October 2nd Grade Newsletter

Schoolwide Announcements

- Many thanks to the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) for helping us celebrate Constitution Week and raffling off books about the Constitution on 9/23!
- Please mark your calendar for the comeback of one of our favorite events, the PTA’s Fall Fest! It will be Saturday, October 15th from 10:00-2:00 behind the schoolhouse.
- We will be celebrating Kindness Matters during the month of October, which is National Bullying Prevention Month. Students are welcome to participate in the spirit days listed in the Looking Ahead section. Families can watch the Character Day Parade at 1:30 on 10/31 for grades K – 5 around the court. An RSVP will be sent home soon so badges can be pre-printed and sent home.

Virtue of the Month

Responsibility - doing the things you are supposed to do, making good choices, and accepting the results of your actions

Practice at Home

List all the responsibilities that are required to make dinner. Have each person in the house take responsibility over one of the tasks.

Genre and Culture Focus of the Month

Mysteries and Bully Prevention Month

Looking Ahead

10/5: No Students, Teacher Professional Development Day, Yom Kippur
10/11: Afternoon Assembly: TED’s Mindset
10/14: Wear Purple for Positivity
10/15: PTA’s Fall Fest 10:00-2:00
10/17: Wear BCPS Blue for Civility
10/18: Wear Green for Equity
10/19: Wear Orange for Unity
10/20: Wear Red for Respect
10/21: No School, MSEA Convention
10/24: No Students, Teacher Professional Development Day, Diwali
10/25: Wear your favorite thinking hat as you think before you speak kind words.
10/26: Bring your favorite small stuffed animal friend who can witness your kindness to others
10/27: Wear CTES shirt as we show pride for working together in kind & helpful ways
10/28: First Responders’ Day; Wear Super Hero attire as we say THANK YOU to our local first responders!
10/31: Character Parade at 1:30; Wear a school-appropriate costume.
What We Are Working On

**ELA:** In Unit 2, students will provide foundation building lessons necessary for students to comprehend informational texts of increasing complexity. Students will deepen their understanding of the organization of informational text as they know and use various print and text features such as images, charts, diagrams, and captions. They will also ask questions in order to demonstrate an understanding of key details, ideas, and connections between scientific ideas and concepts in a text. In order to prepare for the culminating event task, students will work with groups to research the life stages of an animal. They will design an informational exhibit for a zoo to teach about each stage of life using transitional words and image.

**Math:** In Unit 2, students move through counting and grouping discrete objects by place value, to measuring length with trains of Unifix cubes, to creating their own measuring tapes marked in intervals of 5 and 10 cubes, and finally to adding double-digit numbers on an open number line. Jack and the Beanstalk, with a few twists and turns, serves as a springboard for this mathematical journey.

**Health:** Unit 1 will focus on mental, emotional, and physical health. Throughout the unit students will be gaining knowledge that will help them make healthy choices and decisions. In this unit, students will also learn how to advocate for their healthy choices that they decide to make.

Classroom Reminders

Remember to have your child bring a charged device, and filled water bottle each day.

Please keep the **individual pencil sharpeners at home.**

Please check and empty the Yellow Take-Home Folder nightly. Check planners nightly and sign at the bottom.

As a reminder, students are **not allowed** to bring **fidgets/toys** to school.

Shout Outs

**Congratulations to our Paw Pride Winners for the weeks of 9/5-9/26!**

Maverick  Dylan
Gabriella  Dominick
Ashton  Ryleigh
Quinn  Desi
Logan F.  Dylan
Bryce  Logan L.
Madeline O.

Birthdays

Quinn 10/5
Lena 10/14
Luke 10/17
Rex 10/19
Conner 10/21
Jude-Michael 10/23