



Fairview Press Parent Newsletter October 2017

Thank You!

Thank you for attending our back to school picnic and for supporting our fall fundraiser! We are looking forward to using the funds to bring Jim Gill, children's singer to our Grandparent's Day assembly in November, supporting classrooms with enriching wish list items and providing monthly family events.

Our fundraiser dates have changed. You will have until 10/23 to turn in orders and items will be delivered the week of 11/30.

We hope to see you at our next PTO meeting!

Perfect Attendance!

We would like to congratulate students on their perfect attendance. So far this year we have 160 or 26% of our students with perfect attendance! Keep up the great work families in supporting your children's education!

Calendar of Events

- ◆ October 2, School Improvement Day, no school
- ◆ October 3, Fire Safety Presentation with a firefighter and a fire truck
 - ◆ October 5, EC Family Night at Midway Village from 5-7 p.m.
 - ◆ October 9, No school Columbus Day
- ◆ October 12, PBIS kickoff. Students will learn the common language of PBIS; Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. Students will practice throughout different stations at school and on a school bus. We will also practice a bus evacuation drill.
- ◆ October 13, Hard lockdown drill practice with the Rockford Police. We teach our students how to be safe in the event of an emergency.
- ◆ October 18, parent workshop on nutrition and picky eaters at 8:10 and 12:10 in the café
- ◆ October 19, earthquake drill. We will participate with the National earthquake drill, The Great Shake Out.
 - ◆ October 23-31, Career Week. Families are invited into classrooms to share their college and career pathways.
- ◆ October 27, Fall Family Night from 5-7 p.m. in the halls and cafeteria. We will have trick or treating in the doorways of all classrooms. Please send in a bag of candy if you are able to. Donuts and apple cider will be in the cafeteria.
- ◆ October 31, Career Dress Up Day. Students may dress up as the career they hope to be when they grow up.

Important Dates in November

- ◆ November 7, PTO meeting at 9 a.m. and from 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria
 - ◆ November 9, parent teacher conferences from 2:30-5:30
 - ◆ November 10, No school, Veteran's Day observance
 - ◆ November 14, parent teacher conferences from 2:30-5:30
- ◆ November 17, Turkey Bingo Night from 5-7 p.m. in the ball gym
 - ◆ November 17, Picture Retake Day
 - ◆ November 20, Grandparent's Day assembly with Jim Gill

Please check out our website for family events, pictures, announcements, student learning data and much more!

Here is the link to our website: <http://www3.rps205.com/Schools/EC/Fairview/Pages/default.aspx>

Safety on Halloween



Parents can help prevent children from getting injured at Halloween by following these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council.

Children should:

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them. Although the risk that your child's Halloween candy has been tampered with is extremely low, there is also the chance that his candy is unwrapped or spoiled.
- Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp. (none at all would be best)!
- When walking in neighborhoods, they should;
- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. (Masks can obstruct a child's vision.)
- Avoid wearing hats that will slide over their eyes.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- Be reminded to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

Parents and adults should:

- Supervise the outing for children

under age 12.

- Establish a curfew (a return time) for older children.
- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and by placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
- Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys as treats to young children.
- Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.
- Parents and adults should ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters
- Make sure children under age 10 are supervised as they cross the street.
- Drive slowly.
- Watch for children in the street and on medians.
- Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- Have children get out of cars on the curb side, not on the traffic side.

And a few tips about pumpkins:

- Carve pumpkins on stable, flat surfaces with good lighting.
- Have children draw a face on the outside of the pumpkin, then parents should do the cutting.
- Place lighted pumpkins away from curtains and other flammable objects, and do not leave lighted pumpkins unattended.

Who Is Affected?

- A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that during 1975-1996, Halloween poses special risks to young pedestrians. For example, most of the time children spend outdoors is typically during daylight hours. However, Halloween

activities often occur after dark. Also, children engaged in "trick or treat" activities frequently cross streets at mid-block rather than at corners or crosswalks, putting them at risk for pedestrian injury. Many parents overestimate children's street-crossing skills. The pedestrian skills of children are limited by several factors related to their physical size and developmental stage. For instance, young children may lack the physical ability to cross a street quickly, and their small size limits their visibility to drivers. Children are likely to choose the shortest rather than the safest route across streets, often darting out between parked cars. In addition, young children do not evaluate potential traffic threats effectively, cannot anticipate driver behavior, and process sensory information more slowly than adults.

Please remember!

- Please park in the back parking lot or on the school side of Fairview Avenue. Please do not park in the bus lane, on the west side of Fairview Avenue or in the apartment parking lot.
- Please make sure your child(ren) has a change of clothes in their locker/backpack.
- If you need assistance, please visit the Fairview Fairshare clothing, book and educational toy room. It is open from 8:00-4. Donations are also accepted and should be clean and in usable condition. The room is self serve and we have many coats, hats and gloves too.

Sincerely,
Darcy Dunn, Principal

