



# October News Letter



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 28th from 4:00–7:30 and Tuesday, October 29th from 4:00–7:30. Schedules will be sent home early October. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions regarding his or her scheduled appointment. Students will be released EARLY on both days at 1:00 PM. Please be attentive to the schedule of your child's conference. This is an important time for you to ask questions and discuss your child's progress. We look forward to meeting with you!

## PARENT COMMUNICATION

\*Parents need to notify the office, your child's teacher, and his or her bus driver if your child is not riding the bus that day. If your child is having a change in their transportation for the day, the office and the teacher need to be notified by a note, phone call to the office, or email to the teacher and Mrs. Keating.  
\*If your child eats breakfast, please be sure they arrive no later than 7:50. Classes begin at 8:00.  
\*School dismisses at 3:30 PM.. Students will start loading the busses at 3:27. If your child is a car rider, be sure you are here by 3:30. for pick up.  
\*It is vital that staff are able to contact a parent or emergency contact if your child is ill or has an emergency. If a student is needing to be sent home, parents need to pick them up in a timely manner.

## OFFICE REMINDERS

- If your child is absent from school, please call the office by 8:15 am.
- Medications of any kind are not to be sent with students to school. Parents must bring the medications, along with a Dr.'s signed permission form, to the office. This is for prescription and non-prescription medications, i.e., cough drops, Tylenol, etc. Please let us know if you need a 'Permission to Give Medication' form.

## WEST'S COUNTRY MART & AC MARKET

Please let your friends, relatives, and neighbors know about putting their receipts in the Blue Ridge box at West's Country Mart and AC Westside Market, grocery stores in Abilene. Our school will receive 1000 points for every \$1000.00 in receipts that are collected. These points are used to earn free items from an online catalog for our students and school.

## HALLOWEEN / FALL PARTIES / COSTUMES

Halloween parties will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31st. Activities will begin with the costume parade at 2:30 and classroom parties to follow.

## THANKSGIVING FEAST

Where is the year going? Hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner. Blue Ridge's annual Thanksgiving Feast is Wednesday, November 20th at 11:15. Information and order forms will be sent home late October, and will be due back **NO LATER** than Monday, November 4th. With limited seating, we are limiting 2 guests per family.

## FROM YOUR BLUE RIDGE PTO

The PTO sponsored pumpkin patch field trip to Alma is Thursday, October 17th. Parents are welcome but **MUST BE A SECURED VOLUNTEER**, and have notified their child's teacher that they will be attending. Parents will need to provide their own transportation as well as a sack lunch for themselves. Below are the 2024–2025 Blue Ridge PTO meeting dates. Meetings will be at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays on the following dates:

- Nov. 20th
- Feb. 26th
- April 30th (last meeting)

\*ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

