



Stevens News-October 2021

News from Mrs. Dennis:

Happy October Everyone! We have a busy month ahead!

National Custodian Day is October 2nd. We thank our custodians Ron, Kathy, Brittany, and Kristy. They keep our building clean and sanitized, clean up our messes, make sure the building is ready for events, and take care of us every day! Thank you Ron, Kathy, Brittany, and Kristy!

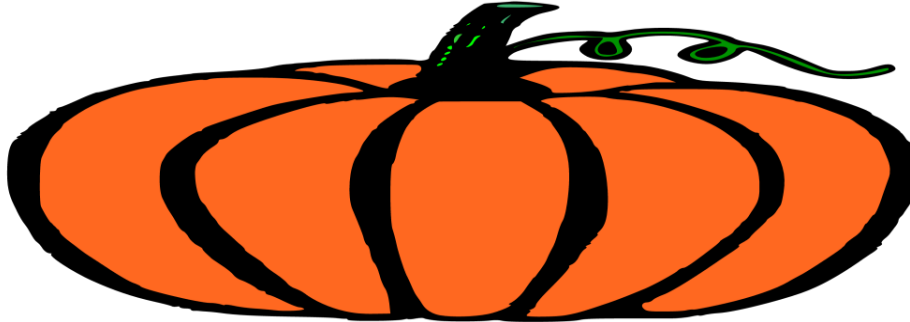
Picture retakes are October 7th. If your student did not get their picture taken or you do not like the August picture, this is the day for retakes. If you need an order form, please ask the office for an order form.

In October, we take part in a bus evacuation drill. This will be the first of two evacuation drills. The students load a bus and the driver goes over safety rules: keep the aisle clear, stay seated, no food on the bus, voice at appropriate levels, and we finish the drill by showing students how to evacuate a bus. All students will take part in this drill.

Red Ribbon Week begins October 25th and runs through October 29th. At Stevens, we focus on healthy choices and healthy habits. We talk about getting appropriate sleep at night, exercise, drinking plenty of water, and choosing good choices in life. We have a different dress theme every day. Please look for a flyer explaining the week and dress days in mid-October.

October Dates:

- October 1st: Early dismissal @ 1:50 p.m.-Homecoming Parade
- October 5th: WE-PTO
- October 7th: Picture Retake Day
- October 11th: No School-Columbus Day
- October 12-14: Candy Grams-\$1.00-all orders due 10/14
- October 14th: Bus Evacuation Drills
- October 21-22: 5th grade Field Trip
- October 25-29: Red Ribbon Week
- October 29: Halloween
 - Parade @ 9:45 a.m.-Weather permitting
 - Parties 10-11 a.m.
 - Early dismissal @ 1120 a.m.



Music News:

2nd Grade:

Holiday music for their program (whether virtual or in person), study composers Tchaikovsky and Bach with various activities and listening exercises; continue to focus on rhythm with Music Go Bag instruments and percussion activities.

3rd Grade:

Holiday music for their program (whether virtual or in person), study composer Tchaikovsky with various activities and listening exercises; understanding folk music and how it is used in dancing, singing and playing of musical instruments; studying about Japanese world instruments.

4th Grade:

Instrument Families - woodwind/brass - watching videos of professional groups perform and listening exercises of the woodwind and brass instruments; learning about the composer Scott Joplin and his influence with ragtime music with various activities (ex: cup game with a Joplin rag); continued exercises and activities with rhythm; patriotic music for their February program (whether virtual or in person).

5th Grade:

Studying the composer Mozart with various activities and listening exercises; instrument families - brass/percussion - watching videos of professional groups perform and listening exercises of brass and percussion instruments; studying about spirituals with history and songs about the underground railroad; studying about the composer Beethoven with various activities and listening exercises.

5th Grade Band:

Continue small group lessons to learn basic rhythm and melody concepts of playing; also learning responsibility for taking care of a band instrument; full band with everyone together tentatively will begin at the end of January!

News from PE/Fitness:

The first trimester was a great learning experience for our 2-5 graders in PE. We spent time on Flag football, soccer and cooperative games and -----much more. We now look to build on that with our yearly state fitness testing, team sports like hockey and volleyball, as well as the brand new unit of badminton! We look forward to making each trimester fun and exciting while we learn skills to further develop each student for the next step in the school year.



Mrs. Quigley will host a Book Fair from November 3rd through November 15th. Your student's teacher will send home a time slot for you to shop the book fair with the class.

Halloween: Students may wear their Halloween costumes (no masks) to school on Friday, October 29th. Weather permitting, we will parade outside at 9:45 a.m. Parties will be held from 10-11 a.m. Costumes should be school appropriate and least restrictive. If in doubt about the appropriateness of a costume, please check with Mrs. Dennis. No gory or bloody costumes! No Slenderman costumes! No inappropriate slogans, sayings, or emojis! Halloween Masks are not to be worn to school, on the bus, or during the academic day. Absolutely no weapons as part of a costume, i.e. a pirate hook.



Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Conferences will be held in-person on Wednesday, November 10th from 3-7 p.m. and Thursday, November 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you do not have a time to meet with your student's teacher, please call the office immediately to schedule a time. Parent/Teacher Conferences are an important part of your student's success in school. Teachers have many things to share with you: grades, social/emotional assessments, curriculum assessments, etc.



WE-PTO: Please join us for the October PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 5th. The Google Meets link will be posted on the WE-PTO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WilmingtonPTO>

Volunteers are needed to keep WE-PTO running for the future!