



Dassa McKinney's Newsletter

Message from the Principals

Congratulations on a tremendous start to the school year in these unprecedented times. The hard work, determination, and flexibility displayed by our Dassa Families has been nothing short of incredible. We are excited to share some important information with you, as well as request your assistance in helping us deal in a few things that remain a challenge for us.

- *Mrs. Fox & Mr. Thompson*

Report Cards

We will continue to publish report cards digitally through our student information system, Skyward. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you are in need of assistance accessing your child's report card. Report cards for the first grading period will be available on Friday, November 13.

Daily Health Checks in Skyward

With colder weather approaching, we need your help to speed up the student arrival process. We are requesting that all families complete the Wellness Screening for their children in Skyward each day prior to school. In addition to temperature checks, we must spend additional time outside of the school with each child to complete a wellness screening. We will be increasingly diligent in encouraging families to complete this task at home.

Red Ribbon Week

We encourage students to participate in Red Ribbon Week:

Fri, 10.23:	Wear Pink for Cancer Awareness
Mon, 10.26:	Sock it to Drugs (Crazy Socks)
Tues, 10.27:	Reach for your Dreams (Pajamas)
Wed, 10.28:	Drugs are Crazy! (Crazy Hair)
Thurs, 10.29:	Too Bright for Drugs (Neon)

Classroom Halloween Parties

Classroom parties will be held on Friday, October 30. Due to COVID mitigation efforts, volunteers will not be permitted, and classrooms will not combine for parties. Students may wear costumes that can be changed into without privacy (bathrooms will not be used for changing). All snacks and treats will be funded by PTO, and will be provided by our food service department. In lieu of sending in treats, families are encouraged to make monetary donations to the Dassa PTO.

Adapting Traditional Events

Unfortunately, many of our traditional events are being adapted to comply with COVID mitigation efforts. Typically, we welcome hundreds of visitors to Dassa McKinney Elementary School each Fall for Grandparents' Day, Veterans' Day, and Parent Teacher Conferences. We will attempt to capture the spirit of these events through adapted activities and virtual events. Please watch for additional information on these, and other events.

Our Challenge to You

Share family stories around a campfire.