

Lisbon Elementary Families,

Happy Homecoming Week!

My reasoning for communicating today is our monthly Lisbon Elementary Family Update with important dates and information for the month of October. Below you will find pertinent information in regard to P/T Conferences, helpful reminders about student supervision and Halloween. Please see the information below and as always, ask any questions you may have!

Thank you for trusting us with your child!

### General Information

- Something that I want to touch on is supervision of students. Particularly at activities and after school. Once school is dismissed - Students should have an alternative plan outside of school grounds, unless they are attending Champions or a school activity right after school. An issue that has been happening is students staying at school after dismissal to play on the playground - Which is reserved for Champions after school. **Students that are not enrolled in Champions should not be on the playground until after 6 PM. They also should not be on school grounds unless they are supervised.**
  - In addition to this, elementary students that are attending an activity should be supervised by an adult. They should also be in the area of campus where the game is taking place. Going to the playground during football games and other areas of the school during volleyball is not a safe activity. Please talk to your child about staying in an area that is supervised for their safety - Thank you for your help with this! Please understand that my intention behind continuing to communicate about this is to address ongoing student behavioral/safety issues that are occurring, not to engage in conflict.
- Our plan is to communicate specific details in regard to Halloween and the parade closer to the actual date. As of now - We will allow students to wear costumes at a designated time at school on Friday, October 31st. We are also planning a costume parade at 2:00 PM on the track. Please come join us to watch, in your costumes, of course!!
  - Guidance on costumes is similar to year's past, the following are prohibited: Masks that cover the face, blood/gore, weapon look-alikes, and inappropriate content (language or images). If your child's costume is an inflatable, these guidelines still apply. Costumes that don't follow this guidance will not be worn during the school day.
  - Please be sure to avoid candy with any sort of peanut/tree nut - I attached last year's approved treat list [HERE](#).
  - The Lions' Den will be used as a backup in case of rain.
  - We will also be hosting our PBIS Monster Mash if our students fill the cauldron in the office with their blue tickets for positive behavior! This will happen during

the school day during their grade-level specials time. Please talk to your student about being respectful, responsible, safe and caring to help us meet our goal!

- Our staff has been trained in spotting/reporting bullying, harassment, discrimination and misconduct. Students are also receiving instruction in bullying prevention this month during guidance time. The term bullying is used regularly without a clear/consistent definition. As a way to be transparent and consistent - I have attached an FAQ around these definitions to the email below. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for staff and students!
- We hope to see you at Parent/Teacher Conferences and the Book Fair on October 7th and 9th from 4 PM - 8 PM!
- We have disabled the ability of student email accounts to email other student accounts in grades K-6. This is for student safety and to ensure that devices/email are used for school purposes only.
- We will do everything we can to ensure that your child makes adequate progress throughout the school year! Please spend time reading with your child at home for just a few minutes every day - It really does add up!

#### Dates

- October 7th- Early dismissal at 1:10 PM for Parent / Teacher Conferences. Conferences are scheduled from 4-8 PM. The Book Fair will also be open during this time. See you there!
- October 8th- School Board Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Pride Room.
- October 8th- The Book Fair will be open from 7:45-8:10 AM and 3:30-6:30 PM.
- October 9th- Early dismissal at 1:10 PM for Parent / Teacher Conferences. Conferences are scheduled from 4-8 PM. The Book Fair will also be open during this time. See you there!
- October 10th- No school for students. Professional Learning Day for teachers and staff.
- October 17th- End of the first academic quarter.
- October 21st- First Annual Preschool Family Night! Please refer to the email that has been sent by your classroom teacher for an invitation if you have a child in preschool.
- October 22nd- Early dismissal at 1:10 for teacher professional learning.
- October 23rd- Grantwood AEA Hearing Checks for students in AK-2nd grade during the school day. Students that missed this date will be checked on November 11th.
- October 23rd- School picture retakes for students and staff in the AM during the school day.
- October 31st- Halloween festivities within the classroom and school costume parade. The costume parade will begin at 2:00 PM. More information to follow closer to the date.

I hope everyone has a great October and thank you for your partnership!