

Horace Mann Elementary School

PTA Newsletter—November 2011



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A Note From Our Principal

Dear Horace Mann Parents,

October went by in a flash! It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is about here and Christmas is just around the corner! I want to take this time to tell you how **THANKful** I am for all of you and for being part of such an awesome community of parents, students, and teachers. I appreciate the support and encouragement you give your children as well as the staff at Mann. I hope you all have a wonderful November and a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,
Ms. Peterson

Spruce-Up Horace Mann Project

By the time staff & students arrived at school on Monday, Oct. 17th, they could see a **BIG** difference in the way the playground equipment looked. . . all bright and shiny with new paint! The Church of Nazarene along with Kirk Elmquist did a lot of work on our playground in addition to the flower beds and other areas. This is just the start of our "Spruce-up Horace Mann" project. Many, many thanks to all who helped! Pictures will be put on our website soon, so keep watching!

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7-11: Parent/Teacher Conferences (contact your child's teacher if you have not yet scheduled one)

Thursday, November 10: PTA Planning Meeting, 6:00, Library Classroom

Friday, November 11: No School

Wednesday, November 16: HAT DAY! \$1 to participate

Thursday, November 17: PTA General Meeting, 2nd grade performs, 7:00

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 23 - 25: Thanksgiving Break

5th Grade Parents,

If you desire for your child to attend a middle school other than the school that serves your address, a transfer request form must be completed. Transfers are approved based on building capacity and the order in which the transfers are received. The transfer forms may be picked up in the principal's office. The transfer form needs to be completed and sent to the principal of the school the child is requesting to attend. It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to send the transfer form to the requested school.

5th to 6th grade transfer requests must be submitted to the principal of the school to which you wish to transfer no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2011.

FALL FESTIVAL APPRECIATION

A huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who made our Fall Festival such a huge success! We hope you had a great time! Thank you to Rachel Mahy for chairing the event and to everyone else who contributed!

A special thanks goes out to the enthusiastic students who dressed up in costumes and worked in our 2nd annual haunted house: Brandon Baltes, Shawn Evans, Cooper Stormzand, Zachary Watts, Blake Williams, Tabby Baltes, Cayci Evans, Hannah Romano, and Mikayla Williams. Thank you so much! Also, a huge thanks to all of the parents who helped set up and run the haunted house. It takes a whole team and we appreciate our volunteers!

Second Grade Performance

The 2nd graders will be singing at the November PTA meeting on November 17. Our show is called "The Eagle and the Turkey". Second grade students need to report to their regular classrooms at 6:45. If families choose to arrive before 6:45, their child will need to remain with them until their classroom teacher arrives. Second graders should not be dropped off at the classroom until the teacher is there at 6:45.

~Spirit Day~

Wednesday, Nov. 16 is Hat Day. Wear your favorite hat or hats! Cost to participate is \$1.00. Proceeds benefit technology at Mann.

~Step Club News ~

Step Club has 53 Steppers and many parents walking on Tuesdays & Thursdays before school from 8 - 8:20. We welcome anyone who has a signed permission form. If you need one, please see Mrs. Maxwell.
"Keep Steppin'!"



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER
CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABEL WINNERS:
Mrs. Timson's Class and Mrs. Reece's Class
PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING!**

