



M. Joan Pearson School Monthly Newsletter October 2009

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

How is it possibly October already? I want to thank all of you who were able to attend our Back to School Night. I hope you found the evening to be informational. I know our students enjoyed the notes you left for them in their desks!

Another great opportunity to enhance the school to home connection is during fall conferences. Conferences this year are scheduled for November 20th, 23rd and 24th. Your child's teacher will be contacting you this month to schedule your conference. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher. You could send in a note, call school and leave a voice message, or send an e mail.

I want to thank everyone for their patience during morning drop off and after school dismissal. The construction on Burlington Avenue has made our mornings and afternoons a little hectic. But I am pleased to say that traffic in the parking lot has been flowing smoothly.

Congratulations and "Hats Off" to our September students of the month. We are proud of you and applaud your friendliness!

Thank you for all of your support during our first "HATS ON" Day. Our school raised \$300.00 which was donated to the Children with Cancer Foundation.

Finally, October is a busy month for our school. Please mark the important dates on your calendar. I hope you are able to join us on Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm, for a special parent workshop entitled "15 Minute Break".

Stay tuned for information regarding our Halloween parade and other special assemblies/ presentations throughout the month to recognize Violence and Vandalism Week, Fire Prevention Week, and Red Ribbon Week.



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PICTURE DAY --TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

THANK YOU TO PEARSON SCHOOL STUDENTS and STAFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN **HATS ON DAY** AND RAISED \$300 TO DONATE TO THE CHILDREN WITH CANCER FOUNDATION! WAY TO GO!!

H.A.T.S. Off

This year's school wide theme revolves around H.A.T.S. which stands for **Helping All To Succeed**. We are committed to helping our students meet with success in all that they do. We are working on a lot of activities to recognize and celebrate our students' success. Please stay tuned for updates throughout the school year.

Dates to Remember:

- October 2: Back to School Bingo/ Sundae Night (7pm)
- October 9: Delanco Fire Department to visit classrooms for Fire Prevention Week
- October 12: Schools closed in observance of Columbus Day
- October 20: Picture Day
- October 21: Student Assemblies
PTO fundraiser-- Chick-Fil-A Night
"15 Minute Child Break" Parent Workshop (7pm)
- October 19-23: Red Ribbon Week / Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week
- October 27: Scrubby the Bear to visit k, 1, 2 classes
- October 30: HALLOWEEN Parade/ classroom parties
(Please stay tuned for information regarding festivities that are being planned for the day, including the Pearson Costume Parade!)



DID YOU KNOW:

Red Ribbon Celebration brings millions of people together to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. It is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States.

HATS OFF TO M. JOAN PEARSON SCHOOL SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:



Character Trait: FRIENDLINESS

- Grade 1: Mya Coleman, Seamus Armstrong, and Arianna Dellova
- Grade 2: Megan Gonteski and Victoria Vasconcelos
- Grade 3: Ashely Rafferty and Lauren Lowther
- Grade 4: Victoria Marzulli and Emily Hubbs
- Grade 5: Robert Murphy and Christa Ouellette