



Principally Speaking:

NOVEMBER 2016

As I was leaving school on Monday evening to get home before all the trick or treating began, I couldn't believe it was 85 degrees outside. Most of the grass outside is green and leaves are still on the trees. The weather might not match what we are used to seeing this time of the year, but here at school, it definitely feels like fall as we move into the 2nd quarter of the school year.

We would like to thank all the parents and guests that joined us for the Storybook Parade and parties last Friday. Looking at the sign in sheets, we had more than 500 guests that braved the parking lot to be a part of this annual tradition. This parental involvement at Chisholm speaks volumes to individual and school progress we see on a daily basis throughout the school year.

Looking forward to the month of November, Turkey Bingo will take place on Friday, November 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the cafeteria.

On Sunday, November 20th, Chisholm Thunder Night will take place with the game vs. the Indiana Pacers, which begins at 6:00pm. There are still tickets available and information will be sent home if you would like to purchase tickets to attend the game.

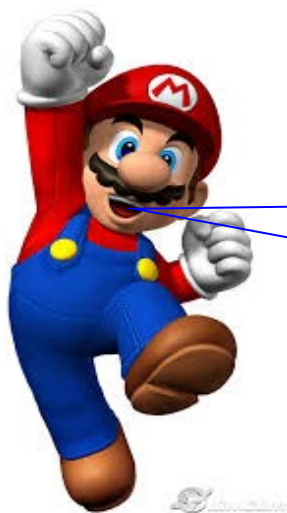
We will be out of school from November 23rd-27th for Thanksgiving break. On December 1st and 2nd, Chisholm 3rd graders will be performing their program.

Be sure to set your clocks back this weekend as Daylight Savings begins.

Last week parents in our district were able to view student grades for the first 9 weeks of the school year through Infinite Campus Parent Portal. At the same time, our school received the letter grade from the State Department of Education based on information from the 2015-16 school year. This grade is based on a formula derived from state Math and Reading assessments in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, and Science, Social Studies, and writing assessments in 5th grade. The grade also looks at growth students make in 4th and 5th grades in Math and Reading assessments. The final component of the grade comes from an attendance rate.

I'm happy to announce that Chisholm received a grade of 99 or A+. Although there has been numerous discussion in the news about the validity of A-F grading system used to identify school progress, this grade recognizes the time, effort, and commitment our students, teachers, and parents place into their studies and growth as learners. More information on the report card can be found at afreportcards.ok.gov. Congratulations on a job well done!

Mr. Higdon



**COMING
EVENTS...**

NOV. 4	SPIRIT DAY, POPCORN & BOX TOP COLLECTION
NOV. 6	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOV. 7-11	BOOK FAIR
NOV. 10	PAPA MURPHYS NIGHT
NOV. 11	VETERAN'S DAY
NOV. 14	PTO MEETING 8:30 AM
NOV. 15	BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
NOV. 18	TURKEY BINGO 5:30-7:30 PM
NOV. 23-27	THANKSGIVING BREAK

Bits & Bytes from Mrs. Butler...

Smart Apps for Kids

A great website for information on the best apps and freebies for the iPad and iPhone for your kids.

Take a look at <http://www.smartappsforkids.com/>



Counselor's Corner ...

Helping Children Succeed in School

Now that the first nine weeks are over, are you wondering how to send your child the message that "school is cool"? Try these tips to spark learning excitement.

Make it personal

Look for ways to tie school lessons to your youngster's life. Example: If he's learning about verbs, ask him to name his favorite actions- eating, pretending, skateboarding. Relating subjects to his interests builds enthusiasm.

Reward effort

When your child works hard on an assignment, let her know you noticed. Example: "You solved that tough math problem. Way to go!" Focusing on progress, not just grades, encourages hard work and discourages the give-ups.

Be a guide

Invite your child on your own learning journeys. Examples: Tackle a craft project together using a how-to book; let her help you find information in the phone book or atlas. The desire to learn can be contagious!

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

MEDIA CENTER NEWS



The Book Fair is coming! November 7th-11th

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am-3:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm

We welcome all to come shop during the days and times listed!

Classes will be scheduled to visit the fair during school hours. If you would like to shop with your child with their class time, check with their teacher to find out which day and what time they are scheduled.

Be sure and check Thursday folders for more information and be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting upcoming event. This is a perfect time to pick out some Christmas gifts.

The Edmond Public Library will be closed Monday, November 7th-Sunday, December 4th for renovations and will reopen on Monday, December 5th.

Important
DATE!



November 2016



PTO NEWS The Best Play Here!

This is the season for giving thanks. Chisholm PTO wants to thank you again for your generous donations through the Fun Run. Teacher grant request forms have gone out and we are excited to see what wishes we can fulfill. Chisholm kids are very creative, I had a great time seeing all the costumes at the story book parade. As the year winds down I wish each Chisholm family the best and brightest this holiday season. I look forward to serving you in 2017!

*Jill Kastl-Cobb
PTO President*

Upcoming Events:

- 11/4: Spirit Day
- 11/7 – 11/11: Book Fair
- 11/10: Papa Murphy's Night
- 11/14: PTO Meeting 8:30 am
- 11/15: Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 11/18: Turkey Bingo 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- 11/20: Thunder Night
- 11/23 – 11/25: Thanksgiving Break

\$\$\$ for CHISHOLM:

1. Collect Box Tops and bring to school!
2. Turn in your Uptown Grocery Receipts beginning September 1.
3. Eat Out on Chisholm Restaurant Nights! A percent of sales come back to our school.
4. Small events throughout the year – Parking spot raffle and Pie Auction at Turkey Bingo!

Chisholm Clothing:

The long sleeve shirts have been ordered. Be looking for those coming home in a few weeks.

Turkey Bingo:

Friday, November 18, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Bring your family and join Chisholm for it's annual Food Drive benefiting Project 66. Admission for your family is a canned or non-perishable food item in exchange for a bingo card. We will also be having a silent auction for fresh baked pies. Pre-order your pizza. Drinks, dessert will be available for purchase. An order form will be sent home in Thursday folders.

Chisholm Thunder Night:

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 6pm vs. Indiana Pacers

We still have a few tickets available. Please email Sara Jones at chisholmpto@gmail.com for an order form and to check availability.

ART Program:

There are several volunteers needed for the ART Program this month. ART is a fun way to interact with students and teach a short art lesson. Contact Jeny Roberts at robfam98@yahoo.com or (405) 315-1245 to get more information. **HELP NEEDED: November 11th – 4th Grade – Dale 2-3pm. November 15th – 1st Grade – Pekrul – 1:40-2:40pm.**



2016-2017 Yearbooks:

Pre-order your hardcover, full color yearbook for \$20 at www.jostensyearbook.com.



HARVEST ALL YOUR BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!

