



Moriah Elementary Parent Notes
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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

The Elementary will be observing Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Classroom teachers will provide additional information on this upcoming celebration. Please, no weapons or face paint as part of a costume!

REPORT CARD DAY

Report Card Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th from noon until 7:00 PM. **There will be no school for students on this day.** Many parents pre-scheduled teacher conferences for Report Card Day at Open House. If you did not, you will be receiving information from your child's teacher about scheduling an appointment to meet and discuss his/her progress. Here are some suggested questions for a successful conference!

- In which subjects does my child do well?
- Is my child struggling in any subjects?
- Is my child doing the best he or she can?
- Does my child get along well with the rest of the class?
- How do you handle disciplinary issues?
- How well does my child listen to directions/pay attention in class?
- What kind of tests do you give?
- How does my child respond to test situations?
- What resources can you provide if my child needs extra help with homework?
- How can I best help my child with homework?

Write down any questions so you don't forget them! You'll also have something to take notes on during the conference! Go to our website (moriahk12.org) if you would like a printable version to use at your conference.

VETERANS' DAY

In observance of Veterans' Day there will be **no school** on Wednesday, November 11th. Thank you to all who have served our country!

H1N1 UPDATE

As of today, October 26, 2009, we have not had any unusual illnesses. Our attendance has been good. We have seen normal "bug" and cold activity for this time of year, including a short lived stomach bug that hit late last week. One student did fall ill with a case of Flu, Type A that developed over the Columbus Day break. We have not been informed by Essex County Health or health care providers of any confirmed cases of H1N1. If you have any questions, please call us.

I am sending home the newest information and tips from the Center for Disease Control. Prevention is our best defense! Remind your child of the importance of washing hands with soap and warm water! Sneeze or cough into the bend of the elbow. Wash hands after blowing your nose. Don't share pencils and other personal items! Bring your own personal water bottle to school. Parents, if your child has a fever, PLEASE do not return your child to school until the child is **FEVER FREE, WITHOUT MEDICINE, for AT LEAST 24 HOURS!**

NEW YORK STATE SOCIAL STUDIES EXAM

Mark your calendar! On Monday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th our 5th grade students will be taking their New York State Social Studies Exam. Good Luck to all of them.



25 BOOK CLUB

We haven't yet reached the 10 week mark yet and we already have new members in the 2009-2010 25 Book Club! Congratulations to the following for being the first members for their grade level:

- Grade 1 –Daphne Bosarge & Maddox Blaise
- Grade 2 – Maddie Cochran
- Grade 4 – Joey Stahl
- Grade 5 - Nick Manfred

Way to Go!

and unsupervised, we do not want them to be here by themselves without proper supervision. We want all of our children to be safe.

MAKE-UP DAY



Make-up Day for school pictures for students who were absent or need a retake has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st.

REFLECTIONS!

The PTA sponsored Arts competition is well underway! This year's theme is "Beauty is..." Just a reminder that all entries for the competition are due by Monday, November 2nd. All entries can be submitted to the Elementary Office. Good Luck boys and girls!



GEOGRAPHY BEE BUZZ

The annual Geography Bee is coming soon! Students in grades 5-8 will participate within their grade levels for a chance to be a finalist in our local Bee, which will be held in December. This is an exciting competition for our students. Good luck to all participants. In January, we will be holding our Annual Spelling Bee Competition....Look for more information in December!

PBIS CORNER

Our new PBIS behavior program is going very well! The Elementary students have been learning and practicing what being safe, responsible, and respectful means in the cafeteria and on the bus! Our friend, Bill Trybendis has reminded students that being safe on the bus means that we stay in our seats, use quiet voices, keep our bookbags closed and don't eat any food or candy or have any drinks! Our lunch monitor, Sue is also helping our children in the cafeteria. We have added books and coloring supplies for children to use after they have finished eating. Thanks, Sue! If anyone would like to donate crayons, books, or coloring books, please call the elementary office or send them in! We are also looking for Laundry detergent caps. They make great crayon holders!

MORNING SUPERVISION

Please keep in mind that there is very limited supervision in the building before 7:40 AM. Just as you would surely hesitate to leave your children home alone

TARGET REDCARD AND PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

Moriah Elementary School is a participant in Price Chopper's "Tools for Schools" and Target's "Take Charge of Education" programs. When you use your Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card or your Target REDcard, the students at Moriah Elementary benefit by receiving educational products and supplies. To activate your AdvantEdge card, go to www.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools. Our school code is 16441. To activate your Target REDcard, go to www.target.com/tcoe. Our school code is 76880. Thanks for your participation! It's a great way to receive donations from these corporations!

A GENTLE REMINDER...

Children will occasionally be absent from school, often due to sickness. When your child returns to school, it is very important that a written excuse for the absence is turned in to their teacher. All that is needed is the child's name, the date of and reason for the absence, and a parental signature. **By law, a legal/excused absence must be considered illegal/unexcused on your child's permanent record if an excuse is not received!** Thanks for your help!



Thanksgiving Break will be November 25th through the 27th. We here at Moriah Elementary are very thankful for the community that we are all a part of! We are very grateful for and appreciate your support each and every year. Happy Thanksgiving to each of you and your families. What are you thankful for?

CALENDAR

- 11/10 Report Card Day – No School for Students
- 11/11 No School – Veterans' Day
- 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break-No School
- 12/1 Make-up Day for School Pictures

**HAVE YOU READ WITH YOUR
CHILD TODAY? JUST 15
MINUTES A DAY MAKES A
WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**