

OCTOBER 31, 2014
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Fairview School News



Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already well into the first trimester of school. Students and teachers are busy at work as we continue our work with customized learning, a proficiency based system of learning grounded in the idea that children learn in different ways and time frames. Staff continues to participate in district-wide professional development to focus on implementation in math and language arts, and to explore our future reporting system called Empower. As we continue to move forward, the goal for teachers is to begin to develop transparent learning targets so that students can navigate their own learning.

The Auburn School Department's guidance curriculum includes teaching personal safety skills. These skills are necessary in the prevention of sexual abuse. Our school counselors partner with Advocates for Children, Androscoggin County's Child Abuse Prevention agency, to teach personal safety skills. The curriculum recognizes that adults, not children, are responsible for preventing abuse. Nonetheless, children can play a key role in helping to protect themselves.

Children learn to recognize dangerous situations, to say "NO" to inappropriate touching, and to seek help when needed. Advocates for Children staff with school counselor support will present personal safety programs to kindergarten, second and fourth grade students at Fairview School during the weeks of **December 1st and 8th**. An informational letter and permission slip will be coming home the week of November 10th. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Bard or Mrs. Beaudet at 784-3559.

~Mrs. Beaudet

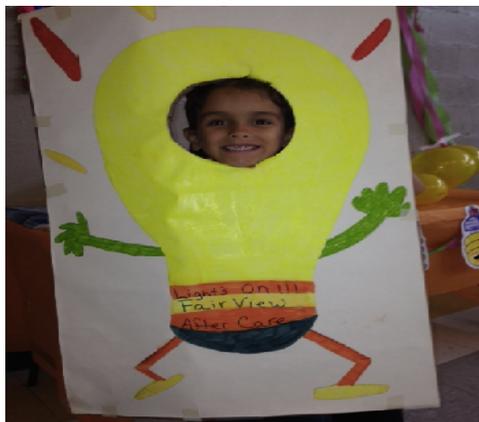
October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. At Fairview, the *Olweus Bullying Prevention* program is being implemented in all grades. The *Olweus Bullying Prevention Program* is designed to improve peer relations and make schools safer, more positive places for students to learn and develop. Teachers hold weekly class meetings where students learn, discuss and role-play in order to gain a deeper understanding of the issues of bullying.

Along with the *Olweus Bullying Prevention* program, *Second Step* is also implemented in all classrooms. *Second Step* teaches empathy, emotion-management, and problem-solving skills.

Fairview's Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Courage, Honesty, and Fairness are also part of our Code of Cooperation and school culture. Staff and students created and shared a video that highlighted the Core Values at our last Community Meeting!

Lights On Afterschool!

Fairview’s Afterschool Care took part in *Lights On Afterschool*, the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. Students celebrated with a neon theme. They played games, had themed snacks and made arts & crafts. Families were also invited to attend.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual collection of canned goods and other non-perishables will begin next week, November 3rd and run until the 19th. Each year, students in the school bring in supplies to create food baskets for Fairview families in need.

On average, over the past few years, we have been able to support 25 families each year. Please consider helping out in some way. There will be a table in the front lobby and many classrooms also keep collection boxes. Thank you in advance for your support.

Pavilion Update

Construction has begun and our outdoor pavilion is taking shape. With the crew hard at work, it should be completed in the next couple of weeks! Thank you PTO and Thank you to our maintenance department!

Dates To Remember

- 11/3 Thanksgiving Food Drive begins
- 11/4 Election Day, Fairview is a polling spot
- 11/7 Fundraiser Pick-Up
- 11/10 Fundraiser Pick-Up
- 11/11 Veteran’s Day, No School**
- 11/12 Full Day Wednesday
- 11/18 **Picture Retakes**
- 11/19 Food Drive ends
- 11/21 End of the first Trimester
- 11/24 Advocates for Children Parent Night K,2,4
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Feast, Primary Grades
- 11/26 Teacher’s Workshop, No School**
- 11/27-28 Thanksgiving Break**

Election Day Head’s Up

Fairview School is used as a polling place for the city. We are required to reserve a number of spaces for parking on Tuesday November 4th. Please be aware that there may be significant congestion in the parking lot that day.

Harvest Fest Wrap-Up

Thanks to our PTO and all of the Fairview families who volunteered or attended the Harvest Festival! It was another successful day of fun! Our numbers indicate an even greater turnout than last year. We couldn’t do it without all of you!

Shout Out!

A special thank you to the Thompson family for donating apples for kids who need snacks! They have been very popular with our students!



Fundraiser Pick-up:

Friday 11/7 & Monday 11/10 from 2:30-4:00 in the GYM