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Principal's Notes

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Byrd School had a busy month in October, and November looks to be even busier! There are many holidays in November. There is no school on November 10th in observance of Veterans' Day. Students will not be in attendance on November 21st – November 27th for Parent -Teacher Conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday. Byrd School plans to make the best of this short month during each school day, and sponsor community events throughout the month.

Please mark your calendar for the Burbank School District #111 All-Star Volleyball game that will take place on November 4th. Teachers of District #111 schools will be playing in a tournament against one another. Please register online for the bean bag tournament that will take place during the All-Star Volleyball games. Come to cheer for our Byrd teachers, and wear your spirit wear clothing to this fun event!

On November 13th, Byrd School will be hosting its Veterans' Day celebration to honor those who have served and protected our country. Students will be writing letters in class and presenting letters of acknowledgement to the veterans on that day. On November 14th, Byrd School will be holding a PTO meeting at 9:00 am. Please try to attend to see how your neighbors are working hard to help all children succeed at Byrd School. The Liberty Junior High School Drama Club will be hosting a Liberty Fall Play Preview of Chicka_Chicka_Boom_Boom, The Giving Tree, The Little Engine That Could, The Day the Crayons Quit, any many other plays for all of the Kindergarteners in District #111 on November 15th at 9:00 am. If you have not returned your child's permission slip for this field trip, please do so as soon as possible.

One week after Thanksgiving break, students will be taking the second of three MAP assessments of the 2017-2018 school year. MAP tests will take place from December 4th to December 15th. Please make sure that your children are well rested and nourished for this very important time of the year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parents, please don't forget that on every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month there are after-school faculty meetings at Byrd School. During this time, there are no after-school activities. This information is posted on the school calendar, at the back of the newsletter and on the school's website. Also, if you plan on having your child miss an after-school activity, it is important that we hear it from you, the parent, that you do not want your child to attend a particular activity. It is the policy at Byrd School to only take a written note or a phone call from the guardian of a child to miss an after-school activity. This is very important for the safety of every student at Byrd School. Thank you, again, for your cooperation in this matter.

As you have noticed, your children have been exiting the building a few minutes later at the end of the day. All students will be dismissed at 2:35 pm; however, it takes time for them to put on their coats and backpacks and to walk out the door. Therefore, most students will not be outside until approximately 2:38 pm.

Complete exiting of all students could take up to two additional minutes, which means that some students will not be outside until 2:40 pm. I am sorry for any confusion this may have caused. In addition, if your child is being picked up, it is important that you only use the drop-off and pick-up driveway on the southeast side of the building. I have witnessed a few parents using the parking lot on the northwest side of the school. This is unsafe because teachers are exiting at that time and there is not a turnaround at that location. It may seem shorter and more convenient, but it is dangerous when cars are backing up to turn around and leave. It is very difficult to see the students who may be walking in the parking lot at this time. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience; however, the safety of your children is my number one priority. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

With so many events and assessments coming up, please don't hesitate to contact Byrd School for any clarification or look up information on the Byrd website for these matters. I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Martin

Principal