

September 24, 2018

Good afternoon Eagle Parents and Guardians,

Grade Level Presentations

Our Administration Team is taking the first couple of days this week to present in English Language Arts classrooms. Seventh graders received the presentation today, while eighth graders will hear it tomorrow. This is the first of several presentations students will receive throughout the year. We use the S.O.A.R. acronym at Hocker Grove to frame student expectations. Our presentation is focusing on the “S” in S.O.A.R., which stands for Safe. The only priority that comes above learning at Hocker Grove is student and staff safety. We’re talking to students about ways that we can all work together to make sure that we’re all staying safe as a school-wide community including making good choices, conflict resolution, and reporting unsafe behaviors in person or anonymously.

We would love for you to have your student share the presentation with you this week. A copy of the presentation can be found by clicking [here](#). Thank you for supporting your student and our overall building safety from home.

Superintendent Meet and Greet

Dr. Fulton, new superintendent of the SMSD, is hosting informal meet and greets across the five geographic areas of the district. He will be in the North area this Tuesday, September 25 from 5:00-7:00 pm the Shawnee Mission North High School Cafeteria (7401 Johnson Dr.). This event provides an opportunity for Dr. Fulton and community members to begin to build relationships and engage in conversations about the Shawnee Mission School District. We’re hoping for a great turnout.

Food Services Publications

The latest editions of the Teen Food and Fitness Publication is available on the district Food Services website, and provides tips to keep students active and eating healthy. It’s available in both English (<http://bit.ly/2PWC3lc>) and Spanish (<http://bit.ly/2PTXB8u>) versions.

School-Wide Fundraiser Final Numbers

Well done Hocker Grove! The final count is in for the Hocker Grove fall fundraiser. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to take in over \$12,000 during the fundraiser. That’s almost a 10% increase over last year’s profits! The money will be used by Hocker Grove and the Hocker Grove PTA to support students and teachers throughout the year. Thank you for making our fundraiser a huge success!!

Merriam Park Costume Drive

Merriam Park is once again collecting costumes with the hope that no child in the metro area goes without a costume. Last year, they joined forces with the North feeder pattern and collected over 650 + costumes that were distributed to ANY child in the KC metro



community. Costumes are distributed to families from KCK, KCMO, Piper, Olathe, Spring Hill, and of course Shawnee Mission.

This year Merriam Park wants to go BIG and need your help to do it! Merriam Park is reaching out to every school in the district to join forces and collect costumes for area children. We ask that you follow a couple of guidelines to make organization easier. Outside of those guidelines, it's all about getting as many costumes as we can to positively impact the lives of as many children as we can.

GUIDELINES:

- New or gently used (no stains) costumes
- Please place each costume in a bag labeled with the size/age, and description of the costume.
- All costumes must be school appropriate, and we ask that there be no weapons or props that look like weapons included. We will not place these out for pick up.

Donated costumes can be turned into Ms. Beth Kemper, Instructional Coach at Hocker Grove. Collection will run from today through October 12.

This Week in the Grove:

September 24 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm, Center for Academic Achievement

September 24 Vision testing

September 25 Volleyball @ Westridge 4:30 pm

September 25 Superintendent Meet and Greet 5:00-7:00 pm, SM North High Cafeteria

September 26 Cross Country @ Blue Valley South 4:30 pm

September 26 Volleyball @ Hocker Grove 4:30 pm

September 28 Hocker Grove Night @ Shawnee Mission North Football Game 7:00 pm

September 29 Cross Country @ Baldwin City 8:00 am

Upcoming Events:

October 11 End of First Quarter- Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm

October 12 No School- Teacher Work Day

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3rd Annual

COMMUNITY COSTUME DRIVE



OUR MISSION: TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS A COSTUME

Saturday, October 13, 2018
8 am - noon

Merriam Park Community School
6100 Mastin Merriam, Kansas 66203

Join us in collecting costumes between Sept. 24 - Oct.12.

We will accept new or gently used (free of stains) costumes for this community event. Please place each costume in a separate bag clearly marking the size/age and description of the costume on the outside of the bag.

Questions: Contact Merriam Park at 913-993-3618

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