



Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School (847) 870-3875

## From the Principal

A big thank you goes out to all of our Ice Cream Social volunteers and Halloween room party parents for putting together such wonderful events. Please make sure to mark your calendars for the Holiday Craft Fair on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-7:00 PM. The PTO Holiday Craft Fair committee is hard at work planning some wonderful craft gifts that the children can create for families and friends.

As I write, I just wanted to remind all of our families that we are quickly coming to the completion of our first trimester of learning. Your children, our students, are in outstanding hands with our new PreK-1 staff. Achievement is occurring because the children are being nurtured, but, more importantly, growth is occurring because the children have advocates in both you and us. We all share in a partnership in seeing them grow and what an exciting endeavor it is to see! It gives all of our lives purpose and the future hope and promise. However, now more than ever, as curriculum demands increase, we continue to ask your support with ensuring that homework review and reading time with your child continue to be scheduled on a regular nightly basis.

Our upcoming Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are our first true opportunity to sit down and reflect upon each individual child's growth. Just as important as earning grades, we are able to discuss their social-emotional progress as well as their classroom participation, focus, and level of enthusiasm. Even though assessment data, homework, and in-class assignments play crucial roles in understanding each and every child's learning development, we always want to

make sure that our conversations focus around several fundamental questions that you might want to consider asking:

- 1) How is my child interacting with his/her classmates?
- 2) Does my child like to participate in whole class discussions and share his/her ideas in small group settings?
- 3) What are some additional strategies that we can reinforce at home to help our child attain specific skill(s) development?

As we foster these conversations, you will find your relationship with your own child's learning growing. Equally as valuable is the insight it gives our dedicated staff in continuing to nurture your child's path of lifelong learning.

Also, please remember to read with your child for at least 20-minutes each night. While reading or even sharing conversations, remember to introduce or substitute unfamiliar vocabulary words for everyday common words. Enrich your conversations by speaking to your child with robust, enriching words. Not only will you find them developing more expressive language in the process, which will help to facilitate greater understanding of their social-emotional well-being, but you will unknowingly be doing yourself a far greater favor for your relationship with them when their later adolescent years are upon you.

From the entire IKE staff, to you and yours, Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Dr. Lambatos

### November's Events

- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – PICTURE RETAKES
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 PM
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – MacArthur Veteran's Day Assembly  
9:30 AM
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Market Day
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent-Teacher Conferences  
5:00-8:00 PM
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards Sent Home  
  
9:00 AM Willy Wonka Assembly
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent-Teacher Conferences  
5:00-8:00 PM

# Afternoon Pick Up

We understand that afternoon car rider pickup is an integral part of some of our families' routines. With the amount of families deciding to pick up in our back turnaround circle, we want to remind you that you may make arrangements with your child's teacher to pick them up in the front office at 2:20 PM. This will afford you easier and more convenient parking than the back turnaround circle can afford.

With winter fast approaching and the weather less likely to make driving patience or nerves any better, I would encourage you to pick up your child in the front office. We ask that parents please wait in the front foyer/lobby area.



# The Principal's Century Book Club

The Century Club is a listing of children who read multiples of one hundred books during their years at Eisenhower School.

The child's name will be added to the front foyer wall when they read their first one hundred books. Children's names will remain on the wall year after year. Their name continues to be added with each 100 books they read. Students will also receive a special pencil from the office.

Books should be at the child's reading level, and left to parent's discretion.

If you would like a form, please come to the office to get one. You may also just list the books on a sheet of paper.

## Halloween Parades and Parties

Eisenhower's annual Halloween Costume parade will be on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The morning early childhood and kindergarten classes will parade outside at 10:00 A.M. The school parade for the rest of the classes will begin at 12:00 P.M.

AM and PM Early Childhood and Kindergarten children should wear their costumes to school that day. Full Day Kindergarten and First Grade children should bring their costumes to school.

If you wish to view the afternoon parade, please assemble along our parade route. We will parade from the rear of the school, along the sidewalks, and back into school through the front doors. Should the weather be cold or rainy, parents may view the parade in the gym. The morning class parties will begin right after the morning parade. The afternoon class parties will begin at 1:30 P.M.

As you think about your child's costume for our parade, please keep in mind that schools have a heightened and serious concern about students who bring weapons to school. The concern extends to toy weapons - including toy guns, squirt guns, cap guns, martial arts devices, play swords, and knives. **Do not allow your child to include any weapons with the costume they bring to wear in the parade or to bring toy weapons to school at any time during the school year. Also, your child's costume should not include any blood/gore.** These guidelines by no means should curtail the fun your child can have at the parade.