



Parent October Bulletin

IB Learner Profile for October: Inquirers

Inquirers nurture their curiosity and develop skills for inquiry and research. They know how to learn independently and with others. They learn with enthusiasm and sustain their love of learning throughout life. Let's strive to be Inquirers throughout the month of October.

Academic Focus: During the month, students will focus on making sure that all concepts for the quarter are clear and they understand what is expected of them for each subject. Teachers will be sharing with parents the progress of the students at mid-term. We realize that students have had some major adjustments this first quarter with a new learning platform and a hurricane too. Teachers will be flexible and provide review as needed.

Counselor's Corner: This month at Council, we are spreading the word about bullying through classroom lessons and activities.

National Bullying Prevention Month- According to the Center for Disease Control, students who are bullied are more likely to experience low self-esteem and isolation, perform poorly in school, have few friends in school, have a negative view of school, experience physical symptoms, and experience mental health issues.

- ❖ Bullying directly affects students' ability to learn. Bullying affects witnesses as well as targets. Bystanders can be powerful allies. Students have a unique power to prevent bullying. Bullying is a behavior, not an identity. Labeling a student as a "bully" can have a detrimental effect on their future and often limits their ability to change their behavior. Youth resilience is a protective factor in mitigating the negative effect of bullying. Resilience is one's ability to spring back, rebound, and successfully cope with bullying victimization.

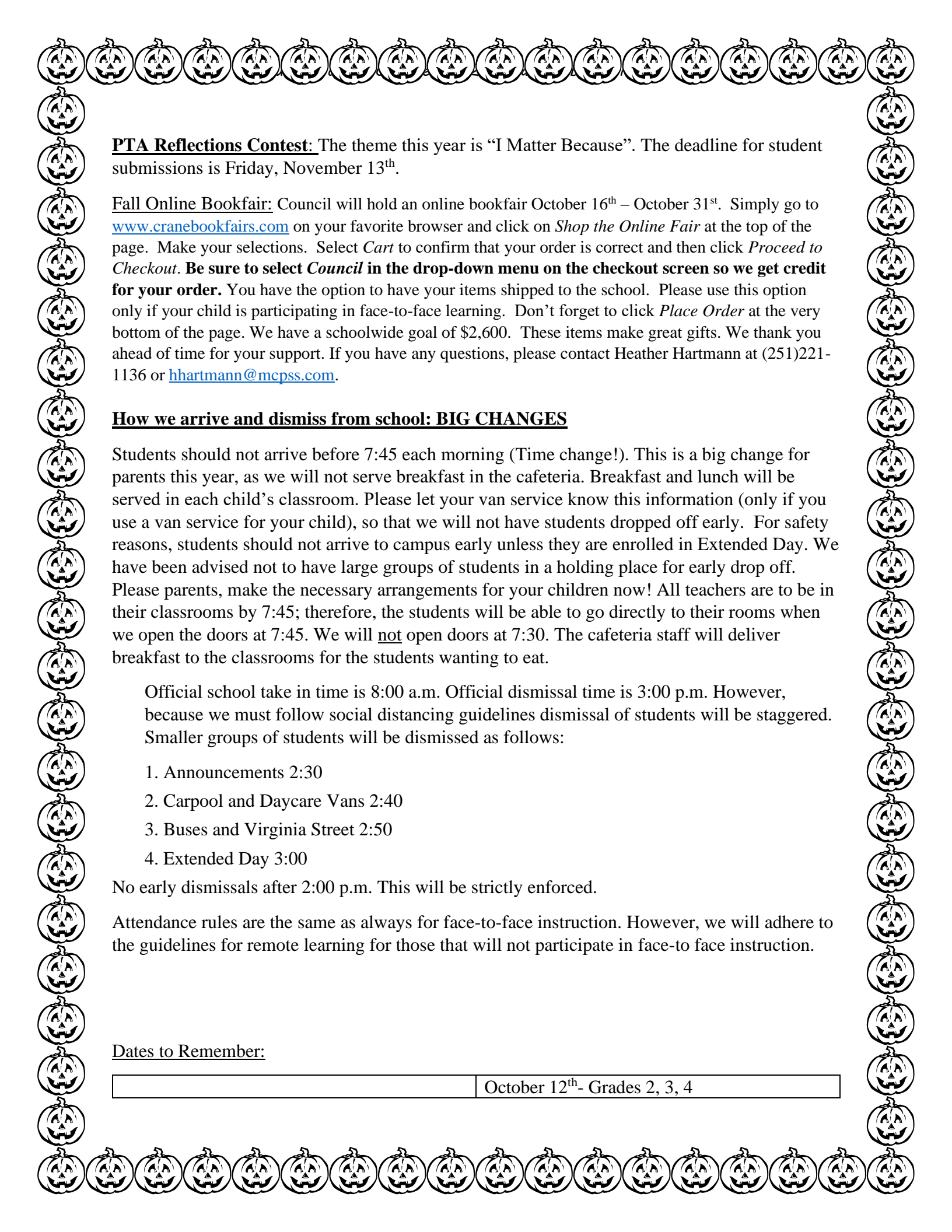
Bullying Prevention Theme for the Week of October 19-23, 2020

