

October 30, 2016

Spooktacular Night

It was great seeing so many of you last Friday at our PTO's Spooktacular event! On behalf of all Anderson staff, I want to thank all families and our dedicated PTO Board members for your unconditional support to our school community. Your support makes it possible for our students to enjoy field trips and enrichment activities throughout the school year. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!**

Daylight Saving Time Fall 2016

It's that time of year again. That time when, for one magical night — this year, next Saturday! — we will all receive an extra hour of sleep. In 2016, Daylight Saving Time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. So if you're staying in, you'll want to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

PFAAD Pictures

Please see the very last page of this message for some pictures of Senator McConnaughay and State Representative Andersson during their visit to our school on 10/13/16.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Just a reminder of this year's parent/teachers conferences, which will be held on **Monday, 11/21/16 from 8 AM to 8 PM and Tuesday, 11/22/16 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Families can sign up for times through "Pick-A-Time". Step-by-step directions for signing up are attached to this email in a separate document. **Pick-A-Time will close at midnight on 11/16/16.**

CogAT Testing for 3rd and 5th Grade Students

All students in grades 3rd and 5th will take the CogAT tests between November 7th and November 18th. Please see letter below for more information and call your children's teacher if you have any questions.

Cold Weather

Fall is here and we are having cooler (and pretty soon it will be COLD!) weather. We want our students to enjoy their time at Anderson and to be comfortable at recess, too. Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and apparel. All students need to go out to recess, so empower your children by sending them to school dressed for success!

D303 Proposes Middle School Building Improvements

District 303 Administration is proposing a plan to the Board of Education that will improve the District's middle school facilities by upgrading Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. If approved by the Board, the plan would modernize and expand Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. When the improvements are completed in Fall 2019, District Administration estimates the closing of Haines Middle School will result in an operational savings of \$2.4 million per year. The estimated cost of the middle school improvements is \$50 million and would be paid for through a combination of existing funds and the issue of bonds that do not require a referendum. For more information visit <http://district.d303.org/middleschools>

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Nov. 2	PTO meeting
Nov. 6	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 11	End of First Trimester/Veterans' Day
Nov. 14	Smile Illinois Program at Anderson
Nov. 21 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 23	Non Attendance Day
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28	Classes resume
Dec. 7	PTO meeting
Dec. 9	PTO's Movie Night & Vendor Fair
Dec. 16	Classroom Celebrations/Winter Break begins at the end of the day
Jan. 3	Classes resume

Have a nice Sunday afternoon!



Community Unit School District 303

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Dear Parent:

Between November 7 and November 18, 2016, 3rd and 5th graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The test consists of three short sections, 40-45 minutes each.

The CogAT is not an achievement test. Instead, it measures a student's reasoning abilities which can facilitate his/her learning and problem-solving. CogAT scores report an individual's verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning abilities. The test scores may be used to adapt instruction and programs to the needs and abilities of students.

You will receive a report with your child's performance on these tests in January and will be contacted if your child qualifies for further testing. We appreciate your support of our academic program and your partnership in facilitating your child's learning.

Please feel free to contact your building principal or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Senator McConnaughy talks to students about State Legislation



Rep. Andersson reads to students.