Calendar items

Principal Meeting
T 11/10 at 9:15am-9:45am

PTA Meeting
T 11/10 7-8:30pm

No School; Veteran's Day
W 11/11

No School; Conferences
M-W 11/23-11/25

No School; Thanksgiving
Th-F 11/26-11/27

Note From Co-President

Happy fall everyone! The rain has started, the leaves are falling, and it seems time to officially call this fall weather! As we venture into this new way to celebrate holidays and family gatherings, we hope that you are finding ways to connect with friends and family even while keeping everyone safe. In our house, we're going to do a parade on 10/31 with our block to show off our costumes, and then we'll be trick or treating inside our house with all of our doors with stuffed animal "hosts". While it's a different way this year, it still keeps some of the traditions that our family enjoys intact in a safe way.

Need more ideas? The Parent Map had some others [here](#)

No matter how you celebrate this Saturday, we hope that you stay safe and healthy!

Kathryn Lachenmaier
VREPTA Co-President

Safety on School Grounds

Hello Parents, Caregivers, and Community Partners! We would like to remind our community that school grounds continue to be closed while school takes place remotely. The school has tried to keep the gates locked, but the locks are repeatedly removed. As staff have returned to organize materials for teaching from home and for their students, it's become clear that we've had lots of visitors to the grounds, some respectful, many not.

There has been explicit graffiti on play equipment and buildings; trash all over; broken glass bottles; and more. Several groups of both middle and high schoolers have been observed on the property by staff and school families; some even on the roof of the school and/or portables. This is not only a liability issue, but also extremely dangerous.

We ask that everyone please do their part to be respectful of school grounds and remind their children to do the same. We especially would like help curtailing the older children from climbing on the roof of the school and portables.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe for everyone!
Otter Love for Week of 10/26

This week, let's continue to celebrate our Teachers, Therapists, and Instructional Assistants. They have been doing a ton of work to keep our kids well invested in their classes and us parents well informed on what's going on!

You can email them, drop a note/picture in our new "Otter Love" box at library check out (there's also some blank postcards to snag if you need one), mail them a card (7047 50th Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98115) or check out the Staff Favorite Things list on the PTA website.

Thank you to our Volunteers!

Thank you to our garden volunteers yet again for helping keep our school grounds looking well cared for! We sincerely appreciate all of your efforts! Next clean up will be 11/9/20!

Thank you again to all of our volunteers that made our Festive Library check out a success! We had record turn out for library check out; nothing like a little motivator of costumes and treats to get the students reading! A special thank you to Julie Gordon and Ms. Young for all of their hard work in creating a community event for all!

Quick Updates, Reminders, Etc.:

- If your child needs a costume, please contact our school counselor, Joyce Cho.
- There are two ballot box locations in our neighborhood for you to turn in your ballot. Both open 24 hours and both close on 11/3 at 8pm--Magnuson Park/The Brig and Lake City Library.
- Annual Coat Drive continues this Wednesday at Playcourt Library Check Out; we're at 30+ coats, let's get to 50!

OTTER KNOW SUBMISSIONS

The Otter Know is published during the school year once a week on Tuesday, with an Otter Know Update on Friday if needed. Articles for the Otter Know are due the Thursday before the Tuesday publication. Articles can be sent through the website, or to the Communications Committee.