



NANCY YOUNG ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL October 9, 2009

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Monday, October 12 is Columbus Day and school is not in session. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, October 13. We hope that everyone enjoys the 3 Day Weekend.

Sincerely,
Ms. Morgan

First Quarter

The beginning of the school year has moved very quickly. The first quarter of the 2009-2010 school year will end on Friday, October 23 and Report Cards will go home with all students on Friday, October 30.

Welcome

In September we welcomed, our greeter, Mrs. Mel Jamison a retired school teacher from the Lisle School District. We are happy to have Mrs. Jamison working with us at Young.

Ease the Tease Assembly

In September Young students had the opportunity to view the Ease the Tease Assembly. This assembly reinforced the importance of treating everyone with respect. In addition, the actors in the assembly showcased various strategies and techniques to be used by students if they encounter teasing or bullying.

Bully Prevention Program

This program educates students about the harmful nature of bullying. It also gives students who are being teased or bullied the tools and the language to use with students with whom they are having difficulty. The Bully Prevention Program was taught to all students Kindergarten-Fifth Grade during the first month of school and will continue to be reinforced throughout the course of the school year. Our staff consistently uses the "Stop, Talk, and Walk" language from the Bully Prevention Program with all students.

PTA Movie Night

The PTA Movie Night was a great success. It was exciting to see so many of our families participating in this wonderful activity. Thank you to our Student Council, the Volunteer Crew, and our Parent Volunteers for helping during this event.

October Events

This past week, our 3rd grade students had the chance to participate in an assembly with "President George Washington". President Washington visited us from the Williamsburg, Virginia. During his talk with students our speaker highlighted the impact that honesty, perseverance, and loyalty played in helping George Washington achieve his life accomplishments.

Professional Development Wednesdays

Young's Professional Development (PD) Wednesdays have been very purposeful and useful as our staff move forward with our school improvement work that is focused upon providing an optimal learning environment and increasing academic achievement for all students. Over the past 7 PD Wednesdays our attention has been centered upon the refinement of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) at Young. Our work is determined by the 4 PLC Questions listed below. These questions are used to drive and focus our work on how we can create the best learning environment to meet the learning needs of all students at Young. The entire staff is expanding our knowledge base in the fundamental areas of PLC's by reading the book Learning by Doing. In addition, our School Improvement Collaborative Teams and Primary and Intermediate Collaborative Teams have met to create SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Reasonable, Timely) Goals that support our school improvement plan and identify strategies and action steps to accomplish our goals for the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to our continued school improvement work on student academics and achievement at our upcoming PD Wednesday mornings.

PLC Guiding Questions

- What do we want our students to know and be able to do?
- How do we know if they have learned what we intended?
- How do we respond when they have not learned?
- How do we respond when they already know it?

School Parties

One hundred forty eight families returned the surveys regarding the Room Party Plan for the 2009-2010 school year. 148 parent responses indicated the full support of the Room Party Plan for this school year.

October

10/12: No School - Columbus Day

10/14: 12:05 Student Dismissal- School Improvement Day

10/20: Picture Day and PTA Mtg-7:00 PM

10/21: Market Day and Restaurant Night-Buffalo Wings-Diehl Rd.

10/19-10/23: Red Ribbon Week

10/19: You and Me Drug Free Assemblies

10/23: Mrs. Nancy Young to Visit School

10/30: Fall Party and Parade

November

11/4: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 pm

11/6: Veteran's Day Assembly

11/10: No School Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 – 3:00 and 4:30 – 8:00

11/11: No School-Veteran's Day

11/17: PTA Mtg-9:15 am

11/17: Reading Assembly and Reading Night with Storyteller Linda Gorham

11/25-11/27: Thanksgiving Break



COSTUME PARADE & FALL PARTY

Friday, October 30, 2009
2:00 P.M.

Weather permitting, the afternoon costume parade will occur outside. Students will exit out the front doors, walk around and enter back through the multi-purpose room by the playground. If it rains, we will parade throughout the school and in the gym. (In the event of inclement weather, parents will be directed to the gym.) PTA sponsored room parties will immediately follow the parade. Please note: Do not send any candy or treats as our PTA will provide all refreshments and teachers will monitor for allergies and health concerns.

Parents are welcome to come and view the parade. Please park in the side lot or along the street, but please **do not** park in the bus area in front of the school. *Please contact your child's teacher if your child will not participate in the parade and/or room party. The school will provide an alternate activity.*

Fall Party Schedule and Costume Parade

DRESSING IN COSTUME AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE AND PARTY IS OPTIONAL.

The afternoon Costume Parade will run from 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm. The afternoon party will be held from 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm.

- **Please note that for safety and security reasons, only parents who have previously signed up with their room parent coordinator as a classroom volunteer will be allowed into classroom parties following the parade.**
- **Parents who are registered with classroom coordinators to assist with classroom parties, are to enter the building through the main office doors to sign-in and receive their name tag.**

Parents, as you and your child(ren) select costumes for the Costume Parade please keep the following information in mind.

COSTUME GUIDELINES

- Please select a costume that is positive and appropriate.
- Costumes should be simple and easy to put on and take off with little assistance. Students will not be able to wear costumes to school. Time will be provided for this purpose before the building parade.
- Students in grades 1-5 are to bring their costumes to school in a bag. Students will dress at school.
- Student costumes should be appropriate for an elementary school environment. Costumes depicting violence, showing blood, or showing the midriff (stomach) area should not be worn.
- Due to safety reasons, masks cannot be worn and toy weapons and other sharp objects (i.e., wooden swords, guns) may not be a part of a costume. This practice follows district policy concerning weapons at school.
- Spray cans of any type may not be used at school for make-up purposes (i.e., spray-on hair colors). Make-up will not be applied at school.
- Students will need to change back into their regular clothing before dismissal. (except Kindergarten)

Thank you for your consideration!