



LJ Stevens Intermediate Newsletter

VENITA DENNIS, Principal

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 1	Picture Retakes WE-PTO 4:00 @ Bruning
Oct 2	Young Rembrandts
Oct 4	1:50 Dismissal Parade 3:00
Oct. 9	11:20 Dismissal School Board 6:30
Oct. 15-17	Candy Grams
Oct. 16	Young Rembrandts
Oct. 18	Family Carnival 4:00-8:30 Stevens
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 30	Young Rembrandts
Oct. 31	Halloween Parties/Parade 1:45-2:45
Nov. 4-12	Book Fair



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conference time is an important part of the school year. This is one on one time with the teacher to discuss grades, test scores, classroom procedures, homework, and classroom behavior. Please take advantage of this time!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 7th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed Thursday, November 7th at 1:50 p.m. If you have not signed up for a conference time, please contact the school office at 815-926-1689. Report cards will not be sent home in the mail. Parents or Guardians must attend a conference.



Attendance: Attendance is vital to a student's success! **2 absences per month = a child likely to fail reading.** **5 unexcused absences a year make a student truant.** Your child needs to be at school unless they are sick, running a fever, or vomiting. Schools are graded on student attendance. Parents, you are responsible for your child's attendance.



Halloween Parade & Parties

October 31, 2019

The annual Halloween parade will begin at 1:45 p.m. (weather permitting) on October 31st with the Halloween parties following. Weather permitting, students will parade around the track behind the middle school. Parents may sit in the bleachers or stand along the side to watch the students walk around the track. Parents cannot enter the school to help their child into their costume. **Only parents who are assigned to work the Halloween parties will be allowed in the building AFTER the parade.** Students can wear costumes to school. Students CANNOT wear their mask on the bus or into the school. Masks will only be allowed during the parade and parties. **Students will not be allowed to wear bloody/gory costumes or bring weapons of any kind. Please no "Slender Man" costumes or scary clown costumes.** Costumes must not interfere with the regular work done during the school day. Costumes should be appropriate for school. If you have doubt about appropriateness of your student's costume, please ask.

Change in the Weather:

As fall arrives and winter soon follows, this is a good time to remind you of our school procedures for colder weather. Students will go outside unless the temperature is below fourteen degrees Fahrenheit or it is raining. Students cannot decide to stay inside; everyone goes out. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately! Snow pants and snow boots are required to play in the snow. Mrs. Dennis reminds the students of these requirements and tries her best to warn students of upcoming temperature changes. However, Mrs. Dennis also encourages the students to watch the weather and be prepared!



Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd through October 31st. At SIS, we take this time to remind students of healthy habits and healthy choices. This is also a good time to talk with your students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Each day will have a theme and dress up. This will help us discuss our healthy habits and choices.

Habits/choices discussed will include: get plenty of rest, eat healthy meals and snacks, drink plenty of water, eat a healthy breakfast to help fuel the school day, etc.

Math Facts

Please practice math facts nightly with your student(s). Students need to have basic math facts mastered for success. Research shows that fact fluency is necessary for higher level math success. Second grade should be fluent in addition and subtraction facts. Third, fourth, and fifth grades should be fluent in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Keep In touch with P.E.



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<https://www.facebook.com/Mrstrongspe>

Food/Snacks at school: At SIS, we have many students that have food allergies, intolerances, or concerns. Please contact your classroom teacher before sending any treats to school. A great reference for our gluten free and celiac students is: <https://celiac.org>. Visit this site for a list of safe treats/snacks for students. If your student has food allergies, intolerances, or concerns, please communicate with the classroom teacher.

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