



# The Primary Press

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already 46 days into the school year. Student grade reports and assessment information will be sent home on Friday, November 4. The report copies are yours to keep, we simply ask that you sign and return the report card envelope back to school.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 9 from 1 - 6 p.m. and Thursday, November 10 from 8 a.m. - noon. Kindergarten teachers will be conducting conferences on one of two additional days: Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8.

This is an excellent opportunity to ask teachers and specialists any questions regarding your child's progress both academically and socially. Conferences will be limited to 15 minute sessions so please be prompt.

Please call the office in the event that you are unable to keep your appointment. Confirmation notices will be sent home with your student October 28th.

Happy Fall,

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### Halloween Reminder and School Visitors

Please remember to keep your child's costume appropriate for school. No costume should include any type of toy weapon or have a violent/bloody theme. Aerosol sprays are not allowed at school. If possible, keep the costume simple so your child can put it on over regular school clothes. Only Kindergarten students may wear their costumes to school as long as they are able to safely board and exit the bus.

**Please Note: Visitors to the school are required to scan their driver's license to obtain a visitors badge before going beyond the front office.**

Have a safe Halloween!

### Developmental Screenings

Big Hollow School District will have developmental screenings Wednesday, November 16, 2011 for children suspected of having delays in one or more of the following areas: speech, motor skills, social/emotional skills, and pre-academic skills. Children ages 2 years, 9 months to 4 years old can be screened. Please call the Primary School at 847-740-5320 for information about scheduling an appointment.

## Preventing the Flu: Good Habits Can Help Stop Germs

Healthy habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.

### 1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

### 2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

### 3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Cough into your elbow instead of your bare hands. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

### 4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

### 5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

### 6. Practice other good health habits.

Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Content source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/diseasecontrolandprevention/)

## "Reading is Out of this World" PTO Book Fair

Students will be able to visit the book fair with their classroom teacher during the week. More information will be available in the virtual Friday Folder.



**Family Night will be Thursday, November 3rd from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Primary building.** Join us for fabulous activities, food and fun. Happy Reading!!

## Picture Retakes for Primary School

Picture retakes for students who were absent will be on Thursday, November 4. Please request a picture form from your child's teacher or pick one up in the school office.

If a picture is being retaken due to the poor quality of the first photo, please return the original set for a replacement.

## Important Dates

- 10/31 - 11/4- PTO Book Fair (closes at noon on Friday)
- 10/24- 11/4- Soup Label and Box Top Contest
- 11/1- Education Committee 7 p.m. @ Middle
- 11/2- Rtl Parent Night 6-7 p.m. @ Middle School Board Room
- 11/3- PTO Book Fair Family Night @ Primary 5 - 8 p.m.
- 11/4- Spirit /Popcorn Day @ Primary  
Picture Retake Day  
  
ECH Family Engagement Day 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
  
Report Cards distributed
- 11/5- PTO Scrapbooking Event 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. @ Middle
- 11/7- PTO Meeting 4 p.m. @ Primary
- 11/9- **12:00 Student Dismissal**  
P/T Conferences  
**No P.M. Kindergarten**
- 11/10- No School P/T Conferences
- 11/11- Veteran's Day- No School
- 11/14 - 11/17 PTO Make-a-Wish loose change drive
- 11/14- Wellness Committee
- 11/16- Early Childhood Screening  
By appointment @ Primary
- 11/18-11/19 Middle School Production of Romeo and Winifred
- 11/21- School Board Meeting 7p.m. @ Middle
- 11/24- No School -Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/25- No School
- 11/30- Character Day-wear orange

## Character Education Program

Spirit/Popcorn Day will be on Friday, November 4th. Students can participate by wearing their Big Hollow spirit wear or school colors blue and white. Popcorn can be purchased for 25 cents. The students will continue to learn about the character trait "responsibility" during the month of November. Students enjoyed "Free Friday" an opportunity to sit with a friend from another class at lunch as a reward for being responsible during lunch/recess time during the month of October.



Congratulations to the following classrooms who will be the caretakers of our character bear cub mascots for the month of November: Mrs. Cloherty's Kindergarten class, Mrs. Longo first grade class and Ms. Robbin's first grade class.

