

October News – Sandown Central School

A message from the principal

Hello and Happy October,

The staff and students have been settling into a nice school routine. It's hard to believe we're already beginning the 6th week of the school year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PTA Fall Fundraiser. It was extremely successful. Families and staff purchased a total of 655 mums! All proceeds support the Sandown Schools. If you haven't already joined PTA, I would encourage you to do so. PTA meetings are opened to parents and are held on the first Monday of every month from 6:00-7:00pm at one of the schools. The PTA posts the location of each month's meeting on the PTA Facebook page.

As we move into the school year, I wanted to send a reminder about sending food into the school for birthday celebrations. All snacks must be wrapped in the original container that contains a list of ingredients. Please see Nurse Megan's message below for further clarification. As an alternative to food, a small trinket or pencil can be sent in for each child.

All district elementary schools as well as TLC will be holding Halloween Parades on Monday, October 31. The district understands that this year, Halloween falls on a day when Preschool and Pre-K are not in session. Parents of students in those grades are welcome to bring their students to school and walk with them in the parade. The parade will begin at 10:15 with kindergarteners leaving the building through the front entrance and walking around the building twice. Parents can park in the parking lot (overflow parking is at the library) and watch the parade. Kindergarten parents should send their student to school in their costume. No masks or weapons please. Parents should pack a large trash bag for transporting the costume home, and a change of clothes. This will prevent any damage to costumes when students attend recess and P.E. If teachers are planning other activities, they will communicate to families directly.

October 9th through October 15th is Fire Prevention Week. This year, our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will be taking a walking field trip to the Sandown Fire Station. There, they will meet with fire officials and learn about how to stay safe in a fire emergency. Please keep an eye out for permission slips this week. Sign and return the permission slips as soon as you receive them.

Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 20. Conferences again will be offered via zoom. Many teachers will be using sign up genius to schedule conferences. All staff are looking forward to talking with parents about their child's progress.

Sandown Central School is holding a food drive to support the Sandown Lions Club Pack the Truck Drive which will be held on Saturday, October 15.

Students may drop off donations at the school beginning Tuesday, October 11 through Friday, October 14. There will be a bin for donations outside the main office entrance, or you can send donations in with your child. The Lions Club is looking for nonperishable items such as Ramen Noodles, peanut butter crackers, instant macaroni and cheese and other items that will benefit the Weekend Power Pack Program. Thank you in advance for your support!

School Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19. The picture schedule is as follows:

October 18

Mrs. Crocker – T/TH AM Class

Mrs. Manfrate – T/TH AM Class

Mrs. Smith – AM Class

Mrs. Goodman – AM Class

Mrs. DeCew - FD K

Mrs. Miller - FD K

October 19

Mrs. Crocker – W/F AM and PM Class

Mrs. Manfrate – W/F AM and PM Class

Mrs. Smith – PM Class

Mrs. Peters AM K

Mrs. Burns – FD K

Square 1 Art is back this year! This is a fundraiser that will benefit our school playground project. More information will be sent home to parents soon. All orders will be due October 24.

Important Dates:

Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day, No School

Tuesday, October 11 - Friday, October 14 – Food Drive to benefit the Sandown Lions Club Pack the Truck

Wednesday, October 12 – Kindergarten and Pre-K walking field trip to the fire station.

Monday, October 17 – Early Release Day, Staff Safety Training.

FD K – Release at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19 – School Picture Day

Thursday, October 20 – Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences

FD K – Release at 1:00 PM

No PM Pre-K

Monday, October 24 – Square 1 Art orders due

From Nurse Megan in the Health Office

If your child is sick, please keep them home. If you have any questions about our current procedures, please contact Nurse Megan Adams at extension 5815 or megan.adams@timberlane.net. She is always happy to help you navigate any health issues.

As the weather is cooling down, please send your child to school wearing weather appropriate clothing and sneakers. Please send them in with a coat or jacket, and a hat and gloves if appropriate for the days weather.

Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle each day. Hydration is important for learning and overall health. Label your child's belongings prior to sending them to school.

If your child is in a peanut/tree nut free classroom, please send the original ingredient label with each snack so we can be sure it is safe. If you have any questions regarding our allergy policy, please contact Nurse Megan.

Liam MacLean of Mrs. Burns classroom
won 1st Place at the Deerfield Fair this
year for his beautiful pumpkin in the
decorating contest!

