

Fry Families,

Red Ribbon Week Happens Next Week!

We will be commemorating Red Ribbon Week at Fry next week (Monday, October 26 through Thursday, October 29). Schools and communities across the country participate in Red Ribbon Week to promote a drug-free lifestyle for all of our children. Our theme this year is sports: *1 Goal, 1 Life, Drug-Free*. Each day, students can show their support of Red Ribbon Week as follows:

Monday (October 26): Wear RED to kick-off Red Ribbon Week.

Tuesday (October 27): Wear your favorite sports jersey.

Wednesday (October 28): Crazy hair day.

Thursday (October 29): Students will be asked to sign a pledge to promise to remain drug-free.

We encourage students, teachers and even parents to follow the daily schedule for the week and support our goal of a drug-free community.

PTA sponsored Fall Halloween Parade and Party

Fry Staff and PTA would like to remind you that Friday, October 30th, any Fry student who chooses to participate is invited to be part of the school's "Fall Costume" parade. The parade will be followed by classroom activities and treats provided by the Fry PTA. The fall treat will be Apple Dippers (from McDonalds) with caramel dip and Country Time Lemonade. Please inform your child's teacher and the school nurse if this snack has health concerns for your child. You can reach the nurse, Nancy Schultz, at 428-7404.

Costume Guidelines:

Students are not to wear costumes to school at the beginning of the day. Time will be provided for this purpose prior to the parade. Parents should make appropriate decisions about what students wear for costumes. Costumes should be non-violent and age appropriate. For safety reasons masks should allow for a student to have clear vision. Sharp objects or props depicting violence may not be part of a costume.

Parade Route:

The Fry School Front Circle drive will be closed to all vehicles.

·Parents may view parade from circle drive.

The parade will begin at 2:15 p.m.. Students will exit the front of the building at Kindergarten Door #10 proceed down the sidewalk in front of the building and follow the sidewalk on the circle drive re-entering the school through the YMCA Door #2. If it rains, the outdoor parade will be canceled.

Students who do not wish to participate, will be provided with alternative activities during this event. Please inform

your child's classroom teacher, in writing, if your child will not be participating in the event. We expect this to be a very enjoyable event for all student participants. Should you have any questions please feel free to call the main office at 428-7400.

Sincerely,

Moira Arzich, Principal

Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing screening will take place here at Fry for students.

Kdg will have vision and hearing screened

1st grade hearing only

2nd grade Vision and Hearing w/color discrimination

3rd grade hearing only

Vision screening will be done, as mandated , for the children listed above in the month of October. Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by and eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examinations has been administered within the previous 12 months and that evaluation is on file at the school. this notice is not a permissions to test. Vision screening in not an option. If a vision examination report is not on file at school for your child, your child will be screened. Please call Nancy Schultz, 428-7404 if you have any questions.

Halloween Candy Being Collected Nov. 2

The Fry PTA Community Service Committee will be collecting **leftover*** Halloween candy to benefit Loaves and Fishes. For one day only on **Monday, November 2nd**, bring in any unopened, wrapped candy and drop it in our "Sharing Bins" located in the halls just outside your classrooms. Questions: Please contact Deb Stirling at (630) 718-9326 stirlings@comcast.net or Chris Ehler at (630) 544-6456 or cehler@wowway.com

Entertainment Books Still on Sale for \$20

Get your orders in for Entertainment Books, as the sale ends October 26 (ish). If you want the book you received via your child's backpack, simply return a check in the envelope (for \$20). And you can also order additional books by following the instructions on the enclosed form. If you do not want the book, simply return it in the plastic bag, to your child's teacher. Entertainment Books are the second and final element of the Fry PTA Fall Fundraiser, with 50% of the purchase price coming back to us. Given these economic times, we hope these Entertainment Books can provide some savings that exceed their purchase price. Questions, please contact Peter Barnard at psbarnard@comcast.net, or at 773.575.0813

Thanks for your Input Regarding the School Calendar

For those who provided input regarding the school calendar - thanks. The comments I received I forwarded along, and were fairly consistent. If I could summarize: (1) Bundle days-off into usable holidays - so you might plan a weekend trip - rather than have odd days off throughout the school year. (2) Start later in August - seemed too soon this year. (3) Start later in August to allow for cooler days. Questions, please contact Peter Barnard at psbarnard@comcast.net, or at 773.575.0813

In Need of "Artist of the Week" Volunteers

This is a unique program that Mrs. Mills does for the kids. Once a week, 3-4 kids are selected to be artists of the week and their art work is posted on a special bulletin every week. We need your help with selecting and posting the art work. You will also fill out an announcement sheet for Mrs. Arzich and certificates for the kids to take home (everything is pre-printed, you just need to fill in the blanks). It usually requires only a half hour of your time. If we have a good amount of volunteers, the rotation will only be a few times during the school year. Please let Sabina Elam at elam8@comcast.net or Julie Tobolski at tobolskijisc@yahoo.com know your interest as soon as possible since we will start the program next week. Thank you!

Meet the Superintendent at the Next PTA Meeting

Dr. Kathleen Birkett, Superintendent for District 204, will be attending our next PTA meeting on November 17 at 6:30 PM. Come prepared to hear what's going on in the District. And if you have questions you would like to submit in advance, please send them to Peter Barnard. They can be anonymous or can simply be read should you not be able to attend. The Fry staff will also be presenting the Bully Prevention program to the parents in an effort to establish a common understanding of how to support students when they encounter behavior that offends them. Questions, please contact Peter Barnard at psbarnard@comcast.net, or at 773.575.0813.

Upcoming Fry School Dates for the Week of October 26, 2009

10/26	Monday	7:50am	5 th Gr. Band PTA Entertainment Book Sale Ends Red Ribbon Week – Wear Red Day
10/27	Tuesday	7:50am 3:45pm-4:45pm	4 th & 5 th Gr. Chorus Intramural VB – Gr. 4 & 5 Red Ribbon Week – Favorite Sports Jersey Day
10/28	Wednesday	School Begins at 9:15	Professional Development for staff Red Ribbon Week – Crazy Hair Day

		4:00pm-9:00pm Fry Night at Haagan-Dazs Ice Cream Shop
10/29	Thursday	7:50am 5 th Gr. Orchestra
		3:35pm-4:45pm Student Council - LMC
		3:45pm-4:45pm Intramural VB – Gr. 4 & 5
		Red Ribbon Week – Students sign pledge
10/30	Friday	7:50am 4 th & 5 th Gr. Orff
		2:15pm PTA Parade followed by classroom activity
		Report Cards Sent home
11/2	Monday	7:50am 5 th Gr. Band
		Report Cards due back
11/3	Tuesday	7:50am Chorus
		3:45pm-4:45pm Intramural VB – Gr. 4 & 5
11/4	Wednesday	School Begins at 9:15 Professional Development for staff
		4:30-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences
		5:00-6:00 PTA Market Day
11/5	Thursday	7:50am 5 th Gr. Orchestra
		3:45pm-4:45pm Intramural VB – Gr. 4 & 5
11/6	Friday	7:50am 4 th & 5 th Gr. Orff