



**LETTER FROM THE
PRINCIPAL
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1,
2021**

Dear Families,

Can you believe it is the beginning of November already? Things are flying by! I hope you are having a spectacular year.

We had a terrific Halloween parade this week. It is always fun to see children and adults let down their guards a bit and just have some silly fun. We appreciate all of the parent support that helped make this day fun, including sending things for class parties. As always, we enjoy collaborating with you.

Please remember that November 2nd is election day. This is a smaller election, and so turnout is usually lower than typical. I hope you will still vote because this is a great model for our children. I have loved taking my son with me to vote so he could see the democratic process in action. Even now that we can vote by mail, allowing children to see how important this right is can help them be future voters someday. I

hope I was able to instill the importance of participating--of showing up--in my son. A few weeks ago, one of our character traits was "Be Present." Part of making a difference is just being present, being willing to show up.

Reading!

Thanks for your participation in Reach the Peak. I'm sure we will be receiving information about individual, class, and school winners very soon. In the meantime, make sure you return your final Reach the Peak log on Monday November 1st (or shortly thereafter) so all the minutes can be tabulated.

We are starting a new incentive program for students called "Battle of the Books." There are books at every grade level that have been selected by our wonderful librarian Katie Cocarro. The books can be read or listened to. Once complete, we have a quiz for students to take on Accelerated Reader. If they pass the quiz with at least 80%, they will receive a pin to attach to a lanyard. See how many Battle of the Books pins you can collect this year. In the spring, we will have

a "Battle of the Books" competition. Students who read most or all of the books in the age category will be eligible to play with prizes! It should be a lot of fun! The flyer is attached with this week's newsletter.

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We have what is called a Trailblazer award and activity that we are going to re-energize this year. It will be awarded to students who have no behavior referrals logged and who have shown academic achievement and progress in the first trimester. These students will be invited to the Trailblazer activity and will receive a pin for their lanyard. This is something students can start working toward right now. More information to come on the criteria for these prestigious awards!

Sincerely,

Jim Martin