

Hedgehog Herald

October, 2007

Dear Holly Grove Families,

Fall is here so hopefully the warm weather is gone for a while! It has been refreshing to have our students go outside without having to be concerned with a code orange, red, or yellow day. Our new equipment has been installed and the students have been enjoying playing on it for the past few weeks. We have limited the playing of football in situations where students are not following the established rules.

Character Trait for October

October is the month for the character trait of respect. Respect is considered showing high regard for authority, for other people, for self, for property, and for our country. We want children to have the understanding that all people have values as human beings. Respect is a hard concept for all of us to define. It is very subjective and interpreted by everyone differently. We are going to continue to talk about the character trait of Respect and encourage our children to understand and use respectful behavior. The staff will be giving examples of respectful behavior, ex. quiet voices, no talking when in the hallways, and do not interrupt when others are speaking.

ASU Steely Band

On October 4th our students will get to enjoy a concert by the ASU Steely Band. They have been studying the Caribbean in their classrooms and special area classes. We are excited about the cultural arts program. If your child is tracked out and you would like him/her to attend the concert, you may bring him/her in. The concert will be from 2:45 -3:15PM and will be held in our multipurpose room for students in grades K-5.

Volunteering at Holly Grove

There seems to be some confusion regarding volunteering at Holly Grove. We WANT you to volunteer; however all volunteers must sign up via the Wake County system in order to volunteer in any classroom whether you are volunteering to work with one child or many children. Computers are available for you to sign up at any time during the day in our Media Center. Once you have been cleared as a volunteer, we will send or you can pick up your volunteer badge from the front office. **You may not volunteer until you have registered through our system. This is a “safety net” for you and your child.**

Thank you, PTA

I would like to thank our PTA, Mrs. Bozanno, and Ms. Frye for sponsoring the recent breakfast that you provided for our staff! We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group working on behalf of children and for us. The food was delicious and the door prizes were a welcomed surprise. Thank you, thank you.

I would also like to thank Ms. Ray-Nobles and our parent character education team for your efforts. We are off to a great start. The program that was presented to the students was well done!

Kudos to Ms. Edick and Mrs. Greene for their work with our recent cookie dough fundraiser! We have raised over \$16,000.00 thanks to our community participation. If you have not picked up your cookie dough, please contact Ms. Edick or Ms. Greene to make arrangements. If you didn't purchase cookie dough, but would like to have some, we have a few tubs left.

Carnival

Information will be coming home soon about our November 3rd. carnival. We will have featured many inflatables, games, and food. You can purchase tickets for \$.50. When you purchase 10 tickets, you will receive 5 free. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer for donating the equipment that will be used for this event. Their donation will greatly offset the funds that would have to be used to purchase these items.

Join the PTA

If you are not a member of the PTA, please consider joining. You do not have to volunteer or serve on a committee. Support our school, your school by becoming a member. We have a little over 250 members out of a population of 800 students.

Quiet Hall Rule

What is our quiet hall rule? At Holly Grove, we do whisper in the halls. This helps us to maintain an orderly environment. We ask that not only students honor this rule, but the adults too. If we model quiet hall behavior, our children will do the same. Thanks for helping us maintain this rule at Holly Grove.

If you have questions and/or concern, don't hesitate to contact us at 577-1700/

Sincerely,

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Principal