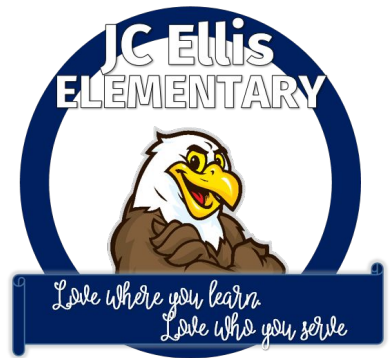


October Newsletter



Important Dates

Oct 18-25

Boo Gram Sales

Oct 25-29

Red Ribbon Spirit Week

Oct 29

Picture Day

Oct 28

Boo Grams delivered

Oct 29

Pumpkin Parties &
Middle School Dance

From the Principal's Desk

Ellis has a very successful restart after Hurricane Ida. Students were happy to be back in school learning with their friends. Teachers have picked up with the curriculum where we left off, filling in the gaps when needed.

The district has given guidelines for middle and high schools to plan school dances. We are very happy to have our first dance in almost two years next Friday. Our middle schoolers will have fall dance during the school day under the pavilion. We are looking forward to planning a nighttime winter dance in December.

October is national anti-bullying month and Hispanic Heritage Month. Mrs. Amanda, Mrs. Jennifer and Ms. Nicole, our Social Workers, have been doing classroom presentations on bullying, healthy lifestyle choices, and the important contributions of Hispanic community members. Students have been celebrating our theme of Esperanza-Hope, all month long. There will be school-wide activities during the week of Oct 25-29 to wrap up our month-long celebration

Sincerely,
Lisa Kendrick

School Hours

School Day - 8:00-2:50
Before Care - 7:00-7:30
After Care - 2:50-6:00
Office Hours - 7:30-3:15

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School News

Boo Grams

Students may send a friendly Boo Gram to their friends, teachers or bring the home to family. Cost is \$.50 each. Order forms will be sent home Oct 18-25 and will be delivered to students on Oct 28.

Pumpkin Parties

Students will enjoy pumpkin parties the last hour of the day on Friday, Oct 29. Teachers will send home information about snack donations. Students will enjoy fall-themed activities and projects

Middle School Dance

Middle schoolers can enjoy their first dance in a long time on Friday, Oct 29 under the pavilion. The cost is \$4 and snacks will be sold. Students may wear regular clothes.

Red Ribbon Spirit Week

Celebrate healthy lifestyle choices during Red Ribbon Spirit Week Oct 25-29. Each day students can participate in fun activities and dress up. Thursday is school picture day-everyone needs to be in full uniform.

Monday-Be a Superhero-dress like a superhero

Tuesday-Team up Against Drugs-wear your favorite jersey

Wednesday-Crazy Hair, Socks, Hats-the crazier the better

Thursday-Picture Day-full uniform

Friday-Dress for Success! Students may dress up as what they want to be when they grow up. Middle schools may dress for the dance.

Grade Level News

Benchmark Tests - Students in grades K-8 will take standardized Benchmark tests the weeks of Oct 20-29. These Benchmarks are used in planning future lessons and to assess what skills students have mastered. Historically, our Eagles score higher than the district on Benchmarks. There may be less homework assigned as students work on tests in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies

Algebra I and English I - Many of our 8th grade students are enrolled in Algebra I and English I courses. These courses just started after the break from Hurricane Ida. Mrs. Hemstreet and Ms. Ariatti are facilitating the courses being taught online through the Elevate platform. Elevate is a organization that provides certified teachers in high school content through online instruction. These students will earn two high school credits in 8th grade. Any 7th grade student interested needs to score high Mastery or Advanced on LEAP this year to be considered.

Library Classes - Mrs. Hemstreet is back in her library sharing her favorite books with the students. Once a week, each homeroom will have library instead of PE. Students are allowed to check out books.

Medication - Students should never bring any type of medication to school. If a doctor has prescribed medication to be taken during the day, it must be checked in by the school nurse. Please do not send over the counter or prescription medication to school in your child's school bag or purse.

Cell phones - all cell phones must be turned off while at school. Students should not record other students on the bus or while at school. We are not responsible for lost or damaged cell phones. This includes Air Pods or other headphones.

