

Happy Thursday Everyone!

This was a very short and fast week for us - and filled with emotion! Our children were right alongside the adults wondering, hypothesizing, etc. who would be the next leader of our great country. They have listened to us (and by us, i mean all adults in their life) and they have formed opinions, ideas, thoughts, worries, anxiety over all the possibilities. But there is something that we must remind our children always; They live in a country that was founded on the ideals that ALL are created equal and that everyone has certain rights that no one can take away. Tuesday we exercised our right to vote. It didn't matter who we voted for, because in the end it is a deeply personal choice, and no one else's business. Every person has to vote for what they believe is right and true. This will ALWAYS differ from someone else. That is the beauty of our country. We can differ. We can disagree. We can share our varied opinions peacefully and it's OKAY! Every four years a large part of America goes through a disappointing time, while the rest celebrate. We get through it. We tackle each day and move forward - because God allowed us to get up and get moving - so he has plans for us! No matter what the future holds, we must show our children that you keep moving forward in the best way you can and continue to be a good person, doing good for others, being kind, thoughtful, caring, and living your life the way Jesus did. Is it easy - of course not - but we do it anyways because the sun will rise and the sun will set, and each day we make the choice to make things bitter or better - teach them to make it better no matter what is going on around them. Teach them to be the leaders. Teach them to keep trying and to not give up. Teach them that, no matter what, they can be ANYTHING they put their minds to. Encourage that bravery and strength every day. It is what made this country great - that we always imagined better even during tough times, or perceived tough times. Together - with God at our side - we are, and always will be, great.

Tomorrow is Veteran's Day. This is also a very important day. We celebrate and honor the real American heroes in our midst! Please be sure to thank a Veteran, not just tomorrow, but every day. They were willing to give their lives so that we could argue over who should be president! God bless them! We owe them so much. Regardless of what we think about war, the soldiers deserve our thanks. Make sure they know they are appreciated!

Reminders:

Sunday is our Craft Fair from 9am-4pm in the gym and McNulty! Please come on over and support our school and our local vendors!

Wednesday is an 11am dismissal for ALL STUDENTS. We have parent teacher conferences! 6pm is the HSA meeting as well and all are welcome! There is also a BLACK AND GOLD Meeting if you are interested - please see attached information!

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Thursday there is NO SCHOOL for ALL students because of parent teacher conferences.

If you have not signed up for parent teacher conferences, please make sure you contact your child's teacher. You may bring your child to the conference, but you are not required to do so.

Please see the attached HSA newsletter for November.

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Just a reminder that the walker line is for students that are WALKING home only. If you are picking up your child, then you must pick them up from McNulty Hall.

Have a wonderful extended weekend!  
Peace,

Mrs. P