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# Principal's Notes

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From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't believe that we have been in school for almost 7 weeks. Byrd School has been very busy providing benchmark assessments and administering formative assessments to your children. In addition, many events have taken place during this time.

Byrd School held its first PTO meeting of the year on September 10th. Approximately 15 families attended the meeting. Many were eager to help and get involved at Byrd School. It was an encouraging meeting and it showed as parent volunteers signed up for the book fair that will take place in October.

Byrd's Back to School Carnival was a big hit. We sold over 240 tickets for the event. We had a jump house, taco truck, games and a DJ. For the second time, we worked with the PFC from Burbank School and used games that were created by the PFC president from Burbank. Thank you, teachers, staff and parents, for working so hard to make the event a success.

On September 11th, all of the students and staff gathered outside in front of the flag to sing patriotic songs, and to remember the sacrifice that the first responders made on this day 18 years ago. A small parade followed.

Some students were given the opportunity to celebrate their Mexican heritage by dressing up on Mexican Independence Day, which took place Friday, September 13th. Some students really dressed for the holiday! Parents, please keep in mind that Byrd School has regular Spirit Wear dress down days on the first and third Fridays of each month. Please look at the school calendar for additional themed dress down days.

The students also dressed like a pirate on Talk Like a Pirate Day on Thursday, September 19th.

On Friday, September 13th, you should have received your child's progress report and MAP assessment results. All of the students should have received a progress report and a MAP assessment result

The Kindergarten teachers sponsored the first Kindergarten Make – n – Take of the year on Friday, September 20th. The Reading Specialist and EL teachers taught a lesson during the event. Hopefully you were able to see what happens in the classroom, so you are able to better support your child at home. There will be two more Make – n – Takes this year. In the meantime, you can email your child’s teacher with any questions you might have about his or her work in the classroom.

The month of October is turning out to be very busy. During the first week of October the PTO will be sponsoring a book fair. Also, during the first week Byrd School starts its After-School Academic sessions.

On October 1st, all of the students will be attending the Imagination Theater assembly. Fall Picture Day will take place on Monday, October 7th. Please encourage your children to dress their best on this day.

The 6th graders will be going to the Peggy Notebaert Museum on the 25th. The Kindergarteners will be going to the Siegel Cottonwood Farm on October 25th, and the first grade students will be going to the Center in Palos Heights on the 23rd.

Remember there is no school on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th.

Byrd School will hold its first fire drill in October. The students in K-3 will receive a demonstration from the Burbank Fire Department on Stop Drop and Roll and tour the fire trucks. Immediately following, we will have an all school fire drill.

The PTO is sponsoring a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25th. There will be a DJ, concession stand and a haunted house. The cost is yet to be determined. The event will start at 6:00 pm.

Finally, the Halloween parade and parties will take place on October 31st. The students can bring their costumes and change into them during lunch. The parade will take place at 1:00 and the parties will begin immediately after the parade.

Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

Tom Martin

Principal

