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A note from:  
*Mr. Wade*  
Elementary Principal

With October behind us it is time to set our sights on the many activities that come with the month of November!

Veterans' Day is a special day set aside to recognize our service men and women. This year at Alexander Elementary we are going to have a special event that is called the "Wall of Fame."

Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to bring photocopied pictures of their loved ones living or deceased who have served their country in the armed forces. If you need to make a photocopy of such a picture, we will be more than happy to do that here at the school.

Our Parent-Faculty Club has been working hard for the past several weeks to prepare for this years' Fall Carnival. The Fall Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. The carnival will start at 4:30 pm and end at 6:30 pm. The auction will begin at 6:30 in the gym. Please see the back of this newsletter for more details.

Thanksgiving break begins on Wednesday, November 26. On behalf of the staff and administration we hope that all of our students and their families have a wonderful holiday season!



## *What's UP!*

GIFTED & TALENTED- Tuesday, November 4. Jenks Aquarium. Leave at 8:00 am and return by 3:00 pm .

ANNUALS GO ON SALE- Tuesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 6. (see more details on back of this newsletter)

JOPLIN PRE-KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP- Wednesday, November 5. Bear in the Big Blue House. Wednesday, November 5. Leave 9:00 am and return 2:50 pm.

FOSTER GRANNY THANKSGIVING DINNER- Grove, Wednesday, November 5.

VETERANS' DAY- Tuesday, November 11.

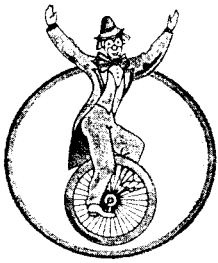
PROGRESS REPORTS- Thursday, November 13.

PARENT-FACUTLY CLUB CARNIVAL- Saturday, November 15. 4:30-6:30  
Auction begins at 6:30pm

THANKSGIVING BREAK- Wednesday, November 26-28. No School.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- Thursday, December 11. Begins at 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS BREAK- Monday, December 22 through Friday, January 2. No School



# ***Fall Carnival!***

Our Fall Carnival will be held on Saturday, November 15. The carnival begins at 4:30pm.

Once again we will have a lot of food, games, prizes and auction items!

We still need the following donations:

2-Liter of Soda

Saltine Crackers

Little Debbie's or other Snack Cakes

For each item that your child brings for a donation, they will receive one carnival ticket.

Tickets are on sale 5 for \$1.00 until November 14. After that tickets can be purchased at the door at 4 for \$1.00.

Our Parent-Faculty Club has been working for the last several weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help with the carnival, please contact Kevin Wade or Christi Riggs. Together and for our children we can make this the best Fall Carnival ever!

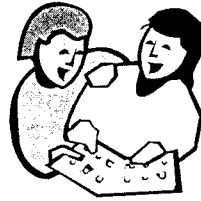


## **Veteran's Day Wall of Fame**

This year we are encouraging our students, parents and staff to bring photocopies of their loved ones who are currently or have served in the armed forces.

The photos will be displayed on our Wall of Fame. Please attach a small label on the front of the photo that tells the person's name and who they are related too.

Parents and patrons are encouraged to come to the school any time on November 11 to view the Wall of Fame! (Please check in through the office when you arrive.)



## **Annual Sales Begin**

High School Students will be at our school on the following dates to take orders and collect money for annuals:

Tuesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 6.

Cost:

\$25 (basic annual)

\$28 (after January 19)

\$30 (personalized)

For more information call Ms. Rhodes, Annual Sponsor at 675-4343.

# **F.Y.I.**

1. When parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' education level.
2. The more extensive the parent involvement, the higher the student achievement.
3. When parents are involved, students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior.
4. Children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when parents and professionals collaborate to bridge the gap between the culture at home and the learning institution.
5. Secondary students whose parents remain involved make better transitions, maintain the quality of their work, and develop realistic plans for their future. Students whose parents are not involved are more likely to drop out of school.
6. The most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to:
  - a. create a home environment that encourages learning.
  - b. communicate high, yet reasonable expectations for their children's achievement and future careers
  - c. become involved in their children's education at school and in the community.