

Parent Link 10-21:

Good Evening Bell-Graham Families

Parent Teacher conferences have been arranged for Nov 21-22. Classroom teachers have arranged their scheduled to accommodate families with morning and evening conferences. As students have the week off from school, many families utilize this time to travel and gather with their loved ones for the Thanksgiving holiday. This year, we are asking those unable to meet in person, to schedule a phone conference on either November 21 or 22. Please utilize the online conference scheduler Pick-a-Time to set your conference and follow up with your child's teacher to share your conference will be conducted via phone. If neither option works, classroom teachers will arrange a separate phone conference when able during their work day.

Have a great weekend,  
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Important Dates:

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  
11-4 PTO sponsored assembly with a focus on bully prevention  
11-11 Fifth grade Veteran's Day Assembly

**CoGat Info:** Third and Fifth grade students will be taking the CoGat assessment November 7-18. Please refer to information from your child's classroom teacher regarding specific administration dates. Students only need a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to prepare for these assessments.

**Math Assessments:** Throughout the past two years, small groups of teachers at each grade level across the district have worked to develop common math summative assessments. These common district-wide assessments are administered at the end of a unit of math instruction. It is essential that summative (end of unit) assessments are secure and as a result, you will not receive a copy of the actual assessment your child has taken in math. End of unit summative assessment information will be sent home highlighting the standard student's demonstrated proficiency or a need for further support. The staff and I want to ensure we are communicating information to best support your understanding of your child's achievement in math. If you have question related to the assessments administered at the end of a math unit, please contact me directly.

**Fall Fest Food:** The PTO will be serving Taylor St pizza, chips, soda and Gatorade. Items won during the cake walk and soda ring toss will be given to parents as you exit the event. Games will be handing out the following treats: Laffy Taffy, Smarties, Sweet-tarts, tootsie rolls, Spree, Gobstoppers, Lemonheads, gum, warheads, and Spree. The PTO works to ensure all items are allergen safe. Please let me know if you have a concern with any of the items.

**From the PTO:** We need DONATIONS for Fall Fest! Please drop off store bought baked goods that are nut free, 2-Liter soda, and Duct tape. They can be dropped off on the 27th and 28th. The kids LOVE the cake walk and its only possible with your donations--thanks! [Bell-Graham Fall Fest](#)

**Fall Fest Reminder:** 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.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> St., St. Charles IL 60174 unless otherwise noted.