# Greetings,

Next week is a busy week with both Halloween and Grandfriend's Day. Halloween includes classroom parties and the costume parade in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to come for the costume parade at 2:15. This event is easy, sit in the gym and enjoy the costumes as the kiddos walk through. PLEASE keep in mind that student costumes when at school cannot include fake/toy weapons or gory/scary effects. We need to be mindful that we have the littlest of eyes and maturity who can and do become very scared from the realistic costumes and weapons.

Grandparents+Grandfriends Day is next Friday. The intent of this day is to honor our grandparents and family friends with a concert and a little time in the classroom to see where and what we learn. We know that some grandparents aren't able to make this event, so other family members and/or family friends are welcome in their place. Lastly, this is a very well attended event...sorry parents, we need to keep the space for grandfriends. Grade-level concerts later in the school year will be the parents' event to enjoy.

Lastly, we have our Fall Conferences starting on November 5th from 12:00-4:00pm and on November 8th and 13th from 4:00-8:00pm. Please schedule your conference through Family Access. Conferences are quite possibly the most important event we hold all year! Conferences are a great time to align families with teachers creating a dynamic team focused on each child's wellbeing and learning. I hope to see all of you here during conferences.

Take Care,

Scott

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 10/31 Halloween Festivities
- 10/31 Grandparents+Grandfriends Day RSVP forms due
- 11/01 Title I Information Night (see email from Ms. Knauf for more information)
- 11/02 Conference Sign Up closes
- 11/02 Grandparents+Grandfriends Day

- 11/02 Book Fair open 10:30am 3:30pm
- 11/04 Family Roller Skating at St. Louis Park Roller Garden, 5:00-7:00pm
- 11/05 Teacher Professional Day (AM), Conferences (4-8pm) NO SCHOOL
- 11/06 Book Fair & Conferences 12:00-8:00pm
- 11/07 Culvers Night, 4:00-8:00pm
- 11/08 Book Fair & Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm
- 11/09 Imagination Fair Entries due
- 11/13 Book Fair & Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm
- 11/15 Imagination Fair

#### CONFERENCE SIGN UP CLOSING SOON

 Conference sign up through Skyward/Family Access will close Friday morning, November 2nd. If you need to make changes after that, you will need to contact your child's classroom teacher directly.

### **FALL CONFERENCE SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS**

- From the Shirley Hills website, click on FAMILY ACCESS at the bottom of the screen.
- At the next screen, enter your Skyward Login information. (If you don't have this information, please call Mrs. Clipper at 952-491-8409).
- If this is the first time you have tried to log into Family Access, the next screen that appears may ask you to change your password to something you can easily remember. Simply create a new password and click Save.
- When you get to your Family Access account, click on Teacher Conferences on the left side of the screen.
- If you have more than one child in the district, there will be a box for each student.
- To the far right of the student's name, click on All Conferences
- On the next screen, find the HOMEROOM class. This may be the only class listed or it may be the last one in a list of five.
- On the line with the Homeroom class, click Select a Time.
- The next screen shows all conference times. Any available conference time slot will have the word SELECT to the far right.
- Click on Select for a time that works for your family.
- A small screen will pop up showing the teacher's name, room number and the time you have selected. Click Save, and you're done.

### HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES OCTOBER 31ST

- MWHS students will be here for a Halloween concert in the morning
- Mr. Eidsness and Office Sturm will present safety tips for Trick or Treating
- Halloween parade begins at 2:15pm and usually arrives in the gym shortly after 3:00pm
- Classroom teachers will their classroom party plans
- Thank you to our PTA for providing treats for the day, popcorn and water bottles

## FAMILY ROLLER SKATING EVENT IS NOV. 4TH

- Time for PTA's annual Family Roller Skating Event
- Sunday, Nov. 4th, 5:00-7:00pm
- Roller Garden at St. Louis Park
- \$6.00 admission (includes skates, if needed), \$4.00 meal deal (hot dog, chips, soda)

## FALL BOOKFAIR STARTS NOVEMBER 2ND

- Book Fair runs concurrent with conferences and Grandparents+Grandfriends Day
- Nov. 2nd 10:00am 3:30pm
- Nov. 5th 12:00pm 4:00pm
- Nov. 8th 4:00pm 8:00pm
- Nov. 13th 4:00pm 8:00pm

# **ROLLERSKATING CONTINUES THROUGH NOV. 9TH**

• Remember to send helmets.