

Items of Interest

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying the extra long weekend! The students will be off today and return to school tomorrow, Wednesday, the 11th. The classroom teachers are engaged in All-Day Professional Development today at Smith!

It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at Open House and Induction Night last week! The timing was perfect, just as the teachers are getting to know your children, they also had the opportunity to meet you, present the year's curriculum and arrange a convenient time for a parent/teacher conference.

For those 4th and 5th grade parents who were able to respond to the brief survey I sent out following Induction Night, thank you. The survey is still open and I encourage you to complete it if you have the time. Your feedback is appreciated and will be considered as we plan future presentations.

For those parents who were able to attend the PAC Meeting after Open House, and the 5th Grade Celebration Committee meeting following Induction Night, thank you! Thorpe's parent community plays a big part in the success of our school!

Tiger Treats will be sold during both lunches starting on Wednesday, October 18th. The cost per week is \$1 for a treat or you can choose to buy a year long pass for \$30.

I am very excited to announce the Co-Advisors for this year's 5th grade Student Council. They are Marjorie Almstead, Thorpe's art teacher and Rebecca Sulpizio, one of Thorpe's 4th grade teachers. They are looking forward to working with the 5th graders and will be announcing the program to the students within the next few weeks.

We are extremely pleased that this year's 5th graders will have the opportunity to attend Project Adventure on Friday, November 3rd. The students will engage in cooperative games, and team building activities. Thorpe's PAC has generously offered to pay 50% of the total cost for each student. The permission slips have been sent home, please return them as soon as you can with a check payable to Thorpe PAC for \$22. **More good news**, Thorpe's fifth graders will soon have a one to one designated Chromebook. This is phenomenal news and will help prepare them for a successful transition to HRMS!

Family Meeting will be held this Friday the 13th, at 1:50 in the Cafeteria. At this time, the agenda includes the first graders, who will present the poem, *Scarecrow, Scarecrow*, to the school community. We will also celebrate October birthdays! Finally, we will announce the \$ amount collected for the *Piggy Coin Challenge*, and how we will celebrate as a school community!

Coming Up:

- 10/11 DEEP Meeting, 7:45 at Ipswich Savings*
- 10/13 Family Meeting, 1:50pm*
- 10/18 School Council, 3 - 4pm Learning Commons*
- 10/19 DEEP Wine Tasting, 6-9pm at DYC*
- 10/25 Title 1 Open House 8:30-9am Thorpe Cafeteria*
- 10/31 Halloween Parade, 9am*

Have a super week!