



Week at the Creek

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Greetings Parents/Guardians!

I hope you all have been enjoying this incredibly beautiful weather lately! The sun has been shining and the cool breeze is a welcomed change. It was nice to go trick-or-treating on Tuesday night and not break a sweat!

Last week was busy around the Creek. In addition to all the learning that took place around the school, our first graders had their Fairy Tale presentations and Ball, third grade had a Fall Festival, Kindergarten students began learning about Native Americans, students received their Brag Tags for the first quarter, and Student Council candidates began their campaigns and practicing their speeches. Our chorus, band, and dance ensemble continue to practice and hone their skills to prepare for the BIG show this winter. We've had a lot going on besides just focusing on reading, writing, and arithmetic!

Dr. Reichenberg and I have had the pleasure of eating lunch with classes that earned the most eggs for good behavior in the cafeteria for the first quarter. We dined in the amphitheater, chatted while we ate, and played games when we were done. Congratulations to the following classes for earning this reward: Mrs. Goselin (K), Mrs. Young (1), Mrs. Eads (2), Mrs. M. Connolly (3), Mrs. Love (4) and Mrs. Turnipseed (5)! We've had a great time rewarding the kids for "egg"cellent cafeteria behavior! I wonder who will win for the second quarter?

Report cards went home on Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Please make sure you have reviewed your child's report card. Please sign and return the report card envelope to your child's teacher if you have not done so already.

Does your child ride the school bus? We have put a new, more organized and timely procedure in place to dismiss students that ride buses. Our school day ends at 2:50. Students line up in their houses by bus number. Kindergarten students are loaded first. Each bus is called and students are supervised as they walk out. All of our buses are safely loaded and out of our lot by 2:57. One exception is with bus 174 that does not usually arrive at Hickory until that time. We have amazing bus drivers who get students to and from school safely each day. They do a great job of controlling a large bus while also managing the behavior of 70+ students that are aboard. Please help out the driver (and me) by reiterating some important bus rules that your child should follow each and every day:

1. Follow the driver's directions the first time.
2. Stay in your seat, face the front of the bus, and **BUCKLE UP**.
3. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself and inside the bus.
4. Use voices that can only be heard by those sitting close to you.
5. Do not eat, drink, or chew gum unless permitted by the bus driver.

Thank you for your help with your bus rider!

We are looking forward to the week ahead which will involve Student Council elections, field trips, 2nd grade Veterans assembly, and the Variety Show (just to name a few of our activities)! Enjoy the week!

All the best,

Jill Hillier
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 11/7 PTO Meeting at 1:00, SAC Meeting at 4:00
- 11/8 Evening PTO Meeting, 7:00 at V's Pizza
- 11/9 Variety Show 7:00 PM
- 11/10 Hurricane Makeup Day – school in session

**Each Wednesday is Early Release Day – 1:50 PM

**Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day



Next PTO meeting: November 7th at 1:00.

Evening PTO meeting: November 8th at 7:00 (at V's Pizza)

If you are interested in serving on the Chili Cook Off Committee... save the date for our informational meeting on November 29th at 1:00 pm.



Character Counts at Hickory Creek!

Our Character Counts Pillar for the month of November is Citizenship.

November offers many opportunities for our students to demonstrate good citizenship:

Veterans Day and Thanksgiving are both perfect times to generate discussions about being a good citizen to your country, and to your families and neighbors.



We have many daytime events happening at HCES! When visiting the school during the day, ANY GUEST should be an approved volunteer. Please access <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/> to apply to be an "approved volunteer."

When coming to visit, please stop by the front desk and sign in to our Keep'nTrack system. You will need to be prepared to present your ID to whomever is working at the front desk for verification. Please wear your visitor badge whenever you are in the building to alert our employees that you have clearance to be in the building.

If you are looking to check your child out early, or pick them up in the event they are ill, please be prepared to show your identification. It is not always the same person working at the front desk, and our staff has been instructed to verify authorization before releasing a student to an adult.

If a student comes to the front office before 3:15 to retrieve an item, the front office staff will call to make sure the teacher is in the room before letting the student back in the building. If the teacher is not in the room, or if it is after 3:15, that item will have to wait to be retrieved the next school day.

Morning Routines:

Students are to enter the building in the Parent Car Line Loop or Bus Loop Doors in the mornings. If parents have appointments with teachers or other business in the school building, please sign in at the front desk so we can best direct you – thank you!! ☺

