

Hancock Elementary School

“Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. The weather was perfect for playing outside, apple picking, hawk watching, and hiking!

We are entering our fourth week of school. It is amazing how the time is flying. The children are certainly settling into a routine. Every morning the children participate in morning meeting. During this time, they greet one another, share, and learn a strategy for managing “unexpected” behavior. Unexpected behavior is a vocabulary word that is connected with our social emotional learning curriculum. Expected behavior are those behaviors that help our community feel safe such as listening, sharing, cooperating, and using kinds words. Unexpected behaviors are those actions and words that make our friends feel sad, uncomfortable, or unsafe. Of course, all children (and adults) show unexpected behavior at times. The key is to use strategies to get us back on track. The children have learned breathing strategies to help get back to expected behavior. Consider using this terminology and “regulating” strategies to help your children show expected behavior at home!



The children loved **music** with **Ms. Pineau**. They played games, sang songs, and danced. She has such a kind and gentle way with the children. I look forward to the learning that will happen in music.



The first **PTO meeting** was very productive. Michele Spinale is our President and Kari Mason was elected as the secretary. The PTO is looking for a treasurer. Please connect with Michele if you are available to help with managing the finances. Jen and Carrie White have kindly offered to head up organizing our annual **Harvest Feast** on **Thursday, October 25th**. Keep an eye out for an email from Jen regarding how you can help with the Harvest Feast. PTO will meet regularly on the third Thursday of the month.

The next meeting will be October 17th.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at **Open House** on **Wednesday, September 26th from 6pm - 7pm**. The children have so much learning to share with each one of you. Please be sure to visit your child’s classroom as well as the art room. Ask questions and learn about your child’s daily activities.

Join the Boys and Girls Club staff for Bingo Night at GES on **Thursday, October 4th**. Get to know the staff members, play some games and win prizes.

Our **special** this week is **Art with Mr. Shultz**.

Have a wonderful week!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aly James".