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MESSAGE FROM MRS. CITRON:

General Wayne Elementary School's much awaited Halloween Parade is not far away. I can feel and see the excitement in the air already! I would like to take the opportunity to thank Willistown Boy Scout Troop 78 for designing and creating the fall display out front. It is fantastic! This far exceeded my hopes and expectations.

Halloween Parade Information: The Parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM on the Grubb Road parking lot. There is plenty of parking in the football field lot south of the parade area for friends and relatives who wish to enjoy the parade.

If you plan on returning to the classroom for the party you will be required to enter the main office through the front doors for a badge to enter the building.

A lot of time and thought go into coming up with the best costume. In the past, the student costumes have been terrific, reflecting good judgment in terms of respect for others and the avoidance of violent themes. I am sure this year will be no exception.

Following the parade, most classes will return to their rooms for Halloween parties until the 3:38 dismissal. The District no longer permits outside food in the classroom for parties or other activities. That means that our upcoming Halloween party and other classroom parties this year will not include food items. We are confident that our classroom teachers and homeroom parents will find creative ways to celebrate without introducing a potential food risk into the classroom. If you would like further information about food in school please visit: <https://www.gvsd.org/Page/15650>

TWO CLARIFYING DETAILS FOR EVERYONE:

Children are to bring their costumes to school. They will have a chance to change before the parade. **DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR COSTUMES.**

All morning kindergarten students are invited to participate in the parade. They can gather with the rest of the PM Kindergarten students in the Grubb Road parking lot by 2:00 PM.

Warm Regards,

Bonnie S. Citron
Principal

*Mark Your Calendar***October 15-19-Spirit Week**

- Monday– Pajama Day
- Tuesday –Dress like a Teacher
- Wednesday– Sports Day
- Thursday– Crazy Hair
- Friday– Patriot Day/ Union Day for 4/5th

October 19– Philadelphia Union Soccer Team visits with 4th/5th grades

October 22– Picture Retake day 1-2PM

October 22-26

Art Goes To School

October 31– Halloween Parade 2:00PM

November 1– Turkey Trot 2:30PM

November 2– Firedrill 10:00AM

November 5– School Board Work Session 7:30PM

November 6 &7– No School– Parent Teacher Conferences

November 12– School Board Meeting 7:30PM

November 15– Kindergarten Play 10:45 & 2:15

November 21-23– Thanksgiving Break-No

Cold and Flu Season has arrived!

Below are some important pieces of information to help you deal with this year's flu season. School-aged children should consider having the Flu vaccine which can be administered by your child's pediatrician. Children with chronic health problems should get a flu shot.

1) Prevention-Spread the word about spreading germs:

Because germs are invisible, be sure to stress to them the importance of washing their hands, using lots of soap and water, and scrubbing until there are bubbles—before meals and snacks, after the bathroom and after coughing, sneezing, or using a tissue. Soap and water are the best tools when available to eliminate germs from hands.

Helpful hints:

- Sing the birthday song. Teach your child to wash their hands for as long as it takes to sing the entire "Happy Birthday" song.
- There's a place to cough. Certainly, children need to learn to always cover their mouths when they cough, but one way to prevent the spread of germs is to have them cough into their sleeves, not their hands.
- Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth. Children sometimes absentmindedly put their fingers in their mouth or nose, or rub their eyes. Help your kids keep their hands away from "germy" areas—eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Tissue talk. "Used" tissues are full of germs. It is important to teach children to immediately put used tissues in the trash and then wash their hands.



SOUP NIGHT



Last night GWES held their 15th annual Soup Night event. This year we will be donating the proceeds to *The Cure Starts Now* in honor of our own GW First Grader, Julia Bitto, who is a DIPG Warrior, currently fighting the disease since August 2017. I am proud to share that we served 478 people last night (our biggest crowd ever!) and raised over \$5100 to donate to the cause. Many thanks to the Soup Night Committee, GW staff, Couch Tomato donations, GVSD School District staff and students, Channel 29 FOX News, Lifetouch, Venice Pizza and GW Families for your participation and donations. I am proud to work at such a caring and devoted school!



JUST WRITE A CHECK

Don't forget our PTO is sponsoring a Just Write a Check Campaign as our Fall Fundraiser. The money we raise goes to offset the costs of assemblies, field trips, classroom funds, and so much more. In order to continue to fund these events we need your support. Please consider donating to our PTO by "Just Writing a Check". Also, contact your employer to see if they offer a matching program. For more information: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b4fe6e_ca37abfd081f4f21aa082712de58fc51.pdf