Sunday Screamer, October 17, 2021

Good evening, Westover Families. This is Mrs. Wilson with your Sunday Screamer.

I hope everyone had a great weekend. Please see below for a few important reminders and updates:

ONLINE CONSENT FORM

MCPS teachers may utilize a variety of supplemental online digital tools to reinforce the district's instructional program. In the form linked below, you will find supplemental tools that may be used by teachers. These tools have been evaluated to be safe for student use and are consistent with federal laws on student data privacy. MCPS requests your consent to allow your student to use the supplemental tools listed above, as these tools may collect personally identifiable student information, such as first and last name, classroom teacher, or grade level. This information is typically collected by online digital tools to enable use of the tool and to track student progress. Please provide consent using the following form:

https://forms.gle/xLVaQ9V4X7eFms5M6

MATH *DAY and NIGHT* , OCTOBER 21ST--CAN'T WAIT!

Are you ready to *"fall"* into math? We will have Math Day on **Thursday, October 21st**. Students will participate in fun, fall-themed math activities in their classrooms during the school day. In addition, there will be a math informational session via Zoom for parents and caregivers that **evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Staff will share information about the Eureka Math curriculum, helpful resources, and ways to help your child with math at home. See the linked flyer and the Zoom links below. We hope to see you there!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w1RP3L8PdwsLq5n8ThmWhTE4fVKbOjv0/view?usp=sharing

Zoom Links:

PreK-2 & Specialized Programs

Meeting ID: 876 0747 0448

Password: math

https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/87607470448?pwd=ZXdlb1dQVFJNekdaQVBTSXdNZzR2UT09

Grades 3-5

The Meeting ID is: 819 8672 2510

Password: math

https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/81986722510?pwd=Snp1b1VjRmJsSmFLai9SaEh4QWhudz09

COVID SCREENING TESTING

Our school is scheduled to begin COVID screening testing next week. We have been assigned **every Tuesday between 1:00-2:45 pm.** Our state-contracted vendor, CIAN Diagnostics, will be conducting the screening tests for eligible students in PreK-5th grade. We currently have approximately 102 students who have opted in for testing. To accommodate the large number of students who are eligible, we will test students in PreK, K, 3 and 5 (Group A) one week and students in grades 1, 2 and 4 (Group B) the following week, alternating weeks for the remainder of the year. Students will be called down by the main office to a designated location for testing. Parents/guardians will receive an email directly from CIAN Diagnostics containing negative result information. Any positive results will be shared directly with principals. The turnaround time for results has been averaging two days.

FALL PICTURE DAY--NEW DATE

Our fall picture day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 17th. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

FINAL REMINDER: HALLOWEEN AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating Halloween on **Friday, October 29th** at school with an outdoor parade and in-classroom parties. Should a family wish for their child not to participate in the Halloween parade and party due to religious or cultural beliefs, they may opt out. Students opting out will attend a Harvest Festival, which will include fall-themed activities and games in the all purpose room. Students may attend **ONLY ONE** event. Last call for families **opting out** of the Halloween parade and party as we need to get a final count for the Harvest Festival. If you are OPTING OUT, you must complete the form linked here: https://forms.gle/EF8hrdAAfzU7AX997

As we continue to keep health and safety in mind, please note the expectations for celebrations below.

- The outdoor Halloween parade will be held at 2:15 pm. Families will be asked to remain at the perimeter and are encouraged to be distant and masked. If it rains, the parade will be canceled; there will be NO indoor parade.
- Party times will be in the afternoon and determined by the classroom teacher. All parties must end by 3:30 to allow for dismissal preparation.
- Costumes and dressing up are permitted, but appropriate masks, not costume masks, must continue to be worn indoors.
- Students will not be permitted to eat in close proximity while indoors. Room parents are asked to consider a “goodie bag” that can be taken home at the end of the event.
- Games and crafts are permitted.

- While regular volunteers are permitted on school grounds if they have completed the Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) module AND the proof of vaccination, guests to school events and activities *are not required* to show proof of vaccination. For contract tracing purposes, you will be asked to sign in at the main office AND in the classroom. All visitors MUST remain masked. We are really trying to reduce the number of visitors in the small spaces of our classrooms. If you are not volunteering, please consider attending the parade only. Families are asked to limit representation at the party to only one member, if attending. NO YOUNGER SIBLINGS WILL BE permitted into the classrooms; no exceptions!

PTO SPONSORED TRUNK OR TREAT

The PTO is sponsoring a festive Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 29th from 5:00-7:00 pm in the parking lot of the Robin Hood Swim Club! See the linked flyer below for more details! Sign up to host a trunk or to participate!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rSc3yoVyL4_TpnxGomhWVk87LXOPtkhr/view?usp=sharing

Sign up genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49A9A82FA6FD0-westover

PTO BULB SALE

The PTO has you covered for your fall planting needs. Check out the flyer linked below to order your spring bulbs for fall planting and to help fundraise for our school!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EDqmmCb2MTTP41atimSyygKLqv9_pvto/view?usp=sharing

That's all for now!

Have a great night,

Mrs. Wilson