

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

October 2021



# HALLOWEEN AT P.S. 108

## Halloween March

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

\*Students can wear their costumes to school

Wear uniform underneath if possible / bring to school to change

Students in Gr 3-5 will have the option to stay in their costumes through lunch

\*Age appropriate costumes – no costume masks/weapons

\*Families are invited to join us

Parents should wait on Yates Avenue by the yard

Gr 1-5 will exit the yard on Yates Avenue and proceed down the block towards Rhineland and around the school building back into the school driveway on Yates Avenue.

Grades 3-5 will have Halloween Lunch Party with ice cream and music

Pre K – 2nd will also get ice cream snack

# INTERNET/TELEVISION SAFETY & AWARENESS

There is a popular show on Netflix right now called Squid Games that we can all agree isn't suitable for young children. While parents may think their younger students are not being exposed to this show, it's becoming clear to us that several gaming applications and video sharing platforms are making some of the content accessible to children without the knowledge of their parents. As a result, some children are trying to replicate show scenes at school but what sounds harmless (who didn't play Red Light Green Light as a kid?) is not actually harmless because the game in the television show includes "elimination" (death) and we are seeing kids pretending to copy that idea. While parents have the right to decide what their child watches we just want to make you aware that there are many ways to access this content.

# SCHOOL LUNCH FUNDRAISERS

- Ice cream
- Expanded options as of 11/1/21
  - Goldfish
  - Fruit Snacks
  - pretzels
  - yogurt granola bars
  - Chex Mix
- Additional ideas for fundraising

# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE & ELECTION DAY

## \*Election Day

- remote ASYNCHRONOUS instruction for students

## \*PTC is November 4<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30am student dismissal
- Afternoon conferences: 12:40pm-2:40pm
- Evening conferences: 4:30pm-7:30pm
- meetings will be scheduled and on Google Meet

## AM ALLSTARS

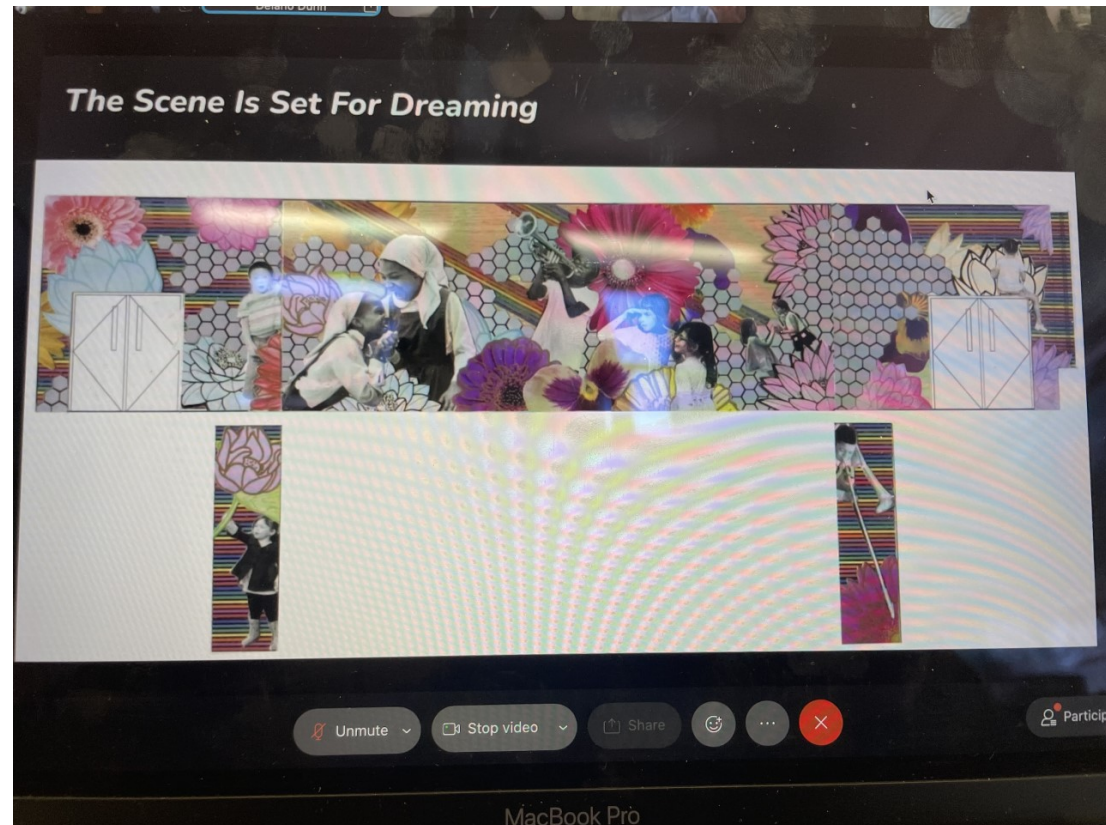
- \*Program is off to a great start!
- \*Students were invited for either Intervention or Enrichment based on teacher informal data
- \*Will re-visit on a needs basis and entire program will be revisited in January
- \*Program is Monday-Thursday
- \*Morning arrival on Friday begins at 8:05am



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- \*Construction will begin 10/29/21
- \*We will lose access to the school yard and all entrances /exits on Yates Avenue
- \*New building will be ready for use September 2024
- \*Slated as a K-5 building

Art work for new building



# ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

## Arrival

AM ALLSTARS begins at 7:50am

Students can enter at 7:40am

If not in the program morning arrival begins at 8:05am

Friday- NO AM ALLSTARS

8:05am arrival for ALL Students

Exit 1 - Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Exit 2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade

## Dismissal

Pre-K

Grade Pre-K-2 -> classes will exit to Neill Avenue using exit 2 and will walk around to the driveway on Herring Avenue. It will be a continuous slow walk. Students can notify their teacher when they see their parents to be dismissed. Any students not picked up from the line will line up along the school yard on Herring Avenue sidewalk.

Grade 3-5 → students will be dismissed from Exit 1. Students will wait along front gate on Neill Avenue.

**\*\*IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE ONTIME FOR PICK-UP\*\***



## DISMISSAL TIMES

Pre-K	2:20pm
Kindergarten & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	2:25pm
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	2:30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	2:35pm

# COVID-19 UPDATE

- Weekly random testing 10% Grade 1-5 -- **approximately 40 students every week**
- Close contacts are individuals, either students or adults, who have been within six (6) feet of a positive case for 10 minutes or more, regardless of whether they followed masking protocols. Close contacts must quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to the positive case, except:

If both the positive case and the close contact are students who have been fully masked, then K–12 students, who are more than three (3) feet and less than six (6) feet from the positive case, do not need to quarantine. However, those individuals are still considered close contacts and should be included on the close contact template for T2. They should be asked to monitor their health for COVID symptoms and get tested if they become symptomatic.
- 1 positive case, no spread

## SCHOOL APP

- 60% of our school community has signed up for the APP
- Push notifications!!! In the moment news😊
- Increase teacher & parent communication

\*PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO\*