

John Brainerd Elementary School

Parent Newsletter

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October 18, 2019

District-Wide PTA/PTO Events

Don't forget about the great PTA/PTO events coming up!

The [Ghoulish Night at the Races Fundraiser](#) Tonight!- October 18th, and the

[Fall Fest](#) on October 25th, featuring [Trunk of Treat!](#) Fun for all ages!

A Message from Mr. Convery

Dear Brainerd Community,

Students participated in an Officer Phil assembly this week to discuss safety at home, in school and in our communities. Students brought home an activity book from the Officer Phil program filled with lots of fun, educational family activities. You can find other valuable resources on these topics and more by visiting their website at www.officerphil.org.

I want to thank all of our students and faculty for doing a wonderful job during the evacuation drill on Wednesday morning. Our students were well behaved and stayed in place.

Our annual Halloween Costume Parade and Classroom Parties are quickly approaching and with these memorable events come much planning and excitement. Our parades and parties will be held on Thursday, October 31st. Although our parade and classroom parties are fun we do need to celebrate safely. Only designated room parents will be permitted in the classrooms on this day. These individuals will be required to sign in at the main office of the school. We appreciate your understanding that the safety of our students and staff is a top priority. The parade will be led by our Mount Holly Police Department. We invite you and your family to join us along the parade route. We ask for your cooperation to keep pets at home during the parade. We also ask that costumes or masks not to be worn by parents, grandparents or any spectators. Mount Holly Police Department or Administration will ask the spectator to leave the property if he/she is wearing a costume/mask. Look for a letter with more details to come home with students next week.

Please remember attendance is one of the most important aspects in providing a prosperous education for our students. We kindly ask that you make it a priority to have your child arrive to school on time. The doors open at 8:20 and homeroom begins at 8:37. Anyone arriving at 8:38 will be marked late. Late arrivals disrupt the functioning of the school, as well as the instructional time of the classroom. Please, also be mindful of picking your students up prior to dismissal. Again, each time a student is called down early from class, it disrupts the instructional time for all students. Please remember that 3 late arrivals or early dismissals that are not excused will result in a 1 day absence. If your child will be late or absent, please call 609-267-3600 and select the prompt for the attendance line to leave a message.

Have a great and safe weekend!

Please remember to check our Virtual Backpack and Calendar of Events on our District Webpage www.mtholly.k12.nj.us The Virtual Backpack contains important information, newsletters from our staff, as well as PTA information and community events.

Guidance from Mr. Hammell

Morning Mindfulness and Yoga takes place every day from 8:10-8:25 in the library. Children that participate will learn mindful breathing techniques and yoga poses to encourage self-regulation, calming strategies, and self-confidence. It is open to children of all grades. Any child wishing to participate should line up in the cafeteria at 8:10. There is no need to sign up ahead of time.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25 - **Wear Pink Day**

October 25 - Trunk of Treat / Fall Festival District Event 6:00 pm

October 29 - **Pumpkin Decorating Night**

October 30 - **Safe Trick or Treat at RVRHS 5:00-7:00pm children must be accompanied by an adult**

November 7 & 8 - **School Closed** -
NJEA Convention

November 15 - Crazy Hair Day

November 26 - Picture Make Up Day

What are you going to do with those old Halloween costumes that no longer fit your children?

Please consider donating them to the Generations Family Success Center for local families in need! Generations Family Success Center will be collecting gently used costumes at Brainerd Elementary School until Friday, October 25, 2019. Please leave your costume in the bright orange bin located in front of the main office or you may drop off at Generations Family Success Center at 45 High Street, Mt. Holly. For questions or more information please contact them at 609-267-4001. Thank you!!

Nursing News

Pre-School and Kindergarten Parents

Please be sure to send in an extra set of clothes to keep in the classroom in case of accidents.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PRESCHOOL PARENTS:

All preschool students are required to have the influenza (Flu) vaccine before December 31, 2019. The influenza vaccination requirement is mandated by the State of New Jersey. When your child receives his/her vaccination, please send in documentation from your child's doctor to the school nurse, Mrs. Faniro, indicating the date that the vaccination was administered.

Any child who does not meet this requirement by December 31, 2019 will be excluded from school.

Please call Mrs. Faniro, at 609-267-3600, ext. 4112 with any questions or concerns.

PTA Notes

Puravida bracelets with John Brainerd colors for sale! We just received a very limited quantity of these so, if your interested in purchasing one reach out to a PTA member or send \$5 (for each) in an envelope and label it "PTA bracelet" and we will send one home!

Pumpkin Decorating Night will be held on Tuesday, October 29th at 7pm! All Brainerd students will get a free pumpkin to decorate and siblings will be \$2 each!