, eat lunch and change or they may remain with us to eat.
- Students are to be dropped off back at school no later than 1:30.
- PARADE will begin promptly at 1:45. This is an OUTDOOR ONLY event. It is also WEATHER PERMITTING. If the weather is debatable – please watch your email. I will make the decision by 11 AM and we will blast out ANY CHANGE. We will not blast out confirmation if the weather is good.
- Please watch for a notice containing additional details and a permission slip for lunch dismissal early next week.
- As you plan costumes, please remember – this is a school environment. Accessories are not permitted in the form of any weapon or item that may be perceived as a weapon. Also – we have young children that will be viewing other students. We appreciate your thoughtful approach as it relates to creating a costume that a student may find “nightmare” producing =0).

I just left our first general PTO meeting of the year and it was wonderful to be together and engaged in thoughtful conversations around our students and school environment. It was a wonderful ending to a terrific week. Enjoy the weekend!

*Mrs. Tierney*