

# Pawnee Grade School

## 2017-2018 Family Newsletter



### OCTOBER

In just 10 short days, we will reach the end of our first quarter of the school year. Can you believe how fast the year is flying by already? We have a busy quarter to finish and another one to get started...report cards will be sent home soon, parent/teacher conferences will take place, our book fair will be up and running...we have so much to learn and do!

Autumn is finally in the air, and it's one of my favorite seasons! Although our 90 degree weather isn't very fall-like, please keep in mind that the weather changes daily and students should bring a sweatshirt for cool mornings and windy afternoons. Students will still be going outside for P.E. and recess as often as possible.

We've had a few questions regarding our end-of-the-month assemblies, and yes, they are scheduled for this year too! Our first one will take place on **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.** We hope you can make it!

Please take a moment to read the important information included in this month's newsletter. If there is anything that I can do to help in any way, please do not hesitate to call or email me!

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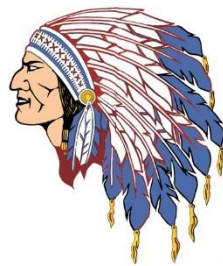
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### Important Dates

#### October 3

- PTO Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

#### October 4

- Clubs Choice money and raffle tickets DUE from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- PreK Butterbraid sale begins

#### October 5

- Picture day!

#### October 9

- NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day

#### October 13

- End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

#### October 18

- Dismiss at 12:00 p.m.
- PreK Butterbraid sale ends
- Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

#### October 19 & 20

- NO SCHOOL – P/T conferences

#### October 30

- Dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

#### October 31

- Fall parties at 2:00 p.m.



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## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Our seasonal Pawnee Grade School spirit wear is on sale right now! Order forms may be picked up in the office. Designs may also be seen on our Facebook page and school website. **Order forms and payments are due on Friday, October 6.**

This will be your only chance to purchase spirit wear shirts for holiday gifts; we will not be selling them again this year. BUT, we will have a short sale of Pawnee accessories (headbands, scarves, leggings, socks, etc.) prior to the holidays.

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m., and again on Friday, October 20 from 8:00 a.m. – noon. Your child's teacher(s) will be contacting you soon! Listed below are a few tips to help you prepare for your child's conference(s):

- If you haven't already, it is helpful for you to share the following with the teacher:
  - **General information** about your child, which may include strengths, weaknesses, likes/dislikes, special needs, unique home situations, etc.
  - **Previous school experiences**, whether positive or negative.
  - **Concerns** that you may have so you and your child's teacher may work together to solve the problem in a positive manner.
- Questions to consider asking the teacher include:
  - What are my child's **strengths and weaknesses**?
  - Does my child give his/her best **effort**?
  - How is my child doing **socially and emotionally**?
  - **How can I help** my child at home?

Parent/teacher conferences are a great time to briefly meet and foster a positive school and home communication/connection. It also shows your child that you value and want to be actively involved in his/her education. We look forward to meeting with you!

## **HANDICAP PARKING REMINDER**

**Please do not pull into and/or block the handicapped parking spots in front of the school to drop off or pick up your child(ren), unless you have the appropriate licensure to do so.** We appreciate your cooperation!

## **FALL PARTIES**

Fall classroom parties will be held on Tuesday, October 31 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Attendees will need to sign-in by visiting the PGS office prior to visiting classrooms.

Just a reminder that **all birthday and/or classroom party treats MUST be purchased through our school cafeteria.** The order form can be found on our school's website at [www.pawneeschools.com](http://www.pawneeschools.com). (Go to the Parent Resources → Forms tabs.) The order form and payment should be completed and sent to school at least 2 weeks prior to the party date. Please refer to page 32 in our student handbook for more detailed information.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found cart is full! If your child is missing a shirt or other item, please ask him/her to check our lost and found cart located near the PGS front doors. All items left behind will be donated during winter break.