



# Bulldog Bulletin

Meyerholz School

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20		Picture Day
21	7:00-9:00pm	CLIPCO meeting
22		Lost and Found donated to charity
	1:30-6:00pm	Walk-a-thon
25		<b>Staff Learning Day - No School for Students</b>
		Red Ribbon Week
29	1:30	Halloween Parade/Parties
11-12		Veterans' Day/School Holiday

## Communication is Important!...

We encourage home/school communication. However, we request that parents not go directly to classrooms to talk to teachers during the instructional day. Teachers need to have uninterrupted time to teach. We make every effort to be available to parents. Teachers and administrators return phone calls or correspondence by e-mail. If you have concerns or questions, you should contact the school and arrange a conference with the teacher. Working together as a team will help your child be successful in school.

## COMMUNICATION HOME & SCHOOL



## Halloween

**Costumes...** On Friday, October 29 at 1:30 pm, we will have our annual Halloween



Parade followed by classroom parties. (Kindergarten is sending a letter to parents about separate activities). Each year at Halloween, we encourage our students to make costume choices that are appropriate for an elementary school, and stay within the Zero Tolerance policy, for our annual Halloween Parade. As you and your child decide on a costume, please keep in mind that a costume needs to be comfortable and safe for walking. A child should not have his/her vision hampered in any way. A costume needs to be in good taste and should not be "violent" in nature. In addition, no toy guns, swords or martial arts weapons are allowed. Roller skates, scooters, and skateboards may not be part of a costume at school. Please help your child choose a creative costume that supports our efforts to promote a positive and fun celebration. Our parade will be canceled if it rains.

**Allergies...** We have children in our school who have severe allergic reactions to certain foods, mainly peanuts and/or nuts. However, there are other foods that cause allergic reactions such as eggs, seafood, milk, tree nuts and foods that contain nut-oils. Ingestion or exposure to these foods can cause a severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This condition may prove fatal if medication and first aid are not given immediately.

In order to maintain a safe environment for all students, we will be doing the following:

- Sharing of food between students will be discouraged.
- Snacks: please contact the teacher.
- Before sending in treats for class parties, please talk with the teacher.

Note: Check package labels of store bought foods carefully. Many labels contain a note saying, "may contain traces of peanuts or manufactured in a plant that processes peanuts, milk or soy".

Thank you for your understanding and support in this important health matter. With your help we will keep all children healthy and safe.

**Lost Items...** Please mark your student's lunch bag, thermos, jacket/sweatshirt, and backpacks with your student's name and room number. Please check the Lost and Found, which is located in the GLC, regularly ALL lost items will be donated to a charity on Friday, October 22, 2010.



**Walk-a-thon "WALK ON THE WILD SIDE" is almost here. Don't forget to mark Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-6:00 pm on your calendar.**

Please return sponsor envelopes by Monday, October 18th.

Any student who walks and pledges a minimum of ten dollars may receive prizes. Parents must sign the sponsor sheet for their child(ren) to participate.

Please sign up to volunteer at the Walk-a-thon at [www.tinyurl.com/meyerholzwalkathonsignup](http://www.tinyurl.com/meyerholzwalkathonsignup)

We look forward to a fun-filled day where we can raise money to support opportunities for all students at Meyerholz. Thank you!



**Book Fair...** Tomorrow is the last day to shop at the Book Fair! We've received more stock, so if you wanted something that was sold out, check back and we may have it

now. Hours: Thursday 1:00 to 4:30 and Friday 1:00 to 3:00. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and students who supported our teachers' classrooms and the library with your purchases. You are awesome!

A special thank you to Brenda Chin for organizing this event!

#### **Help To Keep Our Computer Lab Germ Free...**

Our computer lab is in need of disinfectant wipes to help keep our computers as sanitary as possible. Germs can easily be spread on keyboards, so if you can send in a container of disinfectant wipes and/or hand sanitizer bottles, we would appreciate it. Thank you for your help!

**Staff Learning Day...No School For Students: A district wide Staff Learning Day will be held on Monday, October 25.** Staff will be focusing on technology.



#### **Individual School Pictures.... Wednesday, October 20, 2010...**

Student individual pictures will be taken at Meyerholz on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. Look for the information flyer in today's Blue Folder.

Order forms will go home the day before Picture Day. The envelopes must be returned with payment on the day of pictures, Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. When completing the order envelope, be sure to write choices clearly, and write your child's name on the front of your check. A separate check must be payable to Bud White for each student you have at Meyerholz.

#### **You Can Make Homework a Positive Learning Experience...**

There's no question that students today have more homework than kids used to have. And it can be a challenge to fit homework into busy family schedules. But homework is a fact of life. There are ways parents can help their children make the most of the time they spend on homework. Here are some ideas:

- Help your child, but don't do the homework. Don't answer the questions for your child. Homework is a way to help children learn to be independent. If you do the work, your child won't learn that lesson.
- Stay in touch with the teacher. Be sure to let the teacher know if your child struggles with homework every day. Ask what you can do to help the teacher help your child.
- Help your child learn to manage time. Set a regular time for homework each day. If that isn't possible because of busy schedules, block out time for homework. Don't leave homework as the last thing your child does before bed.
- Help your child decide which homework is going to be hard and which is likely to be easy. Then start with the hard tasks. That way, your child will be more alert when she is doing the toughest jobs.
- Have your child read aloud to you every night. As you are reading together, stop and ask questions.
- Be positive. Your attitude will affect your child.

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#### **District Calendar 2010-2011**

October 25, 2010	Staff Learning Day
November 11, 2010	Veteran's Day
November 12, 2010	School Holiday
November 22, 23	Furlough Days/No School
November 24, 25 and 26, 2010	Thanksgiving Recess
December 20-31, 2010	Winter Recess
January 17, 2011	Martin Luther King Day
February 21-25, 2011	Mid-Year Recess
March 14, 2011	Staff Learning Day
April 18-22, 2011	Spring Recess
May 27, 2011	Staff Learning Day
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day
June 7, 2011 (Tuesday)	Last Day of School

#### **REGISTER TO VOTE!**

Exercising your right to vote is one of the most powerful actions that you can take to help ensure that education remains a top priority. If you are not already a registered voter, please register to vote by Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and get-out-the-vote for the November 2010 elections. Registration forms are available at school offices. It is also important to become an informed voter. There are many online voter information sources available, such as [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org), where you can learn about candidates' positions and all of the issues appearing on the ballot.