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SOCKS FOR SANDY SURVIVORS

We are proud to be supporting local resident Cora Hughes who believes we can make a huge difference in a small way in reaching out to help the many citizens on the east coast devastated by hurricane Sandy. She spoke at our Friday Flag ceremony this morning and asked if each person would donate one pair of new socks that she would then ship to victims of the hurricane. Please have all socks donated by Thursday, November 15th, so that she can pick them up the next day. Just have your child give them to their teacher or drop them off at the office. What a great opportunity to show our children how easy it is to help those in need.

PARENT SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

We are asking each parent to take some time and complete the on-line Parent School Climate Survey that was sent home in last Friday's Folders. On the flyer you will find details and directions. If you did not receive the information you can find it on the District website at www.chicagoparkschool.org. Follow this path: Parents>School Documents>California School Parent Survey. If you do not have access to the internet, you may come to the school and we will be happy to let you use one of our computers. If you have questions, please call the school office at 346-2153.

BIRTHDAY PARTY REMINDER

To avoid hurt feelings, private birthday party invitations should be mailed to the student's home. If your child is inviting the entire class, then he/she may pass invitations out at school. Please coordinate any invitation distributions with your child's teacher.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulation to the October Students of the Month!

K – **Noah Henson; Zachary Hobbs**
1st – **Aurora Lumley; Sophia Pendola-Link**
2nd – **Aurora Narayan; Jim Quinones**
3rd – **Garrett Arcand**
4th – **Spencer George**
5th – **John Beckman; Rachel Garcia**
Academy – **Kayla Cook; Sherry Guzman**

THE GREAT PUMPKIN/SQUASH DECORATING CONTEST

It just keeps getting better! This year's pumpkin decorating contest proved to be even more imaginative than ever. Students voted 1st grader **Koen Cayabyab's** entry most popular. The teachers' vote for the most creative entries went to 1st grader **Jade Biittner**, and 4th grader **Eliza McGinnis**. All three of the winners received a Jamba Juice gift card. Congratulations!

CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPENING

We are looking for two charter school parents to sit on the Charter School Advisory/School Site Council. The committee meets the first Thursday of each month from 3:15-4:30 to review and discuss core and enrichment programs at the school. Individuals are also members of the District's Safety and Health & Wellness committee which meets at the same time.

LOST AND FOUND

'Tis the season of cold mornings and warmer afternoons which means the Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts! Please check to see if any of your children's belongings are there. The lost and found is located in the gym. We will be donating all unclaimed items to a local charitable organization on December 21st.

BIKE DAY

Bike Day on October 5 had the most riders ever, as nearly 50 students rode countless laps around our track. The success of the event had a great deal to do with all of the community support. Many thanks to the Marvin family for their donation of four used bikes, and to the Dodd family for sending two new BMX bikes and 13 helmets our way. Thanks are also in order to bike enthusiast Jet Lowe who brought her "fender blender" smoothie making machine and all the ingredients to make delicious fruit smoothies for all of our riders. We also appreciated the Richards family lending us their easy-up shade structure, and the efforts of students Austin Jefferis and Dylan Hobbs, who donated their time to service bikes in need of fixing. Weather permitting, we will have another Bike Day in spring.



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HARVEST PARADE & TRUNK OR TREAT

What a great community we live in! Everyone that participated in Trunk or Treat had a "howling" good time. Thank you all for making this event a great success again!

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Debra Heiden, the Spanish teacher for our students in "Wild Ducks" has recently published a book, "You Are Never Alone". Debra originally created the book for one of her close friends when her friend was diagnosed with breast cancer. After Debra's friend completed her surgeries and chemotherapy therapy treatments, the two friends worked together to get the book published. Filled with beautiful photos of nature and positive sayings, "You Are Never Alone" is designed to give comfort and inspiration to anyone facing personal challenges in their lives. If you are interested in seeing this book, it will be on display in the office beginning November 15.

SELF-CONTROL QUOTES

"What lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do." Aristotle

"Anger is only one letter short of danger." Anonymous

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thanksgiving break will begin on November 21st, with school resuming on November 26th. We hope you will take time to reflect on your good fortunes.

CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Week of: November 13 – November 16

Composer: Prokofiev

Piece: Lt. Kije Suite 4. Troika

Week of: November 19 – November 20

Composer: Corelli

Piece: Concerto Grosso "Christmas Concerto" 3.

Adagio

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

12 – Veteran's Day No School

13 – Boys' Vball vs Ready Springs Home 5:00

16 – Trimester Ends 12:30 Dismissal

20 – Student of the Month 8:45

Pumpkin Pie 12:15

Early Dismissal 2:05

21-23 Thanksgiving Break No School

27 – Boys' Vball vs Clear Creek @ RS 4:00

29 – Perfect Attendance Lunch 12:00/12:15

Boys' Vball vs MS Mary's Home 4:00

4th – 8th Report Cards Go Home

30 – Honors Assembly 8:45

Honors Bingo 12:50

K – 3rd Report Cards Go Home

DECEMBER CALENDAR

04 – Boys' Vball vs GV Charter Home 4:00

06 – Site Council/Charter Advisory Meeting 3:15

Boys' Vball vs Ready Springs @ RS 4:00

13 – Board Meeting 4:30

Boys' Vball vs Clear Creek Home 5:00

20 – Strum Bums 10:45

Community Sing 6:00

21 – Student of the Month 8:45

Minimum Day Dismissal 12:30

24-31 – Winter Break No School

JANUARY CALENDAR

01-04 – Winter Break No School

07 – Staff Development No School for Students

08 – School Resumes

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