



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER October 2, 2015

What a great day our 2nd and 3rd graders had! This year's first visit from EMC staff took place today. The national partnership program *Junior Achievement In a Day* allows work force members to spend a day in classrooms relating work world learning experiences to students. All of our 2nd grade classrooms had a focus of "Our Community". Third grade had a focus of "Our City" and discussed buildings and jobs that take place around us. It is a fun-filled day of activities for the students. Our K and 1st graders will have the opportunity for a JA in a Day visit later this spring.

**Thank you to Mrs. Durand for another fabulous
"Back to School" slide show assembly today**

It was nice to gather all our students today in the gym for a slide show of the learning at Jackson over the past month. The kids sang along as they watched pictures of Jackson in action. We have these assemblies 4 times a year and parents are always welcome to attend.

Walk to School is Wednesday Oct. 7th. We already have 320 students signed up to walk, but if you plan on having your child attend please send in first thing on Monday. We do need to have an accurate headcount of walkers as well as anyone walking with an allergy.

Picture retake - November 9th - Coming home in your child's backpack is SmileSafe Kids ID card. SmileSafe Kids program is a partnership between Lifetouch, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and thousands of schools nationwide to help families stay safer.

SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) is a group of parent's that have experience and information about unique learning styles, resources that are available both in the schools as well as in the community and state. Please join us Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the KP Middle School. (The meetings usually take place monthly at Jackson School in the Media Center at 7:00 pm.) Annual Parents Rights and Responsibilities will be discussed.

Literacy Bags are almost up and running. We REALLY need a few more people to help out with this wonderful opportunity we have for our kids. If you have some time during your week to roll the book carts around to classrooms so students can sign out a choice book please contact Tracy Cataldo at tcataldo@caregroup.harvard.edu or Bridget Miller at bridgetbcm@gmail.com. She will explain to you the very easy process of making this happen for our kids. We need your help to continue making this opportunity work.

FYI- October 23rd Progress Reports- This year Plainville will be moving to a trimester grading schedule. Our first progress report of the year will be sent out Oct. 23rd. Parent Conferences will be held on November 5th. Of course please reach out to your child's teacher via email or phone with any questions or concerns that arise at any time during the year.

Plainville Public Library – Up Coming Events

10/3 Pete the Cat Party - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Come celebrate everybody's favorite feline with stories, songs and activities - All Ages - Drop-in

10/14 Mask Making - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Get ready for Halloween by making a cool mask! 5 and up - Drop-in

10/28 Halloween Party - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - It's time to get spooky in the Children's Room! Join us for stories, games and activities. - 5 and up - RSVP online plainvillepubliclibrary.org/halloween-party

11/7 Teddy Bear Tea Party - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bring your teddy, or other stuffed friend, and enjoy a tea party at the library. There will be snacks, music and games! All ages - RSVP online plainvillepubliclibrary.org/tea-party

11/18 Pajama Party - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Wear your jammies to the library and get cozy for this fun storytime full of sleepy stories and songs. - All ages - Drop-in

There is also an ongoing event: Chapter Chat - 9/28 - 10/19 - 11/16 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Chat is a new book club for kids reading chapter books. (2-3rd grade level) Bring a book to share! We will have a snack and a chat about our books and Miss Amy will suggest new books to try.
RSVP online plainvillepubliclibrary.org/chapter-chat

Looking Ahead

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| October 7 | Walk-to-School Day |
| October 7 | Jackson School Council |
| October 12 | Columbus Day- No School |
| October 13 | No School-In-Service Day |
| October 13 | School Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. – Wood School Media Center |
| October 14 | PTO Meeting – Wood School 7:00 p.m. |
| October 16 | Crazy Hat Day (wear a crazy hat) |
| October 23 | “Hogwash” Show – 1R – 9:45 |

October 23 **Progress Reports Home – Term 1**
October 27 **Grade 3 Field Trip – Town of Plainville**
October 27 **School Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. – Wood School Media Center**
October 29 - November 6 **Book Fair**
October 30 **Spirit Day – Black & Orange Day**
October 30 **Tanglewood Marionette Show – PTO Sponsored**
October 29 **Grade 3 Field Trip – Town of Plainville**
October 29 **Halloween Event 5:00 - **Raindate October 30th****
November 5 **Parent/Teacher Conference – NOON DISMISSAL (12:00)**
November 6 **Proud to be an American Day - Spirit Day wear Red, White, & Blue
Veteran’s Day Assembly 9:45**
November 9 **Picture Retake**
November 10 **School Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. – Wood School Media Center**
November 11 **Veteran’s Day – No School**
November 18 **Wacky Wednesday (wear something wacky)**
November 18 **PTO Meeting – Wood School 7:00 p.m.**
November 24 **School Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. – Wood School Media Center**
November 24 **“The Turkey That Took a Stand” Show – 2M – 9:45**
November 25 **NOON Dismissal (12:00) - Thanksgiving Day Break begins**
November 26 – 27 **No School – Thanksgiving Day Break**

Mrs. Campbell