

Dear Hastings Families;

We are really getting into the crisp, cool days of fall. That means mornings can be quite chilly with warmer afternoons. This is the time of year that children arrive at school wearing jackets and sweatshirts, but tend to leave them behind in the warm afternoon sun. It would be a great time for you to label your child's outdoor clothing with his or her name. It's the best way to make sure the items make their way back to their owners.

Teachers and grade level teams are planning celebrations of the fall season this week. Classroom celebrations may incorporate important events and traditions of the season, including Halloween. Students are invited to bring a costume to school, if they would like, to wear as part of the celebration. Teachers have planned fun activities for children to enjoy, some Halloween themed, and some themed for fall (harvest, pumpkins, apples, leaves). If you do choose to send your child in with a costume, we ask that they do not wear make-up, bring masks, or accessories that can get lost or broken (no weapons of any kind). We also ask that your child wear their regular school shoes that day. Your child's teacher has likely already shared information about his or her classroom celebration.

The next meeting of the Hastings Parent Group is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, at 6:30pm. Meetings are held in the Hastings library. Free childcare is provided in the cafeteria. Come see how you can be more involved in your child's life at school.

The Westborough Education Foundation's annual Turkey Trot 5K Race is coming up on Saturday, November 17, at Westborough High School, starting at 9:00am. This is a great outdoor family event for anyone one who likes to run or walk. Proceeds benefit our schools. Fun races for kids on the track start at 10:00am. Sign up at www.westboroughturkeytrot.org.

Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, November 2, Early Release (Conferences)

Tuesday, November 6, Grade 3 to Plimoth Plantation

Wednesday, November 7, No School for Students (Diwali/Professional Development for Staff)

Thursday, November 8, Evening Conferences (6:00-8:00pm)

Monday, November 12, No School (Veteran's Day Observed)

Wednesday, November 14, Scholastic Book Fair & Ice Cream Social (5:00-8:00pm)

Saturday, November 17, WEF Turkey Trot 5K Race (9:00am)

Wednesday, November 21, Early Release (Thanksgiving Break Begins)

Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23, No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Enjoy all the fun that the autumn season brings!

Sincerely,

Leigh Becker, Principal