

Xenia Elementary School October 2010 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The first quarter of school is already coming to a close. Please take a close look at the October calendar as there are many special events that will be keeping us all very busy.

This month, we will continue to build great character by focusing on responsibility and accountability. The theme for the month is "Good Character Always Makes the Play!" Each week, students that show good character traits will get their names on a football. The footballs will be placed in a drawing to be held at the end of each week!

I would like to commend the students at Xenia for doing an excellent job earning Apples throughout September. The students worked hard to demonstrate good character, and the apples filled the hall. This proves that Xenia students are "A Bushel of Great Students."

Our District wide School Improvement Day is scheduled for **Friday, October 8th**. The students will be dismissed early on this day. Our first bus will dismiss at 12:20 and late buses at 12:50. We will be altering our lunch period just a bit to accommodate dismissal times. If you take your child home for lunch, they will not be required to return. However, any instructional time that is missed will be the responsibility of the students. Please send a note informing the classroom teacher so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Also, there will be no school on **Monday, October 11** in observance of Columbus Day!

Lunch times:

1 st lunch period: 11:00-11:45	K1, 1A, 2A, 2B
2 nd lunch period: 11:30-12:15	3A, 4A, 4B

Each classroom will be having a Fall Festival on **Wednesday, October 27th**. The parties will be held in the morning as this is an early dismissal day due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. The classroom teachers will be contacting the parents that have volunteered to assist.

October 18th will be our school picture day. The students will be bringing the information and pricing envelope home for you to preview before pictures are taken. Please have the money returned by **October 18th**. Even if your child will not be purchasing a picture package, they will still be getting their picture taken for the Yearbook and class photo. Everyone should bring their best smiles and look nice!

As many of you already know, one of our goals this year is to promote reading! Each student will be working on fluency and comprehension. The students are also enjoying Accelerated Reading books and taking quizzes on the computers. Share a book at home frequently! The students love to read to you or listen to you read!

The 4th grade students will be participating in the DARE program throughout the month of October. Officer Borders will be visiting each classroom to provide information to our students to "SAY NO TO DRUGS!"

I would like to thank all of our parents and students for making our Box Top Challenge a success. The overall winning class will be announced on Friday! The BoxTops are redeemed for books and technology items to support student learning. Way to go Xenia!!

Mrs. Carder, Principal
Xenia Elementary School

XENIA ELEMENTARY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Friday, October 1	Homecoming Football Game Character Gathering at 1:50
Tuesday, October 5	3 rd grades enjoy Farm Safety Day at Charlie Brown Park - 8:30 to 2:30
Wednesday, October 6	Xenia School Blood Drive - 3:00 to 7:00
Thursday, October 7	Stranger Awareness for K1 and 1A
Friday, October 8	SIP Day with Early Dismissal at 12:20
Monday, October 11	No School - Columbus Day
Wednesday, October 13	4 th grade Enrichment at Lincoln School
Friday, October 15	End of 1 st Quarter Kindergarten to the Pumpkin Patch
Monday, October 18	Picture Day
Friday, October 22	Grade Cards go home - 2:00 Dismissal FHJHS Choir Presents Hannah Montana 9:00
Tuesday, October 26	Red Ribbon Presentation 4 th Grade - 1:00 at Lincoln
Wednesday, October 27	Fall Parties Parent/Teacher Conferences (2-6) Early Dismissal at 12:20
Thursday, October 28	No School Teacher's Institute
Friday, October 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences (8-12) No School for Students

KINDERGARTEN REMINDER!!

Kindergarteners are required to have a vision examination performed by an eye doctor by October 15. If you have not turned in your child's Illinois School vision form signed by the doctor, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call the Nurse's Office at 662-4820.