

October 26, 2016

Hello Upper School Families and Students,

Here are some highlights of this week's work with some information for upcoming events. Our class will be attending a concert at SIU on November 15. The concert is at 10:00 at Shryock so we will need to leave the school at 9:30 to make sure we have seats as there are no reservations for this free concert. We need drivers to transport kids to and from this event. I am not sure what the parking provisions will be because of the university's policies.

Next Monday is Halloween and our school's annual Oktoberfest. At the end of the newsletter you will find information about our plans and needs for that day written by the students.

In language arts, we are moving ahead with different forms of writing. New vocabulary lists for the weeks of October 31- November 11 are attached to the email sending this newsletter out. Since it is the end of the first trimester grading period, we will be reviewing and assessing our past work and setting goals for the future. In social studies we will be finishing the Revolutionary War period and begin our study of the U.S. Constitution. In science we will start to study different types of organisms from simple to more complex.

Starting today Kat Powell will be joining us on Wednesday mornings to work individually with students on specific projects and skills. I am so grateful to her for doing this as I am finding it increasingly difficult to be in more than two places at one time.

Here is the information the students have prepared for you:

10-24-16

For our October Halloween party, we will need donations to complete the fun. Food and beverages will be needed for our party, and our classmates have volunteered to bring some goodies. Arwen will be bringing cupcakes, as well as supplying appropriate music. Lauren will be making her famous chocolate chip cookies. Kloey will be supplying yummy fruit, and Gavyn will bring dried apples. We will also have some less sweet snacks for our party. Agent has volunteered to bring chips and salsa, and Halima will be bringing chips. Yum! Desi has generously volunteered to bring drinks and forks. Paper plates will be brought by Jack, and Gabrielle has volunteered to bring cups and napkins.

Lauren Desi Joe

Halloween Party morning

On October 31, 2016, there is going to be a Halloween party at CNS. There will be a pajama party with a movie called *Hocus Pocus*. You can wear pajamas if you would like. Everybody is contributing to the food and supplies. You may also bring blankets, pillows, snacks, and refreshments. Bring your own snacks and refreshments if you'd like. At the end of the movie we'll have a break and put on costumes. I hope you can volunteer.

Cupcake

Dew

Drop

10-24-16

We need parent or grandparent volunteers for both our Oktoberfest and party and their clean-ups. We need help from 1:30 to 2:15 for the activity, we also need them from 2:15 to 3:00 for the clean-up. We also need them from 3:00 to 3:30 to help with our class's party clean-up. Please contact Mrs. Carla if you can volunteer for any of these things, as we need all the help we can get.

Halima, Arwen, Katy

On October 31st, 2016, Carla's class is having a movie party where we are all invited to wear our pajamas and bring blankets. The movie that we are going to be watching is called *Hocus Pocus*, and is a classic that we always watch on Halloween. The party will last until 11:45, which is when we will go out to recess.

At 12:50 we will come in and start changing into our costumes. At 1:30 we are going to go out onto the playground to participate in the Oktoberfest. Wear shoes. The Oktoberfest will have games and activities, such as a skeleton puzzle (Made by our class), coloring pages (Via Carla's class), and Bingo.

At 3:15 we will be free to go home to relax until that night. As always, a friendly reminder that weapons (fake or not) and overly scary costumes are prohibited. Soda is accepted, but only because it's Halloween. Stay safe, watch out for clowns, and have a spooky Halloween!

-Kloey and Gabrielle. ☺



Vocabulary Words for Week of October 31 to November 10, 2016 for Grades 4-6

1. peculiar – odd or strange
2. myself – used in place of I or me after the words as, than, but
3. dragon – mythical monster represented as a huge, winged reptile with crested head and huge teeth and claws, often spouting fire
4. endorphins – any of a group of peptides occurring in the brain and other tissues of vertebrates, and resembling opiates, that react with the brain's opiate receptors to raise the pain threshold.
5. pennant – a flag
6. accelerate – to hasten the occurrence of
7. buzzed – made a buzzing sound
8. landmarks – a prominent or conspicuous object on land that serves as a guide
9. recognized – to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics
10. furniture – the moveable articles such as tables and chairs that are required for use in a home
11. lurking – going furtively, slinking, sneaking
12. bloodcurdling – horrifying, arousing terror
13. reflection – an image, representation, or counterpart

14. laughed – chuckled, giggled

15. disappointed – failed to fill the expectations or wishes of

16. mimicked – imitated or copied

17. clenched – to close tightly or grasp firmly

18. pretended – made believe

19. pleasure – enjoyment, gratification, satisfaction

20. answered – responded, spoke or wrote in response

21. surprise – to discover suddenly or unexpectedly; a sudden feeling of wonder or
astonishment

Vocabulary Words for Grades 7 & 8 for October 31 to October 10, 2016

1. spontaneous – given to acting on sudden impulses
2. autobiographical – marked by or dealing with one's own life history or experience
3. specialized – pursued a specific line of study
4. community – a social group of any size that lives in the same area and usually has a common government
5. Massachusetts – A state in the northeastern United States
6. politics – the science and art of government
7. government – the form or system of rule by which a state or community is governed
8. continental – of or of the nature of a continent; often used to refer to the 12 original U.S. colonies
9. cartographer – mapmaker
10. hoarse – having a vocal tone characterized by weakness of intensity and excessive breathiness; husky
11. mirage – something illusory, without substance or reality
12. dingy – of a dark, dull, or dirty color or aspect; shabby, dismal
13. deleterious – injurious to health; harmful
14. spherical – globular; having the form of a sphere

15. duplicitous – marked or characterized by duplicity (deceitfulness in speech or conduct)

16. straightened – made more direct and less curvy

17. disembowelment – eviscerate; to remove the bowels or entrails

18. slaughtered – the brutal or violent killing of a living thing

19. peculiar – odd or strange

20. disappointed – failed to fill the expectations or wishes of