

AT
ALEXANDER
ELEMENTARY

PARENTS

Make A
Difference!



Vol. 6, No. 2 October 2003

A note from:

Mr. Wade

Elementary Principal

With the Fall Season come many activities and special events.

This week is Support Appreciation Week. Throughout our state schools are encouraged to find ways to let their support staff know how much they are appreciated. At Alexander Elementary we have planned special events and are providing gifts for each of our support staff members to let them know just how important they are to our school.

The week of October 5 through October 11 is also Fire Prevention Week. All of our students will attend the Annual Fire Prevention Program presented by the Miami Fire Department at the Coleman Theater during the week. This is an important program that educates our students regarding fire safety.

To help promote Drug Abuse Prevention our students will be involved in several activities throughout Red Ribbon Week. This time of awareness runs from October 26 through November 1. All students will receive a ribbon; stickers and candy that helps promote leading a drug free life.

For more details regarding upcoming events, please check-out the calendar to the right. If you have any questions or concerns, give us a call at 675-4336 or come by school.



WHAT'S UP!

SUPPORT
APPRECIATION WEEK-
October 5 – October 11.

PARENT-FACULTY CLUB MEETING- Tuesday,
October 7 at 6:30.

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM- At the Miami
Coleman Theater.
4th and 5th- Tuesday, October 7 at 1:30
PK through 3rd- Thursday, October 9 at 9:30

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM- Friday,
October 10- Petro Pro Program.

PRE-K FIRE DEPARTMENT- Wednesday, October
15

FALL BREAK- October 16-17 (No School)

GRADE CARDS GO OUT- Tuesday, October 21.

RED RIBBON WEEK- October 26 – November 1.

HALLOWEEN- Friday, October 31
Parade Begins 1:30pm. Parents are invited to
watch the parade in the cafeteria.

GIFTED AND TALENTED FIELD TRIP- Jenks
Aquarium, Tuesday, November 4.

VETERAN'S DAY- Tuesday, November 11.

PROGRESS REPORTS- Thursday, November 13.

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY PFC CARNIVAL-
Saturday, November 15. 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treaters

- *Carry a flashlight.
- *Walk, don't run.
- *Stay on Sidewalks.

*(If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

*Obey traffic signals.

*Don't cut across yards or driveways.

*Wear a watch you can read in the dark.

*Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.

*Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)

*Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.

*Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.

*Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.

*Approach only houses that are lit.

*Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

Parents

*Make your child eat dinner before setting out.

*Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.

*If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.

*If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame retardant material.

*Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.

*You should know where they're going.

*Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.

*Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners

*Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.

*Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.

*Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to real flaming candle.

*If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

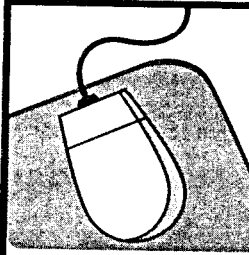
*Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.

Cont. Col. 2

Cont.

*Consider healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters. These may include: packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwave later.

*Non-food ideas for treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.



Look for Fun, Challenge in Software for Your Children

Computers can help children learn. But some software seems only to teach children how to kill alien invaders.

What should you keep in mind as you are choosing software for your children? These suggestions will help you choose the most productive and educational programs:

*It should have levels of difficulty. It should change as your child's skills improve.

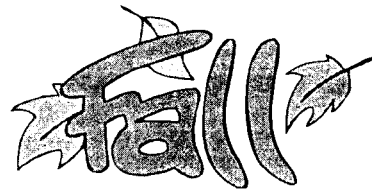
*It should be fun. Children will be more likely to use computer software if they have fun while they're learning.

*It should help children be proud of what they achieve.

*It should encourage children to think and discover things for themselves.

*It should be free from bias, stereotypes or violence.

HAVE A GREAT



BREAK!

October 16 & 17

-From the Teachers and Staff