



November 2011

Dear Midland Elementary Parents and Families:

October was a month full of wonderful activities for our students! Our MES PTO sponsored a Family Fall Festival on October 28th, and wow...what a fun night! We had so many of our MES families who attended and took part in the variety of games and activities...it was so great to see so many of you there!! I hope you enjoyed the hayrack rides, games, food/drinks, costume judging...and the highlight of the night was the Trunk or Treat!! A BIG thank you to Missy Bade, Angie Riddell and everyone who helped to make this first ever family activity a huge success...and soon to be an annual activity for our families!

Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers who attended Parent Teacher Conferences in October. These meetings give you an opportunity to find out exactly how your child is doing and what you and the classroom teacher can do together to make this year a rewarding and meaningful year for your child. We do have just a few parents who did not have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, so I encourage you to please make arrangements to do so, even if it is a phone conference. Please remember that we can not release the report card until the parent-teacher conference has been held.

Please help us to make sure that your children are properly dressed for the outside time at school. Many kids are coming to school without needed warmer coats, gloves/mittens, hats, etc. It is chilly out there in the mornings! We go outside if the air temperature or the wind chill is 20 degrees or higher, so please help your child plan accordingly. Recess is no fun when you are too cold to enjoy your time outside!

We also honor those members of the military this month during Veterans Day on November 11th. If you are a Veteran or you know someone who is, please encourage them to attend the Midland High School Veterans Day Assembly, starting at 9 am on November 11th at the high school. It is a very small way in which we can honor those who have given of themselves, allowing us to live the kind of lives we are able to live, with the freedoms and rights that we should not take for granted.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Julie Albers, Principal