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| ★ Monday-Cannot Touch this: Physical Bullying |
| ★ Tuesday-Watch Ya' Mouth: Verbal Bullying |
| ★ Wednesday-It's Rude to Exclude: Social Bullying |
| ★ Thursday-Stop Being Mean Behind the Screen: Cyberbullying |
| ★ Friday-Show Out Friday: Speak Out Against Bullying |



Red Ribbon Week: October 26-30, 2020

- Monday-October 26- "Put a Tie on Drugs" (tie)
Tuesday-October 27- "Sock it to Drugs" (crazy socks)
Wednesday-October 28- "Kick the Habit" (tennis shoes)
Thursday-October 29- "Put a Cap on Drugs" (cap/hat)
Friday-October 30- "Band Together Against Drugs" (bandanas)



PTA Reflections Contest: The theme this year is “I Matter Because”. The deadline for student submissions is Friday, November 13th.

Fall Online Bookfair: Council will hold an online bookfair October 16th – October 31st. Simply go to www.cranefair.com on your favorite browser and click on *Shop the Online Fair* at the top of the page. Make your selections. Select *Cart* to confirm that your order is correct and then click *Proceed to Checkout*. **Be sure to select *Council* in the drop-down menu on the checkout screen so we get credit for your order.** You have the option to have your items shipped to the school. Please use this option only if your child is participating in face-to-face learning. Don’t forget to click *Place Order* at the very bottom of the page. We have a schoolwide goal of \$2,600. These items make great gifts. We thank you ahead of time for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hartmann at (251)221-1136 or hhartmann@mcpss.com.

How we arrive and dismiss from school: BIG CHANGES

Students should not arrive before 7:45 each morning (Time change!). This is a big change for parents this year, as we will not serve breakfast in the cafeteria. Breakfast and lunch will be served in each child’s classroom. Please let your van service know this information (only if you use a van service for your child), so that we will not have students dropped off early. For safety reasons, students should not arrive to campus early unless they are enrolled in Extended Day. We have been advised not to have large groups of students in a holding place for early drop off. Please parents, make the necessary arrangements for your children now! All teachers are to be in their classrooms by 7:45; therefore, the students will be able to go directly to their rooms when we open the doors at 7:45. We will not open doors at 7:30. The cafeteria staff will deliver breakfast to the classrooms for the students wanting to eat.

Official school take in time is 8:00 a.m. Official dismissal time is 3:00 p.m. However, because we must follow social distancing guidelines dismissal of students will be staggered. Smaller groups of students will be dismissed as follows:

