



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- November 4, 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our Halloween Festivities! The children had a wonderful time singing for you and parading in their costumes. Thank you to the GPFA for purchasing the pumpkins for the children and all of the parents who helped decorate them and who organized crafts for the children. Thank you to Mrs. Kotzky for a fun-filled sing-along!

As you know, Tuesday is Election Day. We will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences all day. (No school for students.) Our social studies curriculum involves teaching children about community, laws, and the basics of government. Election Day gives us an opportunity to teach children about the important act of voting. The children will have a chance to cast their own secret ballot on a very important referendum on Monday: Should we have a *Pajama Day* OR a *Backwards/Inside-Out Day* on Thursday, November 10th? We will let you know the winner via eBlast.



Parent-teacher conferences are a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the home-school connection. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit in countless ways. Please consider the following ideas to help you make the most of the upcoming conference with your child's teacher:

- Think about **what you would like the teacher to know about your child**. What are his/her interests? What does s/he love about school? How are homework routines going? What impresses you the most about your child's learning? What concerns do you have?
- Think about **what you would like to know about how your child performs in school**. Is s/he excited about learning? Does s/he tend to try to avoid any type of activity? How are his/her skills developing? How are his/her work habits developing? How does s/he interact socially?
- **All learners develop at different rates and in different ways**. Your child's teacher will help you know the areas in which your child is performing comfortably and the areas in which s/he needs some support at this time. Please remember that if your child needs support in an area, it is okay. The teacher will let you know what she is doing to address your child's needs and what you can do to support your child at home. We may offer AIS (Academic Intervention Services) for a period of 4-8 weeks to give your child a "boost."
- Your child's performance in *all* areas, including **art, music, and physical education**, is important. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Beneville (art), Mrs. Kotzky (music), or Mr. Malone (physical education), please call the Main Office.
- The best way to support your child's growth and confidence as a learner is to **celebrate and encourage effort and perseverance**. Let your child know how proud you are of how hard s/he works in school to be the very best student s/he can be.

As you visit the building on your conference day, please take a moment to look over the tables of *Lost & Found* items to see if your child left something behind at school.

Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the extra hour!

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