

NEWSLETTER #9

October 18, 2017

Good Afternoon Parents,

We have moved! The kids and I are very excited to be upstairs with all the other 3rd grade classes.

Tomorrow at Timber Lakes Elementary we are wearing pink! Please have the kids wear **pink!**

Your child should have brought home their **3rd Grade Class T-shirts last week**. Please have him/her wear it every Wednesday as that will be our class t-shirt day. We will also wear them for any future trips and Field Day towards the end of the year. I'll remind them when the time comes.

Red Ribbon Week is next week (October 23rd – 27th). The Red Ribbon campaign originated when federal agent, Enrique Camarena, was tortured and killed by drug traffickers in February of 1985. The Red Ribbon became the symbol of drug prevention and awareness. For our young students we teach them and talk about the value of team work and living healthy.

Red Ribbon Week - Our PTA would appreciate any help you can give in stocking up our new Wolf Pup Pantry during this week. Remember all items donated will benefit Timber Lakes Families in need.

Here's the breakdown of the different activities that are going to be happening this week:

Monday: Wear "RED" day! If possible, donate new, basic clothing items in any size.

Tuesday: Wear a "Superhero" shirt! Donate non-perishable canned/boxed items.

Wednesday: Wear "crazy socks" to school! Donate new/unopened underwear and socks.

Thursday: Wear "bright neon colors!" Donate toothpaste/toothbrush or other essential toiletries.

Friday: Wear your favorite "sports team" t-shirt! Team up with your class to donate school supply items.

Here are some important reminders/information:

- Ms. Crawford, our P.E. Coach, will be starting a **Running Club in November**. This is a great and fun way to get your children involved in a healthy activity that they can do for the rest of their lives. If you're interested please see the attached flyer. The club will begin on Thursday, November 2nd and is only for 2nd – 5th grade children only.
- TLE has begun their annual "**Boo Gram Drive**." The bright, orange flyer was sent home with your child yesterday. The children (with your help of course) can buy "Boo Grams" for their friends and family for \$1 each. The sales will go on through Thursday, October 26th and all Boo Grams will be delivered on Halloween (Tuesday, October 31st). All funds raised go towards TLE's 5th Grade Celebration!
- **Here is a message from Ms. Brummitt, our guidance counselor:** I will begin facilitating lessons on Child Safety Matters, a prevention education program about bullying the week of October 23-27 for the first lesson and the second lesson will be in December. These lessons will take place during their music special area time. It is a requirement by the district that this curriculum be taught to grades K-8. Attached is the parent welcome and opt-out form. Parents only need to return these if they do **NOT** want their child to participate. You may direct any questions or concerns to me, Shacara Brummitt, at 407-249-6177 ext. 4232225 or shacara.brummitt@ocps.net.
- **Parent – Teacher Conferences** are coming up next week. If you have not scheduled a conference with me, please do so via the invitation I sent you from Signupgenius.com. I would like to see all of my parents if possible. I would also like for you to bring your child with you to the conference if possible. It is important for the children to see us working as a team for their success!

- **We write in the planners each day so please remember to read the planner every night and sign it.** All homework as well as other communication should be put in the binder that your child brings home daily. It is very important that your child return that binder to school each day. Please remember to send all monies (lunch, t-shirt, etc.) to the school in an envelope. On the envelope please write my name, your child's name, and what the money is to be used for.
- If you have not done so, please become an **"Additions" volunteer** (www.volunteer.ocps.net). Remember that you must be an "Additions" Volunteer to be able to come and help out in the classroom, go on trips with us, attend any school functions, and even come to eat lunch with your child (children). **We've finally received the extra tables that were ordered at the beginning of this year. Parents are now allowed to eat on campus with their children on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**
- **Birthday parties** are not allowed in our school. You may, however, drop off cupcakes that we can give out during recess while we sing "Happy Birthday" to your son/daughter. **Please do not send cupcakes in with your child. There is a new procedure with paperwork to fill out for any outside foods brought in that are eaten during the school day. Because of this the cupcakes must be delivered by you, so that you can fill out the appropriate paperwork before we can share them.**

Here are some important dates/reminders:

- Tuesday, October 17th – Thursday, October 26th – **Boo Grams for Sale** (more info to come)
- Thursday, October 19th – **Art and Music Night** (more info to come)
- **Monday, October 23rd – Friday, October 27th – Report Card Conferences**
- Thursday, October 26th – **1st Quarter Report Cards** go home
- Monday, October 23rd – Friday, October 27th – **Red Ribbon Week** (flyer went home yesterday)
- Friday, October 27th – **Hurricane Make-Up Day** (There **"WILL"** be school that day!)
- Friday, October 27th – **Report Cards go home!**
- Thursday, November 2nd – **GAC/SAC Meetings; No PTA meeting this month.**
- Friday, November 3rd – **Fall Festival** (more info to come)

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at Jennifer.reed@ocps.net I am so grateful for the support I already see from you regarding your child's success this year. Thank you again, for sharing them with me each day!

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