Pawnee Grade School 2017-2018 Family Newsletter

NOVEMBER

It's the time of year when I see all kinds of posts and comments about being thankful and grateful. I want to say that I am thankful to have the opportunity to help serve the students, families, and staff at Pawnee Grade School this year. Each day is new and

challenging, and we have had a wonderful start to the year. While it's also getting into a stressful time of year for many people, I encourage you to take a moment and reflect on what you and your family are grateful for as well.

I'm also extremely thankful for our veterans. **Our Veterans Day program will be held tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.** Mrs. Chambers, our music teacher, has helped coordinate the program, and we are super excited to kick it off. Students created invitations and took them home last week for special veterans in their lives. I hope we see lots of bright, smiling veterans in attendance! I also hope that you take some time on Friday while we are off to show your appreciation for our service members and their dedication to fighting for our freedom.

Our first monthly assembly was awesome! So many students were recognized for their positive choices and behaviors. Our next monthly assembly is Friday, November 17th at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. We hope to see you there!

Finally, you are going to be receiving some information about a school fundraiser, and you don't even need to sell anything to help our school! If you do a lot of online shopping, our school will profit and it won't cost you a single dime. Watch for more information heading your way soon!

Enjoy the rest of November and introduction to the holiday season! We certainly have much to be thankful for!

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Important Dates

November 9

 Veterans Day Program – 9:00 a.m.

November 10

• NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day

November 15

• Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 17

- Monthly Assembly 8:30 a.m.
- 2nd quarter midterm

November 20

• Dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

November 22

• Dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

November 23-24

 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

December 5

- Picture retakes
- PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

December 8

• Dismiss at 12:00 p.m.



PAWNEE GRADE SCHOOL VISION AND MISSION

Earlier this year, our staff worked together to create a vision and mission statement for Pawnee Grade School, and I'd like to take a moment to share it with you:

At Pawnee Grade School, our goal is to create a community of empowered learners in a safe, supportive, and healthy environment that inspires all learners to achieve and excel academically, socially, and technologically.

The staff at Pawnee Grade School believes that all students should be immersed in a positive atmosphere where mutual respect is modeled, collaboration is encouraged, and individuals are valued and supported. We shall strive every day to provide challenging opportunities that allow students to grow and reach their full potentials, while establishing a culture of universal achievement and promoting a love of lifelong learning.

LITERARY CONTEST

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Literary Contest in Rochester last Saturday! They represented Pawnee very well. We had 40 fifth and sixth graders participate! Among the 5th and 6th grades, we had 9 first place awards, 7 second place awards, and 1 third place. That's pretty impressive!

SPIRIT WEAR

We are planning to have one quick sale of Pawnee accessories (headbands, scarves, leggings, socks, etc.) prior to the holidays. Watch your child's daily folder for more information!

HANDICAP PARKING REMINDER

Please do not pull into and/or block the handicapped parking spots in front of the school to drop off or pick up your child(ren), unless you have the appropriate licensure to do so. We appreciate your cooperation!

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found cart is full! If your child is missing a shirt or other item, please ask him/her to check our lost and found cart located near the PGS front doors. All items left behind will be donated during winter break.

