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**BOOK BLAST IS COMING SOON**

All students in grades K-12 are encouraged to participate in Book Blast on Wednesday, October 31. Students need to wear a costume of their favorite book character to school. This costume must be school appropriate. No weapons are allowed with the costume. Students in the class will guess which character your child has chosen. Supplies for the cake decorating for the cover of their class book will be due October 29. Students will decorate a cake and then eat the cake at the end of the day. All students in grades 3-12 will do oral book reports of their character, even if they do not dress up. Students will be graded on their report and character costume. Students who do not dress up must be in school uniform. No thongs for shoes.

**LABELING STUDENT ITEMS/DRESS CODE**

Please remember to label student lunch bags, coats and other items. Students must wear a jacket that zips up and may wear a solid color long sleeve shirt under their school shirt as the weather gets cooler. Students must wear a school shirt or trip shirt daily. No plaid or striped shorts. Shorts must be to the knee for all students.

**ALPHA SOCIETY**

This is a society for students who are doing well academically. Students must pass all state exams and exceed in one area of the state tests. This society is for students in grades 4-12. Students must maintain a grade point with only one C each quarter/semester and be a child with a high level of integrity. Field trips and special events will be planned for Alpha Society students. Great job members!

**AIMS TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Students who need to pass the AIMS assessments in 11th and 12th grade will take these tests on October 23-25. Please make sure your child is on time to school for these dates. Any student who qualifies in 2013 and beyond by exceeding on all three assessments in reading, writing and math will receive a 25% in state tuition scholarship. Students must maintain a B average in all coursework. A passing score on SAT or ACT is needed for graduates 2013 and beyond for the state scholarship.

**FALL BREAK**

As a reminder no school October 8-19.

**CASUAL DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Every Wednesday starting on October 3 until June 5 students may wear a shirt that is not a school uniform or trip shirt. The fundraiser will go toward the school trips and PE equipment. Each student must pay \$1.00 to participate. No see through/lace or spaghetti straps and shirts must be school appropriate. No stomachs showing.

**RACE DAY**

Students are encouraged to start working on their own racers for Race Day in November. Students need to work in groups of 2. The racers are not allowed to have engines. We have had great racers made with wheelbarrows, scooters and wagons. Be creative and we ready to race in November. Be sure to decorate your racer. Fall break is a good time to get started!

**WINTERFEST/DATE CHANGED**

Winterfest will be Friday, December 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Please mark your calendars. This is a great event for the whole family. Each class will be sponsoring a booth and Santa will be visiting. Tickets for the events start at \$.25.

**DANCES**

Starting in November students in grades 6-12 will be having school dances. These will be held monthly. Students will be charged to attend the dances and concessions will be available for purchase.

<i>Important Dates</i>	
<b>October 3</b>	<b>Casual Day</b>
<b>October 8-19</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>
<b>October 23-25</b>	<b>High School AIMS 11th and 12th</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Open Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Book Blast</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>End of First Grading Period</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Report Cards Home Grades K-8</b>