



Gopher Tales November 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL: Laura Biesterveld

November is a time to reflect on gratitude and the importance of community. We are grateful for the opportunity to educate and nurture your children. As a school, we value the support and partnership of our students' families. Let's work together to create a strong, supportive, and inspiring community for our children. As we enter this season of thankfulness, please know that we appreciate your involvement in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Keep an eye on our school website and social media channels for the latest updates and news. We encourage you to join our PAC (Parent Activity Committee) to become an active part of our school community.

With colder weather on the horizon, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the season. This includes wearing warm clothing, hats, gloves, and jackets. We want to ensure that our students are comfortable and safe during outdoor activities. Thank you as always for being such great partners!

Upcoming Events

Friday November 10

NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Record Day

November 22-24

NO STUDENT/STAFF ATTENDANCE

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Monday November 27th

NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

HC PD Day

- SEC/SGB Meeting
1:00 virtual

Tuesday November 28

Gopher Gathering 4:00-6:00

curb they are safe to enter our building and you can continue your day. We have staff welcoming them inside the building as well. Please pull all the way forward as cars need to line up behind you. Continuing east to 66th Street will get you back to Morgan Avenue so you do not need to make a u-turn in the parking lot or in the middle of the street. Thank you for keeping your children and other drivers safe.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

YTD Attendance: 94.6%

School starts at 7:20 and ends at 2:10. When your child is sick, please make sure you call the attendance line voicemail @ 414-604-7900 and leave the following:

1. Your Child's name
2. Classroom number

3. The reason they are not coming.

Tardies and early pickups **do count** as negative minutes which turn into negative days if it is regularly occurring.



Congratulations to our current 100 Point Club leaders: As of October 24th: **Markus Hettiger** - 200pts!! **Rory Jereska** - 107 pts! **Lucas Nguyen** -104pts! The November goal is 37 points. Keep reading. A book is your best friend.

Our Accelerated Reading Program combines technology, reader incentives, computerized measurement, and quality books to enhance our children's enthusiasm for reading. We have access to over 185,000 book titles. There is an Accelerated Reader Quiz available for most popular



Our Stop Hug and Go zone on Eden Place is working fairly smoothly. Remember, once your child is received from the

children's literature. If you wish to find out whether a quiz exists for a

particular book, go to the website: www.arbookfind.com.

If a quiz is found, your child will be able to take that quiz at Honey Creek. There is a Parent Guide to Accelerated Reader located at: <http://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>.

Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for October was 25 pts. November is 37 points.



Adaptive Athletics Superstars



A select group of Honey Creek students are participating in Young Athletes again this school year. Only a small handful of other MPS schools participate in this program. It is a Special Olympics program in which students with disabilities are provided opportunities to interact in organized games and sports with specially selected non-disabled peers. The goal is to foster friendships and inclusive practices. The Young Athletes meet once a

week throughout the school year.

Our Honey Creek Young Athletes have a bowling field trip planned. They have been practicing bowling and are excited to show off their skills on November 1st. Next, they will be preparing for their Volleyball Skills field trip in December.

Parent Activity Committee

Hello! It was good to see everybody at the Popsicle Party! We are excited to get this year going with many activities for children and families to come together and have fun. Our first event will be a new twist on the historical Harvest Parade. This year, we are going to combine it with our first fundraiser for the year and host the **Great Harvest Walk-a-thon**. Details to follow next week! There are many activities that we would like to do this year, but we will need funding to do them, so this will be an excellent kick-off for those opportunities. Be sure to check out the **Honey Creek PAC Facebook** page for meeting dates and announcements!



From The Sports Desk

Winter Sport sign-ups are in process. You have until November 2nd to turn in interest forms. We would still like to find a Cheer coach for game days!

Please contact me 414-604-7921 if interested soon! ~Andy

Our **Fall Volleyball** had a great season, taking 1st place in their league! Congratulations Coach Cherry, Coach Anderson and your team!

Fall Soccer was also at the top of their game this season with many wins under their cleats! Congrats to Coach Fabian and his team!

Go' pher Your Best!

Thank you for returning the Family Interest Surveys that came out on the pink paper. We have over 60 back. When the survey closes on October 31st. We will find a medium to present the results and address any concerns.

Those that have signed up for more information on our Honey Creek Parents Extraordinaire Group should have been invited to GroupMe. We are looking to have our first meeting the week of Oct. 30th, check the app for details.

Scholastic Book Fair will be available at our Gopher Gathering November 28th!!

Honey Creek Spirit Wear is Coming this month!