



M. Joan Pearson School

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Back to School Night. We hope you found the evening to be informational. Your interest in your children's education is very important to all of us and we will continue to look for ways to foster the relationship between school and home. The most important thing is to keep the lines of communication open. Never hesitate to contact your child's teacher with a question or concern.

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

I want to thank everyone for their patience during morning drop off and after school dismissal. I appreciate your cooperation in following the guidelines for where to park. Just a couple of reminders: children should not walk in front of your car to enter car on driver's side. Please encourage your children to always use the crosswalks and sidewalks, especially if they are walking on their own to and from school.

Please join us in helping to reinforce safety with our students on "Walk this Way" day on Wednesday, October 5th.

Dates to Remember:

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5- WEEK OF RESPECT
WEEK OF OCTOBER 10: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
WEEK OF OCTOBER 17: RED RIBBON WEEK AND
VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM WEEK

October 3: PTO meeting/ Pearson School/ 7:30
October 5: "Walk this Way Day"
October 10: Schools closed in observance of Columbus Day
October 11: Schools closed—Teacher -in- Service
October 12: BOE meeting/ Pearson School/
7:15 Violence and Vandalism Report
7:30 regular meeting
October 18: PICTURE DAY
October 25: Pearson School Store Open today
October 31: HALLOWEEN PARADE

(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.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our September STAR students.
These students are recognized for their friendliness.

First Grade: Mackenzie Nastase and Rachel Esposito

Second Grade: Brendon Jennings, Najee Davis, and Samantha Shedaker

Third Grade: Amanda Sweet and Kelly Smith

Fourth Grade: DJ Zimecki and Jeanel Zoll

Fifth Grade: Brian Bockius

Tips for Helping Your Child With Homework

You are your child's first and most important teacher. But your involvement doesn't end when your child starts school. Here are some suggestions for how you can continue to help:

Stay positive: Show your child that homework is important to you. Avoid complaining about homework or agreeing that something is "too hard". Instead, when your child faces a challenge, show confidence in your child. Brainstorm together to find a solution.

Show an interest in your child's work: Ask your child about school and homework every day. Listen carefully to what your child says. Ask about friends and other aspects of school, as well.

Change as your child changes: Each year, your child's homework load will change. The work may seem more challenging as your child grows, but you can always play a helpful role.

Give lots of encouragement: For example, you might tell your child: "What matters most is that you do your best." "I know you can do it." "I believe in you!"

Praise your child for a job well done: For example, you can say: "Great job on your spelling homework! I'm really proud of your progress!" "You're doing great with those math problems" "I love the story you wrote. You have a wonderful imagination!"

Celebrate your child's success: Take time to celebrate special achievements. You can share a special treat, play a game together or do something your family enjoys. But be sure not to use these rewards as bribes.

(from Channing Bete (2009) *A Parent's Handbook: Helping Your Child With Homework Grades k-12*)



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