

Greetings,

MEA Break is next week. I hope you enjoy the break with your family. Hopefully, many/all of you can find a bit of special time to connect with each other and make lasting memories with your kids.

On Wednesday, our teachers will be working with Donalyn Miller, “the Book Whisperer.” This will be a fantastic opportunity for our staff and their own professional development as reading teachers. Mrs. Miller is an obsessed reader who does whatever it takes to incite/build the love of reading in students and staff. We will spend the day creating, reviewing, planning reading activities for our students and staff.

Unity Day is Wednesday 10/24...we wear Orange that day as a show of Unity against bullying behavior. The day is intended to bring awareness and a voice to our students who have been bullied or have witnessed bully behavior. We want to unite Westonka against bullying.

Special Reminders for when we return on Monday, October 22nd:

- Rollerskating starts on Monday, please send your child’s helmet with them.
- PTA meeting on Monday at 6:30pm.
- Cherrydale Product Pick-up will be Tuesday in the cafeteria from 3:45-6:00pm.
- Wednesday is UNITY DAY - Please have your children wear **ORANGE**. Unity Day is a nationally recognized movement to bring awareness to Bully Prevention. At Shirley Hills we teach Stop, Walk and Talk as a strategy to stop bullying behavior as it is happening. Ask your child for the specifics of SWT...let me know if they don’t know, I’ll do a booster training for our school!
- Monday and Tuesday 1st & 3rd grade will have their vision screening in school.
- Thursday we will have our Title I parent information meetings in the Media Center. See Mark Your Calendar for times.

Wow...we are not wasting any time when we come back to school!

Have a memorable break!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 10/17 Teacher Professional Day - NO SCHOOL
- 10/18-19 Education Minnesota Break - NO SCHOOL
- 10/22 PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Media Center
- 10/22 WeCAN Coat Drive ends - LAST DAY TO DONATE
- 10/23 Cherrydale Product pickup, 3:45-6:00pm
- 10/24 UNITY DAY**
- 10/25 Title I Parent Information Meetings
- 10/31 Halloween Activities
- 11/02 Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

ROLLER SKATING IN PE CLASSES OCT. 22 - NOV. 8

- All students will be participating in a rollerskating unit beginning after MEA break
- Skates and wrist guards are provided for all students.
- **All students must wear helmets or they will not be allowed to skate.**
- You can send a helmet from home and keep it at school until the unit is over.
- If you do not have a helmet, Mr. Halvarson does have some for students to use, and they will be sanitized between classes.
- Students may not bring rollerblades.
- Please make sure your child wears socks to school on their Phy Ed days.

CHERRYDALE PRODUCT PICK UP - OCTOBER 23RD

- Fundraiser products will be available for pick up from 3:45 to 6:00pm in the school cafeteria
- **IMPORTANT:** If you are thinking of picking up your child at the end of the day before you pick up your order, please get your child in the parent pick up line and then proceed to the south end of the building to get your order.
- If you cannot make that time, you must make arrangements for someone else to pick up your product, as we do not have storage space for frozen items.
- If you forgot to keep the pink copy of your order, those will be available in the cafeteria.

TITLE I PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS - OCTOBER 25TH

- If your child is receiving Title I services (you have signed a permission slip allowing this) you are invited to an informational meeting in the Media Center.
- 1st & 2nd grade 6:00-7:00pm, 3rd & 4th grade 7:00-8:00pm

GRANDFRIENDS DAY IS NOVEMBER 2ND

- Information and RSVP forms will be sent home with your child next Monday.
- RSVP & End of Day Plans forms are due October 29th.