



Gopher Tales November 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL: Laura Biesterveld

As we embrace the month of November, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. This month brings many opportunities for learning and growth, both in and out of the classroom.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it's a great time to reflect on what we're thankful for as a school community. We'll be celebrating gratitude through various classroom activities and projects. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please reach out to your child's teacher.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your children come dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. Fresh air and play are essential for our students' well-being!

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school. Together, we can continue to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our children.

Upcoming Events

Monday November 4

PAC 5:30 Library

Tuesday, November 5

NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Record Day

Wednesday, November 6

Gopher Gathering 4-6:30

Monday November 11

HCPX 5:30 Library

Tuesday, November 12:

Clubs 2:15-3:00

Wednesday November 13

Dads on Duty 5:30 Library

Monday, November 18:

NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Staff Professional Development

Tuesday, November 19:

Clubs 2:15-3:00

Wed - Fri, November 27-29

NO STUDENT/STAFF

ATTENDANCE

Thanksgiving Break

Stay in touch with Honey Creek

Please bookmark the Honey Creek website,

<https://schools.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/honeycreek/> to stay informed of all the happenings at our great school!

Join the [Honey Creek Continuous Progress](#) Facebook page - our public page, and join the [Honey Creek PAC](#) facebook page - our private page as well.

This way, you will be informed of what's going on.



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

STOP HUG & GO is in operation on Eden Place 7:15 - 7:35. Once received at the curb your children are safe to enter the building and you may pull away. Please pull all the way forward.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

YTD Attendance: 94.3%

We fell below our target already. Please make sure your children are at school everyday! 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

When you call in please let us know:

1. Your Child's name
2. Classroom teacher
3. The reason they are not coming.



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 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

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Accelerated Reader located at:
<http://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>.

Our students anxiously wait for the opportunity to shop for prizes with the points they have earned by reading. Students that read and passed tests for 6 books before October 18th were invited to attend an Ice Cream Sandwich Party in our gym on October 22nd... 149 students reached their goal! Way to go! Talk to your child about trying to achieve reading goals. If you would like to view your child's progress, go to our Honey Creek website under the Student tab and go to Library Media dropdown. (Renaissance ID: MPS-08TI). The username and password are your child's Student ID (no "s") and birth date (mm/dd/yy). The next AR shopping date is November 12th. Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for November is 37 and December is 50!



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

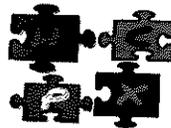
HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR COACHES THIS SEASON! The kids are having fun, talking about the games in school and looking forward to the next contest! **Winter sports are next. We are in the process of confirming coaches for:** 1st - 3rd Co-ed basketball (2 teams), 4th- 5th Coed basketball, 1st - 3rd cheerleading (**new**), and 1-3 indoor soccer. We will also have 4-5 volleyball again. Sign up sheets will come out the week of Oct. 28th so that we can get everything back and get a few practices in before

Thanksgiving break for a Dec. 7th start of the season.

Parent Activity Committee

Hello! It was good to see everybody at our last meeting! We are excited to get this year going with many activities for children and families to come together and have fun. Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 4th at 5:30**. One of the items we will be discussing is what PAC membership looks like and what kind of perks families can gain by becoming a member (other than lots more cool things to do as families). We are also planning the details of our involvement in Gopher gatherings for November and our Thanksgiving baskets. There are many activities that we would like to do this year, but we will need people to assist with them. Be sure to check out the **Honey Creek PAC Facebook** page for meeting dates and announcements!

Honey Creek Parents Extraordinaire



This is a family group designed to be a safe space to discuss various issues of our children who might have needs different than most. Whether you are diagnosed or not, or just have questions about what other parents are doing when challenges arise; with homework, with change, with

making friends, with bedtime routines - we are here for you. Come join us for our next meeting on **Monday, November 11 at 5:30** in the Library.



Family Holiday Pictures

Has it been a while since your last family photo shoot? Do those baby pictures on your walls and on your desk need updating. Please join us on **Wednesday; November 6th at the Gopher Gathering** for your holiday family photo shoot! Life Touch will be here capturing those moments so that you can get those holiday cards out. Feel free to dress up and look snazzy!

Dads on Duty

Ok dads and father figures, let's get this going. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday Nov. 13th at 5:30** in the Library, come through Door 6. We will discuss how we can be more visible in the lives of our children, community and help Honey Creek become even better! See you then!

Playworks is here! Ask your children what they are doing at recess!



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