



## STAMFORD SCHOOL

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### Principal's Monthly Newsletter - NOVEMBER

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Happy November! Halloween is over and winter is on the horizon. Please be mindful of this as it starts to get colder and consider boots and coats on a daily basis. Yet, make sure students bring sneakers for physical education classes. October was full of excitement, including anti-bullying and Halloween activities. Students from PreK through eighth grade pledged to stand up against bullies. High school students from Amherst will perform skits for our 4th-8th grade students at our culminating event on November 6. We finished off October with an exciting Halloween parade that included apple cider and cookies. Mr. D's Class won the door decorating contest for the second year in a row; one class is already making a rival plan for next year. Thank you to the Stamford PTG who handed out hot dogs, hot chocolate, and candy at school on Halloween night.

Mrs. Bouchard and I would like to express our gratitude to the many PreK-1st grade parents who volunteered to build the new play structure on the PreK-1st grade playground. It should be a nice treat for years to come. The eighth graders are off to a great start as they plan for their culminating class trip. The next 8th grade parent meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 at 5:15pm. Please remember that you are invited to attend your child's class presentation on Fridays. Please email the teacher to find out when they will present next.

Teachers continue to work diligently as they teach several new curriculums this year, to include reading, math, and science. Ask your kiddos how they like them. Pharmacists volunteered their time and came to Stamford School to give all faculty and staff the opportunity to get flu shots. Thank you to the Wilmington Rite Aid/Walgreens Pharmacy for keeping our teachers healthy. Stamford faculty and staff will be attending another training regarding trauma-informed schools on November 9 and therefore, there will be no school that Friday. I have enjoyed my own trainings in October- Hazing/Harassment/Bullying Laws, State Tests (SBAC, FitnessGram, and VT Science TEst), and MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports). Lastly, Stamford Seed Saver's Steve Greene has recruited four Stamford faculty and staff members for the Farm to School Committee. Stay tuned for some more exciting news from this program. Please welcome Karylee Doubiago as our new music teacher. A long-term substitute position has been posted on School Spring for Mrs. Bouchard's maternity leave from January-March.

As we move through the month of November, please be mindful of the following dates:

- November 8 PTG & School Board Meeting, 6 & 7pm
- November 9 Teacher Inservice, no school
- November 12 Veterans Day, no school
- November 14 Family Thanksgiving Feast, 10:45 & 11:45 (please RSVP as soon as possible)
- November 17 Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner at Stamford School, 5pm
- November 21-23 Thanksgiving Break, no school
- Planning ahead→ December 12 Holiday Concert, 6pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Stamford Principal  
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