

N.C.S. NEWS

October 3, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Points of Interest:

- Columbus Day—October 10—No School
- F.S.A. MTG—Oct. 11—6:30 p.m. @ Doris Jones Community Center
- N.C.S. Board Meeting—October 18—8:00a.m. @ N.C. S.
- Early Release—October 21—Dismissal at 12:00

Update :

Students will only be allowed to wear jeans on Fridays with the permission of their teacher for the cost of a dollar.

From the Office

We appreciate when you call us and let us know your child will be out sick. It saves us time and a phone call.

Bus changes will only be made in case of an emergency and ALL bus changes must be submitted to the office in writing (written note or fax) with a parent/guardian signature and a working number for confirmation. If a bus change is not confirmed, no change will be made. No bus changes will be made after 1:00pm on a full day or 10:00am on a half day. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY VERBAL OR EMAIL BUS CHANGES FOR ANY REASON.

From the Health Office

Autumn is here and so is cold and flu season. It is time to reinforce good hand washing and covering your cough instructions. Sixth and Fifth grade health screenings will be done this month. Have a Happy Halloween!

Nurse Raymond

Family School Association

We would like to thank all of the fathers, family members, and friends for making the Million Father March a great success. Studies show that families who participate in their child's education help them succeed in school. So, we want to keep up the good work that has been started by seeing you at the next FSA meeting. It will be at the Doris Jones Resource Center on October 11, at 6:30.

Counselor's Corner

The word "integrity" seems to be an abstract ideal in our society. Everybody has a different idea about what it actually means. Maybe that's because it's been a disappearing quality in recent generations. But as a parent, teaching your child how to act with integrity is vital for his/her development. You don't want your child to become a person who breaks promises, lies or has no concern for others. Here are a few suggestions to raise your child with integrity:

Know what the word "integrity" means.

- Be the example.
- Keep your promises.
- Teach friendship skills.
- Instill empathy and compassion.
- Use your faith.

It's up to you to teach your kids about integrity. If you don't, the media and their friends will teach them completely opposite values. Think of it as a non-violent fight between you and "them" for your child's character, values and traits. By being an example and using the mentioned suggestions, you're much more likely to win the fight. The important thing is that you give it your best shot and hope for the best. Even our best efforts can fail, but no effort at all is certain to fail indeed.

Cheri Keetch

Kindergarten

We have had a sensational September and are looking forward to an outstanding October in Kindergarten! Please continue to check your child's communicator each night. There are some exciting upcoming fieldwork experiences and experts in October. *Oct. 6th: Pinkalicious field work; Oct. 7th Nels Ross performance (character education)*. On Monday, Oct. 31st, kindergarten will be hosting a school wide dress down day! Students can wear black, orange and/or white for \$2.00. Proceeds will go towards Kindergarten field work.

Miss Kerl, Miss Haungs, Miss Vetrano

Second Grade

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for all of your support for the 2nd grade fieldwork. Remember that every Friday students can pay \$1.00 to wear jeans and uniform tops or \$2.00 to dress down completely. The money will continue to go towards our fieldwork budget. We will be visiting Hyde Park and Whirlpool park, as well as going to the Albright Knox Art Museum. We will be visited by Patricia Davis (Youth Director for the City of Niagara Falls) and a local voting expert from the Lockport Historical Society. Please continue to check and sign your student's communicator daily for homework assignments and important information. Our first expedition is called "Can You Hear Me Now?" and will continue to focus on citizenship, character traits and voting. Thank you for all of your continued time and support!

2nd Grade Team

Miss Smith, Mrs. Swiatek and Mr. Morgan

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders were recently involved in their first field work experience. We had the pleasure of taking a tour of the historical Underground Railroad that stretches from Buffalo to Lewiston. We got to visit many local safe houses and the Freedom Crossing monument in Lewiston, which is connected to the book we are reading in class. Also, as our final product for this expedition, students will be writing and performing a play about the Underground Railroad. Please practice their lines with them at home so they can have them memorized. A final date and location for the play will be determined at a later time, but parents and community members are encouraged to attend and support our students. In addition, the first quarter of school will be wrapping up at the end of the month. As a reminder, math homework can be corrected and handed back in to improve student's grades. Please remind your child to make these corrections.

The Fourth Grade Team

Mrs. Schoepflin & Mr. Klein

First Grade

Greetings, First Grade Families!

We'd like to thank all of the grandparents who were able to join us for our "Grandparents' Tea." It was a huge success! Students were delighted to gather information from you, "the experts," as it relates to our Expedition study, 'It Takes A Village.' We anticipate future guest speakers, along with several field visits to help enrich our understanding of children's roles and responsibilities in the past century.

Please remember to encourage your son/daughter to complete his/her homework assignments and turn them in on their due dates. Homework is an ideal way to review what is taught in school, and is a percentage of their quarterly grades. Spelling homework *(including the challenge word),* is to be completed in designated notebooks on Monday and returned by Tuesday. There will be a spelling test every Friday. Math packets will be sent home on Mondays. Once completed, they may be turned in early, however; they are due no later than Friday.

