

M.E.S. MOOSETACULAR NEWS



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2009

Important Dates to Remember



Thursday, October 1st
PTO - MES Library @ 6:30

Monday, October 5th
All School Field Trip to "Hyde"

Wednesday, October 7th
Fire Prevention Programs
10:00 - Noon
Picture Retakes 

Monday, October 12th
NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day



Tuesday, October 13th
NO SCHOOL
Professional Development

Wednesday, October 14th
Board of Ed Meeting
7:00 PM PHS Library

Monday, October 19th
Fundraiser Pick Up
3:30 - 6:00 PM Cafeteria

Thursday, October 22nd
Read With Me
Grade 2 = 10-10:30
Grade 3 = 11-11:30
Grade 1 = 2:45-3:15

Friday, October 23rd
Fall Festival
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Jack O Lantern Jamboree



Friday, October 31st
SPOTLIGHT AWARDS!
SPIRIT DAY! Wear Orange & Black

Dear Family and Friends of Moosup Elementary School,

I encourage you to peek in the cafeteria during the month of October to view a very large puzzle that symbolizes each student's commitment to the Moosup Elementary School Community Agreement. This agreement was created during the first few weeks of school. Every class brainstormed important rules that they felt would help ensure a safe and inviting learning community. Grade level classes then met together to draft a list to be considered by a group of representatives from each grade. One representative from each class met with me, Mrs. Sundstrom, and Mrs. Cooke to look at all of the suggestions and identify common themes. The group chose four important rules that have come to be known as our community agreement.

The completion of the community agreement was celebrated during the first Spotlight Awards assembly where every class presented a piece of the puzzle signed by each member of the class. The puzzle is a visual way of showing that if everyone does his or her part, we can achieve great things.

When students make a poor choice, they may be asked to complete a reflection sheet. The purpose of the sheet is to help the students identify what they did, how their action broke the agreement, and what they will do next time they are in a similar situation. Parents are asked to review and sign these sheets before returning them to the school. When addressing behavior issues, all staff members use a common language with students. The ultimate goal is to teach all students how to be self-disciplined and make good choices regardless of the situation.

I encourage you to talk to your child about the community agreement and the four levels of behavior. They are included in the newsletter. Making a connection between home and school is critical for the success of your child. Consider the difference between telling a child what he/she did wrong and how he/she should fix it as opposed to asking a child to tell what he/she did wrong and explain a better way that it could have been handled. It is a subtle yet powerful difference.

Moosup Elementary School students have been given a voice and the opportunity to create a nurturing and supportive environment in which to learn. Each student has the chance to see how individual decisions and voices affect others. We view this as first hand experience with democracy.

Happy Autumn!

Anne Hogsten



Reader of the Month



Ella, Aiden, Brianna, Rachel, Sydney, Devin, Kolby, Kate, Ethan, Morgan, Devlyn, Jonna, Robert, Casey

Writer of the Month



Dalayna, Madeleine, Richard, Sarah, Sanie, Nastasia, Drew, Levi, Cassie, Tyler, Katelynn, Conner, Ethan, Colby

Mathematician of the Month



Trevor, Roane, Liam, Sebastian, Jaden, Madison, Jon, Zachary, McKayla, Sydney, Daniel, Mark, Alexander, Tyler, Troy

Good Listener of the Month



Amelia, Joseph, Charles, Lindsay, Evelyn, Owen, Cassandra, Andrew, Emma, Ian, Ryley, Jonathan, Sarah, Kalina, Julia, Griffin, Heather, Brookelyn, Kelsi, Rafael, Carrett, Kacee, Jakob, Savannah, Garrett, Tyler, Alexis

Music Award of the Month



Coreena, Sean

Bookworm of the Month



Alyssa, Victoria, Jakob

Art Award of the Month



Sebastian, Evan, Madison

Fitness Award of the Month



Jaden, Zoha, Justin, Ana

Moosup Elementary School's Community Agreement

At Moosup Elementary School we will:

- Be respectful of our school and everyone in it.
- Always try our best in all that we do.
- Make safe choices.
- Treat others the way we want to be treated.



"IT'S UP TO ME!"



Level 4 (Blue)

I do the right thing because I know it's the right thing to do.

Level 3 (Green)

I do the right thing because others expect me to.

Level 2 (Yellow)

I am being inappropriate and not following the community agreement.

Level 1 (Red)

I am being unsafe and/or disruptive.