

FALCON NEWSLETTER

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Message From Mr. Zangari



The cycle of the school year moves forward with assessments now winding down, and plans for **instructional emphasis** made. It is clear that we have a large representation of very capable learners and we are using all available resources to serve them with opportunities to enrich and excel. We are hoping for the chance to train around a school wide model for **advanced learners**.

With **goals set** in these areas, we move to the budget phase of the year where the proposal for next year is drafted. Included in the first round of proposals will be the expansion of kindergarten to full time. This would be a major advance for programming and we hope it will survive the decision making process that goes with adopting a budget.

The **RTI Leadership team** has met to develop the action plan for this school year. The plan forms a

blueprint for next steps and solidifying programs throughout the school. **Parent representation** is more than welcome on this team, so if you are interested, please contact me at school for details.

Halloween is almost upon us and I look to parents for their help in preserving the school traditions. Observance of this holiday has been slowly eliminated in many schools. Our students enjoy the school traditions and I continue to support the cultural experiences of these days. **Please keep costumes and themes appropriate to the school environment.** No violent, sexual, or gory costumes should be used for the school activities. Any weapons, toy or otherwise, are not allowed at school so please consider this in any costume selection. We will have our annual parade on the afternoon of October 31.

Thanks for your help with this.

Important Dates

Mark your Calendar

- NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Wednesday October 26th.
- Picture Retake Day
November 7th
- No School Teacher Workshop Day,
November 10th
- No School Veterans' Day
November 11th
- Turkey Trot Event
November 18th @ 1:00 pm
- Thanksgiving Recess
Nov. 23-25

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

[HTTP://WWW.SAU9.ORG/SCHOOLS/JFES/INDEX.HTM](http://www.sau9.org/schools/JFES/index.htm)

PBIS Quotes of the Week

True champions aren't always the ones that win, but those with the most guts.

Mia Hamm

US Woman's Soccer Team

Please take a moment to check our lost & found as it is starting to overflow with sweatshirts, hats, lunchboxes and more....

John Fuller students are:

**RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE
SAFE**

Project SUCCEED

Project SUCCEED's before and after school program hit the ground running this year with 47 students attending regularly. The students have had a great time with guest educators from the community who join us every week. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Preece joins us every Monday to harvest and care for the school garden. Students have discovered many different varieties of vegetables including purple green beans and yellow carrots. Tin Mountain hosts fun outdoor activities on Wednesdays which have included camouflage animals and searching for seeds in nature. Nancy from the Artery joins us on Fridays to paint pottery. So far, students have painted

their own mugs and pumpkin candle holders. Project SUCCEED strives to build community connection which contribute to the quality and success of the program.

Physical activity has been a big focus this quarter with the after school program. On sunny days, students participate in walking club in which students walk or run laps around the playground and log their distances. So far, the students have worked hard to walk over 100 miles! Fun games indoors and outdoors also contribute to our physical activity focus. The K-3 students have enjoyed using the parachute, playing with balls and hula hoops, and cheering on

their teams in exciting relay races. 4-6 students love playing capture the flag and their own version of dodgeball. Between all of the great enrichment activities, the students have still shown that they can work hard and focus on getting their homework done. We have already had many days with 100% homework completion from every student.

The Project SUCCEED staff is proud of the effort students have put into playing, learning, and doing their homework. We would like to remind parents that there will be no after school program on Wednesday, October 26 due to a staff meeting. Stay tuned for new and exciting enrichment opportunities for the second quarter.



Greetings from the Music Room!

The music website is up and running, including pages for chorus, classroom music, and lots of extra goodies-- like games! I'll be updating it as the year progresses so you can check up on what your child is up to. So far, I'm very pleased with the level of music these students are capable of producing, and it only gets better from here!

Mark your calendars! Holiday concerts will be:

December 6, Tuesday-- Grades 4-6, band, and chorus

December 13, Tuesday-- Grades K-3

Music class website: <http://johnfullermusic.wikispaces.com/>

~ Miss Handspicker

News from your School Store



School Store is open Tuesdays at all lunches.

Support the store that gives back to your school community.

Mackenzie M. won the t-shirt design contest !

Watch for the new t-shirts coming soon!



John Fuller School Falcon Farmer's Garden Club Fundraiser

Where: Flatbread Pizza

When: Tuesday, November 1st



The great folks at Flatbreads Pizza will donate a percentage of each pizza sale to help support the John Fuller School Garden.

Help us keep our garden going by making it a family night out.

We appreciate your support!

Students to honor Veterans' Day



Veterans' Day is quickly approaching and plans are in the works to honor our Veterans and active duty military personnel.

As a school, John Fuller will be collecting loose change from October 12, 2010 -November 9, 2010.

All donations will be given to **WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT** which enables us to help the wounded warriors returning home from the current conflicts and to provide assistance to their families

**An American Flag box will be located outside the office for change collection.*

Our Veterans' Day Celebration will be held on November 8th.

More information to follow.

www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Multi-Cultural Club

Thirty students attended the Multicultural Club on October 12th in the library. We had a very interesting presentation about Turkey by Mr. and Mrs. Ozkan. Their son, Eray, is in second grade at John Fuller School.

Here are some of the interesting facts our students learned about Turkey:

- Turkey has the first church in the world – Molly, Amelie and Skye
- Turkey does not have the letters w, x or q in their alphabet – Kasiah and Kolby
- The Turkish alphabet has 29 letters – Sadie, Chris and Griffin
- People in Turkey usually drink tea at breakfast, not coffee – Sophie
- I learned how to count to 10 in Turkish! – Zara, Parker and Michael
- In Turkish, the letter "c" would be a "k." – Eric (or Erik)
- There is an old bridge between Europe and Asia – Owen
- Children in Turkey wear uniforms to school – Mrs. Gibson
- There's a castle built during the Roman Empire in Istanbul still standing – Mrs. Kurtz
- In Turkish, my name is Kiyana – Kiana

Halloween Safety Tips From The School Nurse



Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Feel free to excerpt these tips or use them in their entirety for any print or broadcast story, with acknowledgment of source.

ALL DRESSED UP:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

CARVING A NICHE:

- Small children should never

carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.

- Votive candles are safest for candle-lit pumpkins.
- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

HOME SAFE HOME:

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind

Trick-or Treaters:

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN:

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.