



St. Francis Elementary

October 2019

From the Principal:

Another great month is in the books!
Our students have continued to rise
above and beyond each day!

Report cards will soon be coming home
as we wrap up the first quarter of the
school year. Please remember the
PowerSchool app is an excellent way to
stay up to date on your child's progress
between report cards.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held
on November 1. Please plan to attend
your child's conference at the
designated time. It's so nice to see the
hallways filled with parents!

~Ms. Raile



Please remember, USD 297 has a NO NUTS
policy. Students, staff, parents, and the
community are asked to NOT
bring nuts/peanuts (or any
foods that contain them) into
any USD 297 schools.



From the Kitchen:



HALLOWEEN

We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31. The annual Spook Parade will begin at 10:00 in the grade school gym, then will continue down Main Street (weather permitting). The teachers have once again requested *morning parties* this year. These will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please be in contact with your child's teacher about plans for the parties. (Remember no nuts are permitted in any of the treats!!)

Costumes are expected to not be gory, violent, etc. Weapons (even fake) will not be allowed at school. Please be considerate of each other. Have fun picking out costumes!



Sign up to receive important updates from St. Francis Elementary. Please contact your child's teacher or Miss Raile if you have questions.

Get information for St Francis Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for St Francis Elementary School:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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Text the message @draile to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @draile to (908) 793-0103.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Join PTO for the annual Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 2. The games and activities will be open from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring one baked good (no nuts), for the state walk game. Come join the fun with games, prizes, and food (St. Francis Cheerleaders – Free-Will offering!)

PTO will also be hosting a book fair from October 1 & 2, in the main hallway of the grade school. All classes will be participating in a change drive the week prior. The winner in each class (boys vs. girls) will be awarded two free tokens for the fall festival!



Kindergarten visited St. Francis Redi-Mix to learn more about big machines after reading a story in their classroom. They saw how concrete was made, piled in the big loader, and got to make concrete handprints. What a fun time!



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October Classroom in the Spotlight

Second Grade has been busy working on reading, writing, math, and everything in between! They have settled in nicely learning routines, WIN groups, and what's expected to be a successful second grade student. They enjoy weekly centers, and the occasional show and tell day. Watch the bulletin board in the main hallway of the grade school for pictures highlighting second grade adventures throughout the month.



2nd GRADE



When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

#SchoolEveryDay

ATTENDANCE WORKS

MTSS update

Our students and staff have been working hard to close those achievement gaps! We have been in full swing with our WIN (What I Need) groups for a couple weeks now. Each student receives 30 minutes of math and 30 minutes of reading each day working on specific skills for their needs. Your child's teacher recently sent home a note informing you of which tier your child is placed in according to Fastbridge data and teacher input. Our teachers meet often to review student data and make necessary changes.

Our social and emotional curriculum lessons continue to take place each Monday in their homeroom classrooms.



We have so many good things happening in our schools!

FROM MRS. HINGST:

In PE, students in grades K-5 have been learning about soccer and volleyball. During this time, they have also been playing tag, working on their locomotor skills. Keep up the good work in PE!



The Importance of Attending Parent-Teacher Conferences

Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when parents are involved in their child's education. That's why attending parent-teacher conferences is so important: it's a great way for parents to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year. Parent-Teacher conferences are a good way to meet your child's teacher and learn about your child's academic performance, as well as the teacher's expectations. If you know what is expected in the classroom, you can more easily address any issue that comes up as your child moves through the school year.

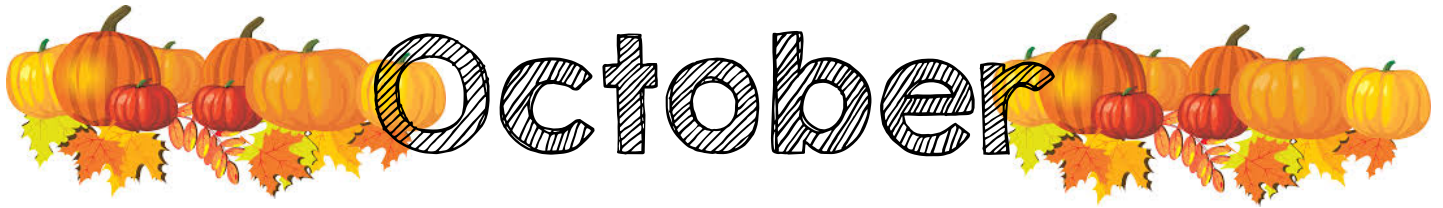
By attending conferences, you also send a positive message to your child that school is important. Keep in mind that you are an equal partner at the conference. If you have questions or observations, the conference is a good time to share them with the teacher. Don't forget to share what you know about your child. Your information helps the teacher better understand and teach your child.

List questions or concerns for the teacher (for example):

- ✓ Does my child hand in homework on time and is it completed?
- ✓ Does my child work better in groups or alone?
- ✓ How does my child get along with others? Adults? Children?
- ✓ Is there any concern about learning or behavior problems that I should know about?
- ✓ What can I do at home and school to help my child build on strengths and improve weaknesses?
- ✓ How can I keep in touch about my child's progress?

Parents-Teacher conferences will take place on Friday, November 1. Watch for more information to be sent home closer to the time. Please make it a point to attend!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PTO Fall Festival 5:00-6:30 PM	3	4	5
6	7 Homecoming Week	8	9	10	11 Homecoming Pep Assembly	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice	15 Cooking with Karen (4 th Grade)	16 Cooking with Karen (3 rd Grade)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 K-5 Fall Music Programs 7:00 PM	25 End of 1 st 9 Weeks	26
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN Parties @ 9:00 Parade @ 10:00		