

October 29, 2017



~ **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS AT ANDERSON:** Halloween celebrations are this Tuesday, October 31, 2017. If the weather allows it, the traditional parade will start at 1:45 PM at the playground and will continue winding through the halls as students return to the classrooms. To ensure our students safety, we are asking that you please enter by the front door to get a visitor's badge. Below are the Andersons' **Guidelines for Halloween Costumes.**

~ **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME FALL 2017:** It is that time of year again! That time when, for one magical night (next Saturday!), we will all receive an extra hour of sleep. This fall 2017, Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, Nov. 5. Therefore, if you are staying in, you will want to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

~ **CogAT TEST:** Between November 6 and November 17, 2017, all 3rd and 5th graders will start taking the Cognitive Abilities Test. The CogAT is comprised of nine ten-minute tests, which are categorized into three subgroups: verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal. This year, the test will be administered on the computer and, as soon as the results are available, we will let you know how to access them. Please see letter below for more information.

~ **GET YOUR GOOGLE ON – PARENT UNIVERSITY:** On Monday, 11/06/17, join teachers from across District 303 for a Parent University that will teach you the ins and outs of the Googaverse so you can impress your kids the next time they talk Google! Please see the flyer attached to this email for more information.

~ **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Parent/Teacher conferences will be held **Monday, 11/20/17 from 8 AM to 8 PM and Tuesday, 11/21/17 from 8 AM to 12:00 PM.** You can sign up online through Home Access Center using "Pick-a-Time". **Online sign-up will be open through November 15 at midnight.** Login to Home Access Center and use the attached instructions to sign up for your preferred conference time. If you experience any trouble or need assistance signing up, please do not hesitate to call us at 331-228-3300.



~ COLD WEATHER: Fall is here and with it comes the 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 to play outside. All students need to go out to recess, so empower your children by sending them to school dressed for success!

~DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Oct. 31	Costume Parade/Classroom Celebrations
Nov. 2	PTO meeting
Nov. 5	<u>Daylight Saving Time Ends</u>
Nov. 6	Parent University - "Get Your Google On"
Nov. 10	End of 1st Semester/PTO's Bingo Night
Nov. 13	Book Fair Week starts
Nov. 14	Book Fair Family Night
Nov. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21	AM Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 22	HAC Opens/Non Attendance Day
Nov. 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Day Observance – NO SCHOOL
Dec. 7	PTO meeting
Dec. 15	PTO's Movie Night
Dec. 22	Classroom Celebrations/Winter Break begins at the end of the day
Jan. 8	Classes resume

Have a wonderful Sunday afternoon!



Community Unit School District 303

October 2017

Dear Parent:

Between November 6 and November 17, 2017, 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,

Melissa Byrne

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Mrs. Patricia Gonzalez Martinez
Principal

October 20, 2017

Dear Anderson School Parents,

Halloween celebrations will be Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 and we will be having the traditional parade followed by classroom parties.

To ensure our students' safety, the costumes worn must be appropriate. If you want your children to participate in the parade, we are asking that you follow these **Guidelines for Halloween Costumes:**

1. **Students should not wear their costumes to school. They will change before the parade.**
2. Students must be able to put their own costume/make-up on without assistance.
3. **No masks of any kind may be worn.**
4. No costumes and/or make-up may be worn that depicts blood and/or violence.
5. Students are not to bring anything that resembles a weapon of any fashion, even if it is part of a costume.
6. No bare midriffs or scant clothing.
7. All students are expected to follow classroom rules about costumes.
8. Students will be asked to remove any parts of the costume that are not within the guidelines.

Each classroom teacher can add their own rules. Please be sure to check with your child's teacher to find out what the classroom guidelines are.

If you do not wish for your children to participate in the costume parade and/or party, please contact your child's teacher or the main office. We will offer an alternate activity for them.

If parents are coming to school to help with the parties, we ask that younger siblings not be brought to school. The class parties are for the students at Anderson School and we have found that younger siblings detract from having a successful event. This is a direct request from our staff and we ask that you please honor this request.

If the weather allows it, the Halloween Parade will begin at 1:45 PM outside and will continue winding through the halls, followed by the room parties.

Respectfully

Mrs. González

Principal

From Anderson Elementary PTO:

Write a Check Campaign has ONLY 2 more weeks.....

Unfortunately, Anderson, we are not even close to our goal. This is the ONLY fundraiser that we are having this year! We don't count Spooktacular, Bingo night, Movie night, Penguin Patch or The Family Dance as fundraisers. We consider them family events and the charge for those is meant only to off-set the cost of the event.

It's so important that we reach a minimum of \$8,000.00 so we do not have to cut most of the budgeted items.

Right now, we can only fund is \$340.00 per grade level for field trips or their special needs/wants. We have already committed to pay for the busses for the whole school trip to the Cougar's game in the spring. Estimated cost is \$800.00.

If funds are not raised these are the events that we will be forced to cancel:

- Bingo Night
- Movie Night
- Penguin Patch
- The Family Dance
- Assemblies
- Spirit Week
- Muffins with Mom / Donuts with Dads
- Field Day's popsicles & bouncy obstacle course
- Clubs
- Fifth Grade T-Shirts
- Donation Basket to the St. Charles Greater Foundation Gala (which raises money for people in need)
- Anderson Nature Path beautification / School Murals
- No longer afford the initial \$500 per grade for field trip or special needs/wants.

We cannot stress the important of your contributions for all our students! Thank you to the families that have donated already. Please, if you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts let us know.

Sincerely,

Carrie, Brooks, Tom, Colleen and Vickie



Save  **Please!**


Every clip counts



We are collecting BOX TOPS and POP TAPS! Just send to school with your child in a baggy.

Keep up to date on PTO News... send your email address to PTOSecretary.AndersonFoxes@gmail.com

a **yearbook**
is a love letter
a school writes
to itself.



Send your pictures for the yearbook to yearbook.andersonfoxes@gmail.com

See details about our upcoming events below:

-Day of the Dead

-Bingo Night

**Everyone is a hero...
you just need the courage to put on the cape!**

Anderson PTO





Come join us for a BINGO family night.

When: November 10th 2017

Where: Anderson School in the Gym

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15p.m. Bingo will start at 6:30p.m.

1st Bingo board is FREE, any addition boards are a \$1.00 per board.

Popcorn is 50 cents or \$2.00 for unlimited for the night

Water \$1.00

Baked Goods \$1.00

Look out for the Sign Up Genius for Volunteer and Bakers.

Any questions please contact ptosecretary@andersonfoxes@gmail.com