

November 11, 2016

First Grade Authors' Party

A BIG Thank you! to all families who join our First Grade teachers and students this Thursday for their Authors' Celebration yesterday! We hope you enjoyed sharing your young authors' published work! This is happening in all grade levels! If you have children in other grade, I highly encourage you to ask them about what they are learning about themselves as authors. You are going to be amazed!!!!

Math Assessments

Throughout the past two years, small groups of teachers from each grade level across the district have worked to develop common summative assessments. These tests are administered at the end of a unit of math instruction. As we include student growth data as a component of the teacher evaluation process, it is essential that summative (end of unit) tests are secure and, as a result, you will not receive a copy of the actual assessment your child has taken in math. Teachers will share end of unit summative assessment information, highlighting the areas where your child has demonstrated proficiency or needs more support with. The staff and I want to ensure that we communicate the type of information to best support your understanding of your child's achievement in math. If you have questions related to the assessments administered at the end of a math unit, please don't hesitate to call me.

From Mrs. Frederick

This is the last week of our annual Mothers' Club Breakfast Bar and Juice Drive. Please send your donations in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please remember to sign up for parent/teachers conferences 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.**

Cold Weather

Fall is here and we the weather is getting cooler. 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!

Changing Transportation Arrangements

If on a given day your child is not to ride the bus home, parents must call the office ahead of time **(BEFORE 12:30 PM)** to ensure the child does not get on the bus. Please help us to keep all children safe!

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. 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 marvelous weekend!