



Celebrating Autumn at CES

Hello Parents,

The weather has begun to shift, and the leaves on the Grand Mesa are turning their beautiful shades of gold, maroon and more. It's Fall, and we want to celebrate this amazing season with our students! With that in mind, here are some activities we'll have the end of this month:

Storybook (Dress-Up) Day on Tuesday, October 31st

Some of our very favorite characters come from books, and so we are having a day – Tuesday, October 31st – to honor them. That day, during their specials' time, some very special guests will come to CES to read their favorite children's books to our students. And to celebrate the fact that books have so many great characters, students are allowed to dress-up as their favorite book characters that day. When considering costumes, we just ask that students do not wear masks or anything that covers the face; have accessory items that can be distractions such as toy guns or swords; and, finally, please no costumes that are violent or scary in nature (such as vampires, zombies, witches) or that have blood or gore associated with them. We hope this is a fun, safe dress-up day that allows our students to be silly and have fun. And then, we will also have our Halloween parties in classrooms beginning at 2:30 p.m. that day!

Trick-or-Treat Trail from the Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce

Also that afternoon, beginning right after school and going until 5:00 p.m., the Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program will be coordinating a Halloween-themed event called Trick-or-Treat Trail. Families are welcome to park at CES (please just don't park in our Parent Pickup area) and the main trail will be located on Main Street, where many businesses will be providing treats for all trick-or-treaters who stop by. This is intended to promote and celebrate local businesses but is also a great way for students to show off their Storybook Day costumes and enjoy a safe, fun time with families. For more information, please contact the Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce at (970) 856-6961 or cedaredgeareachamber@gmail.com.

Pumpkins and Poems Contest

Finally, we will have two separate contests happening this month that will also culminate on Tuesday, October 31st. First, students and families who enjoy carving and decorating pumpkins or creating any other fall-related art or drawings together (so they do not have to just be pumpkins) are encouraged to bring their finished products to the school by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31st. Families are responsible for obtaining their own pumpkins. Those submitted will be judged on originality and effort with the top three receiving a family prize bag!

Also, any students who love to write can choose to either write a poem (or poems) or write a short story about Fall or an appropriate Halloween-related topic or theme. The top three poem winners (which will be decided using grade appropriate writing rubrics) from each grade level will receive a Halloween/fall related prize. We would ask that all writing be turned in by 8:00 a.m. that Tuesday morning. Winners to both contests will be announced at 3:10 p.m. that day!

No School – Monday, October 30th (for staff professional development)