

# November Dolphin Newsletter

**November 5<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting @6:00-Via zoom ID: 8751007 5018 Passcode: GWPTO2**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> -December 1<sup>st</sup>-No School Fall Vacation**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Inservice- No School**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>-Classes Resume**



## **A Note from the Principal**

Happy Fall, Y'all! I just want to thank all of our families for being patient, understanding, and so helpful as we all figure out the best way to do school during the Covid Pandemic. You are our most valued partners in education. We miss having face to face conferences and filling the halls with parents for celebrations like the Costume Parade and awards assemblies. I hope that things will get back to "normal" soon, but in the meantime, please be sure to take advantage of other ways to stay involved and connected. Our doors may not be open to large crowds, but we are still open to you! Here are a few ways we can connect and stay safe!

- Phone calls to staff
- Attend PTO meetings through zoom
- Messaging staff on Class DoJo
- Call the office with any questions or concerns
- Get Family Access on Skyward (Call the office and our secretaries can help set you up.)
- Schedule a visit to the school



**Absences-** You must call in each day to excuse your child's absence. The only exception would be a prearranged absence. If we send your child home sick, and they are still sick the next day, you must call in the next day to excuse that absence.

**Update phone numbers –** It is very important you let us know any phone numbers or work numbers that have changed since enrollment. If your child is sick or hurt, we need updated information to contact you.



## **Please Be Aware**

**Our doors lock at 8:30 a.m. If you are dropping your children off late please remind them that they will need to push the button outside the door to have us unlock the door.**





### **First Grade with Mrs. Johnson**

Can you believe that it is already November! This year has been flying by and we've been keeping very busy in the classroom! A quick reminder that it is very important that your child reads at least 15 minutes each day. Take the time to ask questions about what they are reading to help improve their comprehension. Who are the main characters? What is the setting? What is the problem or adventure? You can also practice reading out loud with them and take turns using funny voices. For example, you can choose to read the story like a pirate would or perhaps how you think an alien would read it. Make it fun! The more fun you have when reading, the more likely they will want to read. Creating a lifelong reader that enjoys it is the goal. Remember, a good book can take you anywhere!

Amanda Johnson 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



### **Third Grade with Mrs. Kopper**

The first nine weeks is over and Ms. Stevenson and I enjoyed visiting with parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences! Throughout the month of November we will continue practicing reading skills. We would like to have the students read 15 minutes each night at home. Asking your student to answer a few questions about their book is a good way to practice being able to retell the events from the story. In October we learned about telling time and measurement in math. In November we will continue with multiplication and division. If parents could help their students practice their multiplication facts-that would help them at school during math time. Flashcards are a great way for students to practice their multiplication facts.

Mrs. Kopper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## From The School Nurse Mrs. Utz



Hello everyone, I can't believe fall has already arrived. I have started screening for hearing and vision and this will continue for the next several months. If you have a concern about your child's hearing or vision, please call me at 805-7600.

If you happen to receive a different set of clothes due to a spill or other reasons, please wash and return them for our supply is very limited.



November is National Awareness month for Tobacco Awareness  
***Tobacco is also a major risk factor for noncommunicable diseases like cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory disease and diabetes that puts people of all ages with these conditions at higher risk for developing severe illness. Please discourage your children from vaping, using Jules e-cigarettes, or tobacco in any form. It is a very costly habit with increased risk for illness and disease.***



If you have used sweats or shorts your child is no longer needing would you please consider donating them to the school. These often are put to good use throughout the school year.

Donations very helpful and appreciated.

Thank you

From Your School Nurse

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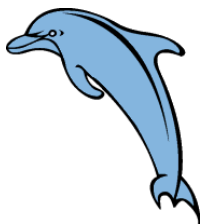


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## Lost And Found

This time of year, is when our Lost and Found starts to really fill up. It is in a room around the corner from the main office. Please be sure and have your child check it if they are missing an article of clothing or a jacket. Our goal for this year is to have everything FOUND!



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