



STAMFORD SCHOOL

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Principal's Monthly Newsletter - OCTOBER

I always love October for a number of reasons: the colors of the trees, the smell of the crisp air, apples, pumpkins, Halloween, and most importantly, anti-bullying month. Stamford School just finished the 20 Days of Kindness Challenge. As we move into October, it is critical that we recognize the importance of kindness, befriending & including others, and ultimately, uniting against bullying. **I urge parents and community members alike to talk with the students, our next generation, and to model kindness. It is so critical that the adults in the lives of our students model kind behaviors so that they can learn from us!**

In the continued effort of supporting the National Bullying Prevention Month, we wore blue to show support for kindness on October 1. Throughout the month, we will be making and signing anti-bullying pledges, wearing orange to show unity, implementing a unity tree, exploring acts of kindness, bringing in a high school drama team to perform skits full of role play, and so much more.

I am pleased to announce that we are very close to hiring a music teacher. Stay tuned for news after October's school board meeting. At the most recent inservice, Stamford teachers and staff members attended a training that highlighted policies, protocols, and programs of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug education (ATOD). Be encouraged that our staff members are continuously educated with today's best practices in education.

As we strive to always do our best and achieve goals, I want to make you aware of three academic goals that we have this year: 20% student academic growth on local and state assessments, 100% understanding of personalized learning plans, and increased understanding of the rising impact of trauma on student learning. Throughout the year, I will keep you updated on progress of these goals. Our reading consultant continues to visit, sharing wonderful resources with the teachers on our new reading program and reading assessment.

Save the Dates -- On Friday, October 5, students will be watching a kindness-themed movie (pajamas optional), followed by Stamford's very own K's Creamery ice cream, provided by the PTG. Be on the lookout for student-led conferences, scheduled for the week of October 8; you should hear from your teachers very soon about scheduling your conference. This is a great opportunity to hear children share their academic goals and successes. There will be no school on Monday, October 8 to devote some time to these student-led conferences. There is also an early release on Tuesday, October 9 for teacher inservice (Fountas & Pinnell Assessment Training). Picture Day retakes and makeups are October 10. There will be a PTG (Parent Teacher Group) meeting on October 11 at 6 pm, followed by a School Board meeting at 7 pm. There will be an 8th grade parent meeting October 17, 5:15 pm. Looking ahead -- No school November 9 for teacher inservice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stamford Principal
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