



2ND QUARTER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019

- Oct. 14 - No School - Columbus Day Holiday
- Oct. 15 - Start of 2nd Quarter
 Junior High Incentive Program Begins
 (Details to follow)
 Holiday Wreath Fundraiser Orders Due
 School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
 Benefit Club Meeting - 6:45pm
- Oct. 16 - Picture Retakes - 8:30-9:30am
- Oct. 17 - Taffy Apple Fundraiser Pick-Up
 Junior High Awards Assembly -
 1:30-1:50pm (Gym)
 Early Dismissal - 2:00pm
 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 18 - No School
 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 8am-12pm
- Oct. 21 - Red Ribbon Week Begins
 Chicago Bears "Bear Down on Bullying"
 Assembly - 1:30pm (Gym)
- Oct. 23 - L.A.F.F. Night - 6:30pm
- Oct. 25 - 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser
- Oct. 28 - Gift Card Fundraiser Orders Due
- Oct. 28-29 - 6th Grade Class Trip - Springfield, IL
- Oct. 28-30 - 7th Grade Class Trip - White Pines Ranch
- Oct. 31 - Halloween Costume Parade (Grades K-4)
 2:30pm (Outside - Weather Permitting)

NOVEMBER 2019

- Nov. 8 - Veterans Day Assemblies - 2:10pm
 (Grades PK-4 - MPR; Grades 5-8 - Gym)
 Holiday Wreath Fundraiser Pickup
- Nov. 11 - No School - Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov. 12-15 - Cultural Event Week
 School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- Nov. 14 - Mid Quarter - 2nd Quarter Progress Reports
 Leyden High School Fine Arts Tour -
 12:45-1:30pm (Gym)
- Nov. 26 - Early Dismissal - 2:00pm
 (Start of Thanksgiving Break)
- Nov. 27-29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2019

- Dec. 2 - Classes Resume from Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 5-6 - Santa's Workshop
- Dec. 9 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- Dec. 10 - Science/Social Studies Fair - 6:30-7:30pm
 (Gym)
- Dec. 12 - Kindergarten & Band Winter Program
 Performances at 2:00pm & 7:00pm (Gym)
- Dec. 16-17 - AIMSweb Testing (Grades K-8)
- Dec. 20 - End of 2nd Quarter
 Early Dismissal - 2:00pm
 (Start of Winter Break)

*Classes Resume from Winter Break on Tuesday,
 January 7, 2020*

3rd Quarter Dates: Jan. 7 - Mar. 6

BENEFIT CLUB NEWS

4th Annual 5K Run/Walk: Please join us on October 25th for our 4th Annual 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser. Race time is 6:00pm, departing from the Gym entrance at school. This year's theme is "Kindness Is Our Superpower". The post race party in the Gym will feature the Beaver Donut Truck, food and drinks, music, and raffles.

Next Meeting: Parents, please join us for our next Benefit Club Meeting on October 15th at 6:45pm.

Santa's Workshop - Parent Volunteers Needed: Santa's Workshop will be taking place on December 5th & 6th at school. Parent volunteers are needed to help the younger children shop for holiday items. Please watch for a volunteer sign up form to be sent home.

Box Tops Contest: Please keep clipping and submitting those box tops! This is an easy way for our school to earn money. Your child can use a Box Tops collection sheet, or place box tops in a ziplock bag with your child's name, homeroom, and box tops quantity noted. The class that submits the most will receive a popcorn and a movie party.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are looking forward to seeing all parents on October 17 & 18 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is your opportunity to talk with your child's teachers regarding their progress during the 1st quarter. It's extremely important that parents attend conferences. If for some reason you can't make your confirmed conference time, please contact the school to reschedule.

Junior High Honor Roll Awards Assembly

We are so proud of all of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who achieved high honors, honor roll, or perfect attendance for the 1st quarter. Parents, please join us as these students are recognized for their academic achievement at the Junior High Awards Assembly taking place on October 17 from 1:30-1:50 p.m. in the Gym. You will receive an automated school messenger if your child is receiving an award.

Red Ribbon Week - School Spirit Days

Red Ribbon is a campaign that promotes a healthy lifestyle by encouraging kids to make good choices, stay away from drugs, and be a buddy, not a bully. Students will be celebrating Red Ribbon the week of October 21. Red Ribbon Week will feature school spirit days:

- Oct. 21 - Wear Chicago Bears Attire
"Bear Down On Bullying"
- Oct. 22 - Wear Red
"Rally In Red Against Drugs and Bullying"
- Oct. 23 - Wear Your Shirt Backwards
"Turn Your Back On Drugs"
- Oct. 24 - Wear Blue
"Believe In Blue-Stomp Out Bullying"
- Oct. 25 - Wear Your 5K Superhero Shirt
"Kindness Is Our Superpower-Be Kind & Drug Free"

L.A.F.F. Night (Literacy Activities for Families)

Our next L.A.F.F. night is taking place on October 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Phyllis J. Anderson lunchroom. Families with children in preschool through 5th grade can register for this fun family evening (advance registration required).

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day is October 16. If you would like your child's school picture retaken, please send your entire package back to school with your child on October 16. If you didn't order a package and liked the proof, you can still order pictures online at www.inter-state.com/order using the order code included with your child's picture.

Halloween Parade

Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade will participate in a Halloween Costume Parade on October 31st. The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. leaving from the front entrance of the school. (If there is inclement weather, the parade will take place inside the school.)

2nd Quarter Report Cards

2nd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed January 10. Grades PK-5 will be sent home with students. Grades 6-8 will be mailed home to parents.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Sports taking place during the 2nd quarter include boys soccer, girls volleyball, boys basketball, and cheerleading. Information on all of these activities can be found on the teams and clubs link on our school website. Any student wanting to tryout must conform to the Illinois Elementary School Association requirements and have the required forms on file in the school office.

Cultural Event Week

This year's Cultural Week begins on November 12, and will feature Egypt in the Country of Africa. Students will learn about the world of ancient Egypt, participate in pyramid building, and other interesting and fun activities. The full schedule of activities will be posted on our website. Parents are welcome to any of the presentations taking place in the Gym. Thanks to Benefit Club for sponsoring the week's activities.

Science/Social Studies Fair

The annual Science and Social Studies Fair will be taking place on December 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. Students will construct a project focused on the skills of writing and creative arts. This year the 6th grade social studies projects are based on "Countries Around The World". The 7th grade science students will be participating in the Invention Convention in which they use the engineering design process to create an invention of their own. The students work very hard on their projects, and we hope you will stop by to talk to the kids and view their work.

Kindergarten & Band Winter Program

Please join us on December 12 for our Winter Program. This special event will feature our Kindergarten class performance of *The Night Before Christmas*, as well as holiday music from our Bands. Performances are at 2:00 p.m. (shortened version) and 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

AIMSweb Testing

Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade will be taking the AIMSweb test on December 16 & 17 in both reading and math. AIMSweb is a universal screening, progress monitoring, and data management system that supports Response to Intervention (RTI) and tiered instruction. Please help your child do their very best on these tests by getting a good night's sleep and starting the day with a healthy breakfast.

Dress For The Weather

Students will go outside for recess everyday, except in the case of rain or extreme cold weather. If the RealFeel temperature is above 20 degrees, recess will be outside. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

Preschool Screening 2020-2021 School Year

If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2020, please mark your calendar for our Preschool Screening taking place on February 28, 2020. All children planning to attend our 3-year or 4-year preschool program during the 2020-2021 school year should participate in the screening. Screening is by appointment only. If you know of a family member or friend who has a child who qualifies, please ask them to contact the school. (Screening is for new preschool students only.)