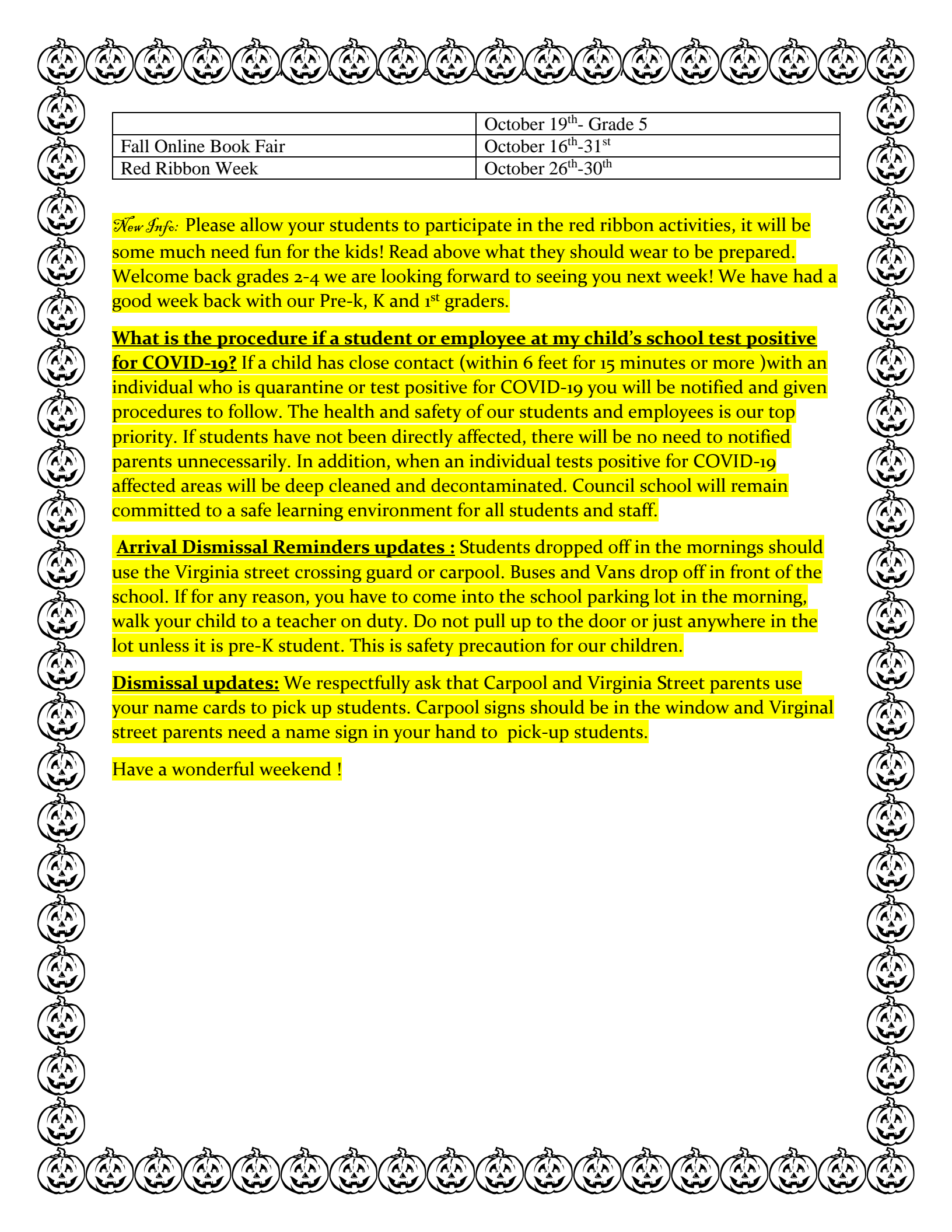
1. Announcements 2:30
2. Carpool and Daycare Vans 2:40
3. Buses and Virginia Street 2:50
4. Extended Day 3:00

No early dismissals after 2:00 p.m. This will be strictly enforced.

Attendance rules are the same as always for face-to-face instruction. However, we will adhere to the guidelines for remote learning for those that will not participate in face-to face instruction.

Dates to Remember:

	October 12 th - Grades 2, 3, 4
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	October 19 th - Grade 5
Fall Online Book Fair	October 16 th -31 st
Red Ribbon Week	October 26 th -30 th

New Info: Please allow your students to participate in the red ribbon activities, it will be some much need fun for the kids! Read above what they should wear to be prepared. Welcome back grades 2-4 we are looking forward to seeing you next week! We have had a good week back with our Pre-k, K and 1st graders.

What is the procedure if a student or employee at my child's school test positive for COVID-19? If a child has close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more)with an individual who is quarantine or test positive for COVID-19 you will be notified and given procedures to follow. The health and safety of our students and employees is our top priority. If students have not been directly affected, there will be no need to notified parents unnecessarily. In addition, when an individual tests positive for COVID-19 affected areas will be deep cleaned and decontaminated. Council school will remain committed to a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

Arrival Dismissal Reminders updates : Students dropped off in the mornings should use the Virginia street crossing guard or carpool. Buses and Vans drop off in front of the school. If for any reason, you have to come into the school parking lot in the morning, walk your child to a teacher on duty. Do not pull up to the door or just anywhere in the lot unless it is pre-K student. This is safety precaution for our children.

Dismissal updates: We respectfully ask that Carpool and Virginia Street parents use your name cards to pick up students. Carpool signs should be in the window and Virginal street parents need a name sign in your hand to pick-up students.

Have a wonderful weekend !