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Mark Your Calendar

- 10/29 Professional Duty Day - No School
- 10/30 Hurricane Make-Up Day - No School
- 10/31 Halloween
- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time - "Fall Back"
- 11/3 SAC 8:00 AM PTO Cookie Day & Denim Day
- 11/5 3rd Grade Parent Conferences
- 11/6 Report Cards Go Home
- 11/9 Roaring Readers 6 PM
- 11/11 Veteran's Day No School
- 11/12 Veteran's Day Program
- 11/13 Picture Retakes

Panther Pride Paw Prints from the Principal

HAVE A BOO-TIFULLY SAFE HALLOWEEN

Halloween can be a howling good time, with ghosts, candy, and friends, as long as you play it safe. There are some people who want to play mean tricks on kids though, so remember a few tips to have a fun, safe time this Halloween:

- Trick or treat in your own neighborhood. Plan your route ahead of time with your parents.
- Remember to bring your older brother or sister or an adult you trust with you.
- Keep a flashlight or glow stick with you so that you can find your way. It'll also help you show off your costume!
- Don't eat your treats as you go. Instead, save them until you get home and your parents have had a chance to look through them.
- Stop only at houses that have lights on.
- Don't go into a stranger's house for any reason. If a stranger invites you inside, say "no," get away, and tell a trusted adult.

Parents: Remind your child to never go "trick or treating" alone. Always have him/her stay in a group. Visit this website, <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do> to check your neighborhood to ensure your children have a safe, secure and happy Halloween.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Vision, height, weight and hearing screenings for the 1st and 3rd grades have been postponed to November 19th, 2009. Kindergarten classes will be done on an individual basis.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Free to everyone! A Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by The Salvation Army will be held at 2400 Edison Ave. Ft. Myers, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th.

HALLOWEEN CANDY

We are encouraging parents to please not send Halloween candy to school. Little sweet treats are best shared at home. Thank you for your understanding.

DEFINING MOMENTS

These are the enrichment words for the week. Please work with your child so he/she can become familiar with them and expand his/her vocabulary.

1. **Eerie** – weird or strange; scary
2. **Lollygag** – to fool around; dawdle
3. **Obstacle** – someone or something that gets in your way

DENIM DAY

Denim Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. There will be no charge for Denim Days. As always, jeans, denim shorts, skirts or skorts may be worn with a uniform shirt or school T-shirt (it's a Tuesday!) Bottoms must still be worn at the waist, appropriate length, be belted (grades 2-5) and shirts must be tucked in.

FLU SEASON

Flu season is here.

Prevention is the key to staying "Flu Free".

1. Wash Hands - thoroughly and often
2. With Fever - keep your child home. Do not send your child to school with a fever. A child must be fever free for 24 hours!
3. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing by using your arm or a tissue.
4. Avoid sharing sodas, bottled water, etc.
5. Oh, and wash hands, wash hands, wash hands!

Parents, for the health and welfare of all students, if your child is ill or has a fever, please keep your child home.

For up-to-date information about H1N1 (Swine) Flu visit <http://www.myflusafety.com> or call 1- 877-352-3581.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Dads Involved in Their Children's Education

President Obama, in his speeches, has talked about the importance of fathers' involvement in their children's lives. A special report called "Father's Involvement in their Children's Schools," talks about the impact dads have on their children. The study says, "Children do better in school when their fathers are involved in their schools, whether their fathers live with them or their mothers are also involved." Here are five steps you can take to become a stronger dad in your child's education:

1. Meet your child's teacher(s).
2. Call/email the teacher(s) yourself if you have questions/concerns.
3. Attend teacher conferences.
4. Help your child with homework.
5. Let teachers and the school know you want to be involved; ask what you can do to help your child.

Check out www.strongfathers.com for more information on how to be involved in your child's life.

Breakfast Menu

Served Daily
8:45 - 9:05 a.m.

Monday:
Cinnamon French Toast Sticks, Cereal of choice, Fruit of choice or juice, milk

Tuesday:
Poptart, Cereal of choice, Fruit of choice or juice, milk

Wednesday:
Gilardi Max Stick, Cereal of choice, Fruit of choice or juice, milk

Thursday:
Superbakery Proball, Cereal of choice, Fruit of choice or juice, milk

Friday:
Cereal bar, Fruit of choice or juice, milk



No School for students



11/01 Daylight Savings Time Ends!
Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

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