

Parent Link 10-14:

Good Evening Bell-Graham Families

The Halloween holiday is fast approaching and with it our annual PTO Fall Fest. For our new families, this yearly event is a wonderful gathering of our school community. It provides an opportunity for students and younger siblings to show off their Halloween finery (students do not dress up during school hours), while families reconnect and enjoy games and snacks. Fall Fest is very well attended resulting in a very busy and full community room and gym! In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening, I am asking for your assistance in costume selection. Children should be able to see clearly at all times and be free from carrying additional items (ex. Light sabers, or toy weapons of any kind), so as not to interfere with the ability to enjoy games (or be misplaced/forgotten at school). As we have many young children in attendance, overtly scary or violent costumes are not appropriate for Fall Fest. The recent highlighting of "scary" clowns has been a concern to children and families and these types of costumes will not be allowed. Fall Fest is a family event and students are to be accompanied by adults and supervised at all times.

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Important Dates:

10-15 PTO Taylor Street fundraiser

10-17 Picture retakes 9-12

10-20 PTO meeting 1:30 BG staff lounge

10-24 Pick a Time open to schedule parent/teacher conferences (directions attached)

10-27 Halloween class parties 3, 4 and 5 grades

10-28 Halloween class parties K, 1 and 2 grades/PTO Fall Fest 6:30-8:30 pm

SCHOOL PICTURES: You will receive your child's photo proof sheet within the next few days. Payment envelopes are to be returned to the office or on-line orders made by Tuesday, October 11th. Color Portraits will be here the morning of Monday, October 17th, for picture retakes. Please e-mail Mrs. Priola at lori.priola@d303.org if you would like your child's photo retaken.

D303 Proposes Middle School Building Improvements

District 303 Administration is proposing a plan to the Board of Education that will improve the District's middle school facilities by upgrading Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. If approved by the Board, the plan would modernize and expand Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. When the improvements are completed in Fall 2019, District Administration estimates the closing of Haines Middle School will result in an operational savings of \$2.4 million per year.

The estimated cost of the middle school improvements is \$50 million and would be paid for through a combination of existing funds and the issue of bonds that do not require a referendum. Details of the District Administration plan will be presented to the public at the following meetings:

Thursday, October 20	Haines Middle School	7 p.m.
Monday, October 24	Wredling Middle School	7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	Thompson Middle School	7 p.m.

The three meetings will contain the same content and can be attended by anyone in the community who wishes to attend at their convenience.

The Board of Education will consider the middle school plan at the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 11	BOE Regular Meeting	7 p.m.
Thursday, November 3	BOE Special Meeting	TBA
Monday, November 14	BOE Regular Meeting	7 p.m. at North H.S.

All meetings to be held in the Board Room of the District 303 Administration Building, 201 South 7th St., St. Charles IL 60174 unless otherwise noted.