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COSTUME PARADE & TRUNK OR TREAT

To celebrate the harvest season, Chicago Park School will host the tenth annual Trunk or Treat and costume parade on Thursday, October 31st. Children may wear costumes to school, but are not allowed to dress in any attire that may possibly frighten our youngest students. No fake blood or weapons please. Also, masks of any kind will not be allowed to be worn until the parade. This is still an academic school day! At 2:10 we will have a school-wide parade around the playground, followed by "Trunk or Treating" in the parking lot until the end of the school day. Students are encouraged to bring small buckets or grocery bags with their names on them to collect their treats. Due to insurance regulations, you must leave your pets at home.

BIKE DAY

October 4th capped off another successful bike day at Chicago Park! The weather was perfect, and nearly half the student body brought their bikes and helmets to school. Fun was had by all! A special thank you to Academy students Austin Jefferis and Dylan Hobbs, for donating their time to do bike maintenance prior to, and on the day of the event. We look forward to our next bike day in the spring.

YOU ARE INVITED

Please know that parents and community members are encouraged to attend our Friday Flag Ceremonies, every Friday at 8:25 a.m. by the flagpole. This truly is a community event, as we acknowledge adults and students, say the pledge of allegiance, and discuss our character trait of the trimester. At the end of the ceremony, announcements are made regarding upcoming events. This is a great opportunity to show your child that you are involved in the school they attend.

7TH GRADE COUNTY GEOGRAPHY BEE

Chicago Park School District was host to the Annual 7th Grade Geography Bee, sponsored by the Nevada County Schools Office, on Wednesday, October 3rd. Including Chicago Park, eight schools participated. **Jess Barrett, Sheriane Greene, and Rebecca Jurado** did a fine job representing our school. Congratulations to **Rebecca Jurado** for earning fifth place in the individual competition.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Student of the Month assembly for the month of October will take place on November 1st, at 8:45 a.m.

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

Originally our video surveillance system was installed as a means to curtail vandalism after school hours. We are now aware of the safety benefits of monitoring activities during the school day. Please note that anything caught on tape may be used in disciplinary proceedings, and that matters captured by the camera may be referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate. (cf. 5144 – Discipline)

COAT DRIVE

A huge thank you to all who donated new and gently used coats to the community coat drive. I am proud to say that Chicago Park School filled the huge box that was given to us. If you are in need of a coat, there are distribution points around the community on November 5, 6, and 7. Please contact the office for more information.

HOMEWORK CLUB

In case you did not know, we operate an after school homework club from 3:00-3:30 M-Th for students in grades 4-8. Homework club is held in Room 10 and is supervised by Mr. Ellis, who also will assist students who need help in any subject area. This is a great opportunity for your child to get a jump start on his or her homework, freeing up more family time in the evenings.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings will start on November 3rd. Be sure you set your clock **back** one hour.

ELKS LODGE ANNUAL HOOP SHOOT

The Nevada City Elks Lodge 518 is sponsoring its annual Hoop Shoot Basketball Event. This free throw contest will be held Saturday, October 26th, at the Nevada Union High School starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to all boys and girls ages 8 to 13. It promises to be lots of fun. All participants will receive certificates, lunch and drinks. There is no cost to enter. For more information you may call Lou Janakos at 530-272-5371 or go to www.elk.org/hoopshoot.



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CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Week of: October 28-Nov 01

Composer: Bach

Piece: Cantata BWE 147 Chorale "Jesu Joy..."

Week of: November 04-08

Composer: Copland

Piece: Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes 3. Saturday

OCTOBER CALENDAR

26 – Harvest Festival 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m.

29 – Recognition Assembly 8:45

31 – Trunk or Treat (cars in parking lot) 2:00

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

01 – Student of the Month 8:45

05 – Boys' Vball @ Union Hill 4:45

Site Council/Charter Advisory

Committee Meeting 3:15

07 – Boys' Vball @ Home 4:45

11 – No School Veterans Day

14 – Boys' Vball @ Home 4:00

Board Meeting 4:30

15 – Minimum Day (End of Trimester)

Dismissal (K) 12:05 (1st – 8th) 12:30

19 – Boys' Vball @ Home 4:00

21 – Perfect Attendance Lunch

Boys' Vball @ Home 4:00

22 – Honors Assembly 8:45

Honors Bingo 12:40

26 – Student of the Month 8:45

Dismissal (1st – 8th) 2:05

Boys' Vball @ Ready Springs 4:45

27-29 – No School Thanksgiving Break

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PTA CORNER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Chicago Park School PTA 1st Harvest Festival is happening this Saturday, October 26th, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Some of the activities will include fishing for goodies, searching through goo, and a haunted house. Tickets for the games will be 25¢ a piece. Bring your appetite as we will be selling delicious cheeseburgers for \$5.00 and BBQ ribs for \$6.00. Whether you can participate for an hour or stay for the whole event, come and help us celebrate!

2ND ANNUAL RESOLVE 2 RUN

We are partnering with the local 4-H and Fire Department to support a highly successful event in our community. The Resolve to Run 5K and 10K run attracted 85 runners last New Year's Day and this year, event planners are targeting 250 participants. If you would like to walk or run in the Resolve 2 Run, or help, as we need volunteers, please contact Melanie Marvin at melaniemarvin@gmail.com.

PTA NEEDS A TREASURER

Are you good with numbers, detailed oriented, and have 2-3 hours a month to spare? Then we are looking for YOU!

Tasks include:

- Making deposits (once a week as needed)
- Balancing the checkbook (once a month)
- Creating a budget (once a year- *with a little help from your friends*)
- Paying taxes (once a year – *not as hard as it sounds! Can shadow me as they are due in Nov*)
- Attending PTA meetings (once a month)

For more information or to shadow to see if you may be interested please contact Melanie Marvin by email: melaniemarvin@gmail.com or by phone: 530-305-8413 (Can text)

PTA TIME CHANGE

Originally the next scheduled PTA meeting was scheduled for November 8th at 7:45 a.m.; please note that the time has been changed to 8:45 a.m. We hope to see you there.

PTA SPENDING PROPOSAL

Do you have suggestions on how to spend \$6,000? The PTA is looking for your input. Please contact Sandrine Milanello at pta@chicagoparkschool.org, or drop a note by the office, no later than October 31st. Please be sure to include the proposed purchase, a brief description, anticipated cost, and your contact information. Then come and join us at the PTA meeting on Friday, November 8th at 8:45 to help assign the funds.