

Bellaire Public Schools

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October 5, 2018

My favorite month is here – October!! Beautiful leaves, sunny fall days, Halloween, donuts and cider...and maybe a little extra candy☺ Your children are becoming more confident with daily routines and procedures and have been working very hard to show pride in their work. I can't thank you enough for reading the teacher newsletters and supporting your children with the information that is provided. You are the best!!

Public Act 306 – 3rd Grade Reading Law - The law requires us to notify K-3 parents if a reading deficiency is identified through assessments. We will be meeting with K-3 parents to set up an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) that requires a Read-At-Home component as well. We will be partnering with you to help students increase their reading achievement. The law states that beginning with the 2019-2020 school year students who are not reading at the 3rd grade reading level at the end of 3rd grade as measured by the State assessment will be retained in 3rd grade. This is a big goal and only with your help will it be achieved.

Free/Reduced Lunch Forms – If you haven't filled out a form or if your income changes you can fill out a new form anytime.

Lunch Charge Limit – If your child owes more than \$7.00 for unpaid lunches he/she will not have all lunch choices available.

Birthday Invitations – In order to avoid hurt feelings, please mail any birthday or other event invitations. Students will not be able to pass them out at school even if everyone in the class is being invited. We can provide a class list but not addresses or phone numbers. If you have a group of students coming to your house please plan to carpool. Students can only ride the bus they have been assigned to.

PTO – This group works many, many hours to bring exciting activities for students and "extras" for the classrooms. Please consider signing up to help with any of their fabulous activities!

Pick Up Line – If you pick up your child at the end of the day please roll your passenger window down so we can see you easily. It will help make the line move faster.

Trunk-or-Treat – Sunday, Oct. 28 (2:00-3:30) – The PTO is once again hosting "Trunk-or-Treat" in honor of our super-hero friend, Payton Dennis. This fun event takes place at the athletic complex parking lot on October 28 from 2:00-3:30. Please bring your children in costumes for a fun afternoon full of goodies☺. If you (or someone you know) would like to decorate a trunk for the event and pass out candy we would love to have as many as possible! If you would like to donate candy for the event please bring it to the elementary office.

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October Celebration (Oct. 31) - Although we don't wear costumes to school, fun activities are planned by teachers to celebrate! We hope to see all of the little dressed up goblins on Oct. 28 at "Trunk or Treat" and/or downtown Trick or Treating on Oct. 31.

Recess Weather – Is it hot? Is it Cold? – This is the time of year in Michigan where it might be sweatshirt weather in the morning and a blizzard in the afternoon. Please send warm clothing daily as the students go outside for 30 minutes.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Oct. 10	Fire Safety (Bellaire Fire Department)
Oct. 16	Forms and \$ Due / PTO Friske Orchards Donut and Cider Forms
Oct. 22-26	Bus Safety Week – Please remind your children about bus rules.
Oct. 24	Donut and Cider Delivery Date (pick up 2:30-4:00)
Oct. 28	Trunk or Treat – Athletic Complex (2:00-3:30)
Oct. 31	October Celebration @ School (no costumes)

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	Picture Retakes
Nov. 2	½ Day of School (dismiss 11:40–no lunch) - End of 1 st Marking Period
Nov. 5	No School – Regional Staff Development Day
Nov. 12	Veterans Day Assembly (9:00 high school gym – open to everyone)
Nov. 13-20	Book Fair
Nov. 13	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 20	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21	½ Day of School (dismiss 11:40 – no lunch)
Nov. 22 and 23	No School – Happy Thanksgiving!!

Happy October!!
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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
<p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.</p> <p><small>(Nagy and Herman, 1987.)</small></p>		
<h3>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</h3>		

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