Another component of our District-wide Positive Behavior System is the *Stop and Think* social skills program being taught by the Physical Education Department.

Over the last few weeks, Mr. Bakakos our P.E. teacher has been working with all of the Kindergarteners and 1st graders on our Stop and Think Skills. In addition to Stop and Think, they have been working on Listening Skills.

### STEPS FOR STOP AND THINK

- 1.) Stop and think! (Hold hand out like a stop sign and point to head)
- 2.) Are you going to make a good choice or a bad choice? (thumbs up/down)
- 3.) What are your choices or steps?
- 4.) Do It!
- 5.) Good job!



This year the focus has been to get the students to understand what consequences are and how our choices (good or bad) yield different results (positive vs. negative). Good choices result in good consequences (ex: earning a smile ticket for making a good/positive choice, etc.) and bad choices will result in a negative consequence (loss of privilege, play time, etc.). Students have been given an opportunity to make good choices with feedback of reminders that their actions will determine the type of consequence they will receive.

- 1.) Listening Position:
  - a.) Eyes - on the person who is talking
  - b.) Hands - in your lap (or on your desk, etc.)
  - c.) Ears - listening

We have discussed when we should use our good listening skills (announcements, assemblies, guest in the classroom, etc.) and why it's important to be a good listener.

## Parking Lot Safety

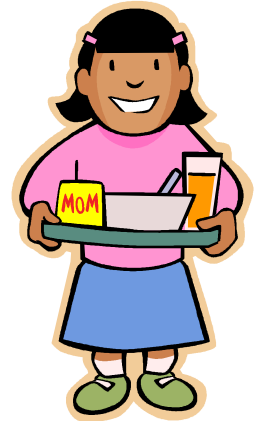
School personnel will be on duty in the morning to help direct vehicles and assist students crossing the fire lane to the sidewalk. Please **drive slowly** and use extra caution when driving through the parking lot area.

- **Do not use the fire lane to drop off or park.**
- **Drop off your child in a single file line of traffic.**
- **Park only in designated parking spots to walk your child into the building.**
- **Do not leave younger children in the car UNATTENDED in your vehicle while you are in the building even for a few minutes.**
- **Use the south driveway near Molidor Road to enter and exit the school parking lot. The north driveway near the Primary School building is an exit only.**

**Lunch Program Highlights**

Listed below is information pertaining to the hot lunch program.

- The price of a student lunch is \$2.50 (lunch INCLUDES an entrée, 2 sides and 1 milk)
- Milk can be purchased separately for .50 cents.
- Parents can purchase a 10 meal punch card (\$25.00) or a 20 meal punch card (\$50.00) – a student can purchase a lunch on any day by paying with cash
- A 20 punch milk card can be purchased for \$10.00. (\*\*Note lunches include 1 milk)
- A card will be date-stamped when used.
- Lunch Low Balance forms will be sent home to parents when a meal (punch) card has three meals remaining. (These are done on a daily basis to allow time for parent to respond before any IOU's are incurred and to prevent interruption in a student's lunch)
- Once a student has 0 remaining punches he/she is allowed to charge (IOU) 3 lunches –after the 3rd charge/IOU the student will be served a lunchmeat or cheese sandwich w/sides and a milk - **NO hot entrée**
- No reminder will be sent home for milk cards.
- When using checks to purchase meal and or milk cards, **write checks to Big Hollow School** for the EXACT amount and include the deposit slip you received with the monthly menu.
- Menus posted on the website are for daily information and not for ordering purposes.
- Students in grades 1-4 will have one daily entrée choice



**Rtl Parent Night**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

Location: Middle School Board Room

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an informational meeting regarding our district's Rtl processes. The presentation will include the district's screening and progress monitoring assessments, criteria for determining additional support, processes for transitioning within our tier structure as well as how to interpret Tier II and Tier III progress monitoring graphs. Time will be available following the presentation to address questions. Although reservations are not required, in an effort to ensure adequate seating, please contact



**Rainforest Café Gift Cards**

Are you thinking about holiday gift giving or just a family dinner out? Second grade is selling gift cards to Rainforest Café. The value of the card is \$35.00 but you pay only \$25. Contact any Second Grade teacher or the Elementary office to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

