

VILLAGE



ELEMENTARY

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

<b>DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR</b>
11/01 No School
11/05 Parents Club meeting
11/08 Picture Day
11/11 Veteran's Day (No school)
11/12 - 11/14 6th Gr Camp @ Westminster Woods
11/13 Dine & Donate @ Los Tres Chiles
11/19 - Safety Drill
11/21 - 2nd Gr Safe Routes
11/22 - 2nd Gr Field Trip to Petaluma Wildlife Museum
11/22 - Report Cards
11/25 to 11/29 Thanksgiving Break

I am writing this mid-October newsletter to announce some important news and upcoming events such as Halloween parade and parties, attendance, morning Math/Reading, traffic and dogs.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - Thursday, October 31st at 8:45. Kindergarteners will be first and parade around in a circle while the rest of the grade levels watch. Then first grade will walk until we have every grade level parading so everybody gets a chance to see each other's costumes. Parents are welcome to come and take pictures. For Halloween, we are asking that students attempt to come up with an idiom that goes with their costumes. Of course, this is strictly voluntary. This is supposed to be a fun endeavor with students learning about idioms. For example, my costume is going to be a witch. My idiom is going to be: "If the shoe fits, wear it". Figurative language is very difficult for students to grasp and it is our attempt to have fun with learning some of our double talk. We will be giving prizes to the students who have an idiom attached to their costumes. I was going to put on a sash over my costume with my idiom written on the sash. We will also be giving away Starbucks cards to teachers who participate with an idiom on their costumes and a grand prize for the most creative costume and idiom. Teachers who will be having parties for Halloween must adhere to our Wellness Policy Guidelines. If they choose to have a pizza party, they must use our Food Services Department to order the pizza which is a federal compliance requirement that we must follow. Please do not send candy or sweets of any kind. We are not allowed to pass them out. Teachers will guide you as to what they 'smart snacks' they will be needing for their parties. If you wish to send something for the Halloween party or for Halloween,

the Oriental Trading Company has many stickers, pencils and other fun non edible things that you may send rather than sweets.

**ATTENDANCE** - Attendance for September was at 97.28%! Thank you so much parents for helping us with meeting our attendance goals. Last year, we had a month that dropped below 95%. We are striving for 98%. We really appreciate everybody giving us fair warning if students are going to be on Independent Study so that we are able to provide a work contract as this helps our attendance. Thank you for sending your children to school every day on time and for making those dentist and doctor's appointments in the afternoon. Remember that we teach math in the mornings and it is an important time for students to be at school. We also appreciate those parents who take their children to the dentist/doctor and then bring students back to school. This helps our teachers and the students do not miss the important lessons for the rest of the day. Our Morning Math and Morning Reading Clubs have started. In order to make sure that all

students have the ability to have breakfast before these clubs, we are opening up our cafeteria for these students at 7:30 a.m.

**STUDENT PICK UP RULES** - We are asking that everybody follow the rules for pick up after school. If you pick up your child with a vehicle, do not park or pick up in the front of the school. This zone is for our walkers, our specialty vans, our buses and for emergency vehicles only. If you park in this area, it prevents our special students from having a safe environment for pick up. Please help us keep all of our precious children safe! For those of you who are in the pick-up area, the sign clearly states that you are to turn right only! Please, please do not turn to the left! This also creates an unsafe environment for those students who are walking, creates backlog and really upsets parents who are following the rules.

**DOG POOP ISSUES** - We currently are having to pick up dog waste from our Kindergarten and field every single day. This is not considerate of our students who might step in it and have to call home for fresh clothes or different shoes. Please help us by not bringing your dogs onto our campus to do their business. If you do bring your dogs onto our campus and they do their business, please pick it up for us. Our students, custodians, P.E. Coach and Office Manager thank you for helping us with this situation. If you see this happening, please help us by asking the dog walker to clean up after their pet. We thank you for helping our Village!

**Cecilia Franco Holt**



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Please display your handicap placard or license plate when parking at our handicap space.	
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