



Celebrating Autumn at Cedaredge Elementary School

Hello Parents,

The weather has begun to shift again, and the leaves on the Grand Mesa have already transformed and fallen. 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 Wednesday, October 31st

Some of our very favorite characters come from books, and so we are having a day – Wednesday, 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 once again 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!

Pumpkins and Poems Contest

Finally, we will have two separate contests happening this month that will also culminate on Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, 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 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 10:00 a.m. that Wednesday morning, as well.

Winners to both contests will be announced at 3:10 p.m. that day!

No School – Monday, October 29th (for staff professional development)

Once again this year, there will be no school the last Monday of October for staff professional learning and development. This year we as a staff will be focusing our learning time on the following: school safety, instructional best practices (especially by considering how students learn best), digging more deeply into our student data to make sure we're properly serving each of our students and much more. So, we know that it may be an inconvenience to our awesome families – and for that we sincerely apologize – but please know we're putting the time to great use so we can continue to grow and improve as a school!