Third Grade

We've kicked off our first expedition, "In Our Mother's House," with amazing fieldwork experiences last month. We went to the Native American Museum of Art and had a hands-on "Day Camp" on the Native American reservation. We'd like to thank Coach Abrams, a member of the Tuscarora Nation, for her expertise and support. We have broken the classes into focus groups- be sure to ask your child which landform he/she is becoming an expert on!

Please be sure your child is reading and practicing math facts every night. Also, please initial the Communicator so we know that you are aware of homework assignments and other important updates. Your support at home is essential and greatly appreciated! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Fifth Grade

We've kicked off our first expedition and are learning a lot about our community of Niagara Falls. We have a lot of exciting events planned for the month of October! We will be heading to the PowerVista, working with various experts from Niagara Falls as well as partaking in Canon design workshops to enhance our final product over the next few months!

Please make sure that you are working with your child on multiplication facts and checking their communicator nightly for homework, news, and reminders. We look forward to sharing our learning with you! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

The Fifth Grade Team Mrs. Felmet, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Wiles, and Mr. Weaver

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade has been hard at work with our current case study, ancient Egypt! We have been learning about language, art, writing, and natural resources. We visited the Albright Knox Art Gallery with Mr. Reynolds to view modern art. We also visited the Niagara Falls Power Vista. While there, we learned about our natural resources in Niagara Falls, and how they compare to those of ancient Egypt. We are excited about our upcoming trip to the Buffalo Museum of Science where we will be exploring an ancient Egyptian exhibit. That's all for now! Check back next month for our learning updates J

Sincerely,

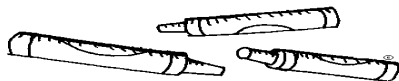
The Sixth Grade Team



Library

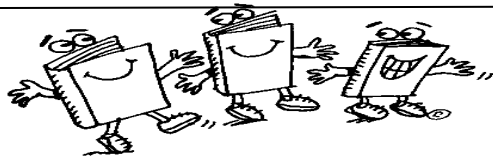
The library is now open! Students will be visiting the library on a weekly basis. Please review the library rules with your child. Students will not be able to check out a book or magazine if they haven't returned the signed Library Media Policy.

Thank you to everyone that purchased cookie dough. The fundraising committee raised \$2800. This money will be put towards library shelving and computer software. Please remember to pick up your cookie dough on October 12th from 3-5pm. If you have any questions regarding the library you can contact me at 297-4520. -Mrs. Stevener



Art

In art, classes will begin to work on projects that coincide with their grade level expeditions. 6th grade is making Egyptian hieroglyphs on hand-made paper. 5th grade is working on linear perspective, and they will be designing their own cities based on the knowledge they gain about tourism. Fourth grade is studying symmetry and will be making hand-made quilt squares inspired by the Underground Railroad. Third grade has started making Native American wampum belts. 2nd grade students will be creating election posters. First graders are creating portraits of children from different time periods. Lastly, Kindergartners are making pet posters inspired by their field work at the SPCA.



Basketball

Jr. Division:
Black 1-0
Purple 0-1
Sr. Division:
Red 1-0
Green 0-1

October Schedule
7th Teal vs. Blue
14th Maroon vs. Orange
28th Teal vs. Red

November Schedule
4th Maroon vs. Purple
10th Green vs. Red **
23rd Orange vs. Maroon**

Game time begins at 3:20 pm on Fun Fridays
** Not a Friday

Come watch your child play basketball!!!!!!



Music

There has been beautiful music coming from the music room lately. Each class has learned many new songs and has been working hard to improve their singing. In order to improve their performance of new songs, some classes have had an audio recording done using new technology in the classroom. By listening to a recording of themselves they are able to critique themselves and make improvements. This month students will be beginning using classroom instruments and will learn to play new rhythms and songs.

Gym

Welcome Niagara University Students. Thanks for your help in "PhysEd" at Niagara Charter School!!! Dr. Madsen has assigned twenty of her students to volunteer their time to better serve our students in "PhysEd." We look forward to working with you and your athletes.

Each month we have a student of the month. The character trait that is being emphasized at Niagara Charter this month is "Integrity."

I have chosen Contave Rivera-Daniels as the student who best demonstrates this trait in "PhysEd."

Congratulations Contave!!!



Congratulations October Students of the Month!

Kindergarten Cha'vaia Miller & Cole Hardy	3rd Grade Wilfredo Borges & Sakaria Stewart	Music Larry Toni
1st Grade Makayla Holland & Timothy Faura	4th Grade Terrance Elder & Amaya Elder	Art
2nd Grade Ceiana Riddick & Jamel Johnson	5th Grade Tiana Smith & Trinity Holmes	Gym Contave Rivera-Daniels
6th Grade Jason Godwin & Richard Rogers		