



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

October 31, 2017



Mark Your Calendar

October

10/31- Report Cards Sent Home

November

11/2- Picture Retakes

11/3- The Great Rake of Town Park

11/6- 2:00 Lock Down Drill

11/9- 6th Grade Knowledge Bowl

11/16- Thanksgiving Feast

11/17- 2:45 Kindergarten Play

11/20- 6:00 PPO Meeting

11/21- 2nd Quarter Midterms

School News

The Great Rake

PES students will be doing their annual community service project, The Great Rake, on Friday, November 3rd. During PE classes, students will go to the town park and rake leaves into piles for composting. Please send in rakes, we need a lot of them, with your name on them, by Thursday, November 2nd. If you know someone that needs compost leaves tell them to stop by the park that day.

PES Thanksgiving Feast

Thursday, November 16th will be our annual PES Thanksgiving Feast. If you would like to attend, or bring a guest, please make reservations and submit your lunch payment to the lunchroom by Friday, November 3rd.

Book-It Pizza Rewards

Don't forget to turn in your monthly reading logs in order to receive your free Pizza Hut Book-It pizza rewards. Forms can be returned to Mrs. Homedew in the library.

Lunch Charges

Parents, please remember to stay on top of your child's lunch accounts. Students are not allowed to charge lunches, so it is important that families keep enough money in their lunch account. You can always call, or visit, Wendy in the cafeteria to add money to an account or check your account balance.

Inclement Weather Recess

As our temperatures are dropping, please remember to send your children to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. I have seen some kids standing at the school doors at 7:30 without wearing a coat. Remember, we will only have inside recess before school, or during the school day, if the temperature is below 20 degrees, or if there is heavy rain.

Information in the Office

There are flyers available at the front office for the following programs:

- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ 5th Grade Ski Passport
- ✓ Pee Wee Basketball Registration Forms – These are due on Friday, November 3rd

Report Card Changes

Today your child will be bringing home their 1st quarter report card. You will notice that our report cards look different this year than they have in the past. Last year the school district determined that we should provide parents with a standards-referenced report card that includes information on a child's progress in regards to state standards as well as specific reading assessments.

Here is an outline the changes you will see:

- The report card is double-sided. The front side has your student's report information. The backside has narrative descriptions of the performance levels, the academic standards, and the reading assessment scores.
- Report cards now include information on your child's scores on STAR Reading and DIBELS assessments. Information about these assessments and the scores your child receives is on the back of the report card.
- Student progress in the academic subjects of Reading, Writing, Communicating and Math are broken out by the sub-standards. **If a standard is left blank, it means that standard has not yet been assessed this year.**
- K-2 students receive number grades; 3rd-6th grade students will receive letter grades for academic subjects.
- Life skills, or student behavior grades, are split into seven different categories. All K-6 students receive a numeric score for life skills. Score descriptions are on the back page of the report card.
- Teachers may have written comments under the different academic or life skills sections. Since we recently had parent/teacher conferences, not all teachers are recording comments at this time.

Please contact your teacher if you have any report card questions.

Paonia Parent Organization (PPO)

At our last meeting we discussed the following items:

- **PES Title I requirements**
- **Papa Johns Fundraiser raised \$409**
- **Status of the school grounds landscaping project**
- **We'd like to organize a Turkey Trot 5K for the 2018 school year**
- **IHS Photo will be doing a family photo shoot to for holiday pictures. A portion of the sitting fee will go to PES.**
- **Started holiday program planning**

Next meeting is Nov. 20 at 6pm at school.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found basket is overflowing with shirts, jackets, sweatshirts and other clothes. Please stop by the cafeteria and check the box for any items that your child may be missing.

A KidZ Clinic Special Message

Have you coughed or sneezed today? Don't get your friends sick, A Kidz Clinic is challenging you to wash or sanitize your hands every time you sneeze, cough, or touch your face. Have a great week everyone!

Parent Involvement Drawing

After reading this *Eagle's Cry*, please fill out the coupon below with the names of each child in your family and return it to school. PPO sponsors this drawing to encourage parent involvement. Each child in the winning family receives \$1. Thanks for being a faithful reader!

Please cut off the coupon on this line.

I've read the October 31st Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)