

Husky Howl

October 2024

‘Paws’ for a Word with Our Principal

Hello everyone,

Can you believe that it is nearly October already? Time flies when you are learning a lot at school! I have to say that I am very proud of our teachers and students for all of the hard work they have put in so far this year. We have seen a lot of learning take place and are looking forward to even bigger and better achievements this year. Keep up the excellent work and the awesome attitude, everyone!

The cold weather is right around the corner, so please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Long pants and coats are necessary at this point. Gloves and hats are not a bad idea either. Snow boots and snow pants will be needed soon. Please do not let your kids leave for school without the proper gear.

At this point in the year, we are beginning to see a few students with attendance concerns. Please remember that all students are expected to be at school, on time, every day unless they are actually sick. We really appreciate the effort that all of our parents put into getting their kids to school—on time, every day!

I’d like to remind everyone that, while it is fine for students to bring lunch from home, they should not bring items that need to be refrigerated or heated. They also should never share their lunch items with other students as there is the risk of food allergies. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Our PTA fall carnival will be in the evening on Friday, October 25. Please see more information in this newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming parent-teacher conferences on October 23 and 24. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter about how to sign up for a conference.

We are still in need of para-professional educators (kindergarten classroom aides) and lunchroom supervisors. Please contact the school if you might be interested and we would be happy to give you more details and help you fill out an application.

Please remember that my door is nearly always open and I do enjoy having visitors. Feel free to stop in to see me.

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PID BITS



October 1st is Picture Day!

Don't forget, Picture Day is coming up on Tuesday, October 1st! Make sure your kiddos are dressed to impress.

All orders and any questions should be directed to the Lifetouch website listed below. Let's capture those smiles!

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October Important Dates

1st-Picture Day
3rd-PTA Meeting
11th- Hispanic Heritage Celebration- More info coming soon!
14th-No School-Indigenous People's Day
18th-No School- Grading Day
23rd- School Early Release at 11:30am- P/T Conferences
24th- School Early Release at 11:30am- P/T Conferences
25th-No school & Fall Carnival
October 28-Nov 1- Spirit Week!

School Appropriate Costumes

Costumes should not be:

- too scary
- promote violence

Costumes should not include:

- masks
- weapons

Costumes should not otherwise disrupt the learning environment.

November Important Dates!

7th- PTA Meeting
11th- No School-Veteran's Day
14th- STEAM Night
20th- Picture Retake
27th- Ozobot Parade
28th & 29th- No School Thanksgiving

SAFETY



Bear and Moose

Alaska Wildlife Troopers and Alaska Fish and Game will be presenting bear and moose safety and information on AK animals on Thursday Oct. 3rd.

Drills

In order to promote safety at our school we will conduct the following drills this school year in accordance with Anchorage School District policy and procedures.

Fire drills once per month. Dates and times TBD (Fire drills are not pre-announced).

Earthquake drill. Twice per year. October 17 and February 21.

Intruder drill (AKA ALICE): Three per year. September 20, November 5, January 30.

Lockdown: One per year. September 20.

Stay Put: One per year. September 20.

Shelter in Place (safety team discussion). One per year. September 24.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like more information about safety drills at our school.

Many thanks!

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Remote Learning Plans

Our remote learning plans are designed to ensure that students can continue their education even when they can't physically attend school. These plans are useful for both scheduled remote learning days and unexpected situations, such as unsafe travel conditions due to weather. Our first scheduled remote learning day of the school year is November 5.

Your child's teacher will be sending these plans home soon. Please remember that these assignments only need to be completed on designated remote learning days. It can also be found on our website ASDKI2.org/ChesterValley under the "[Resources](#)" tab and following the link "[Remote Learning Plan](#)"

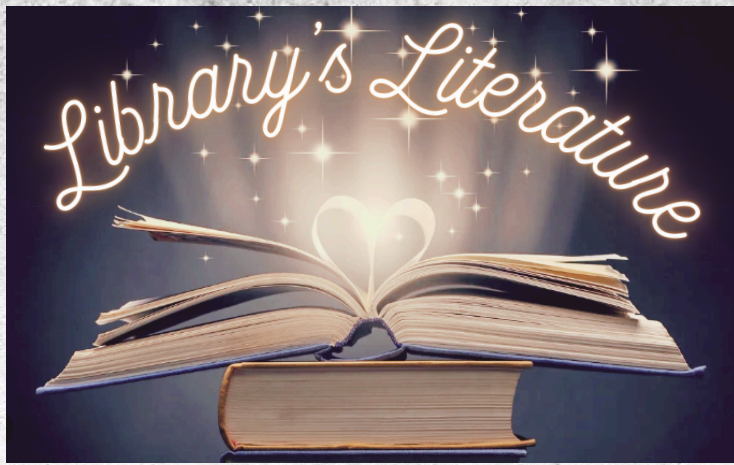
For scheduled remote learning days, please refer to the [school calendar](#). If an unscheduled remote learning day occurs, we will communicate this information to families as soon as possible. To stay informed with the most up-to-date information, we encourage you to join our school's Remind service.



Get information from Chester Valley Elementary School right to your phone! Sign Up Below!

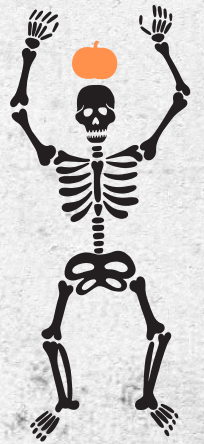
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Battle of the Books practices have started, but any interested students who have not signed up should speak with Mrs. Simasko. We will run the book fair during conference week and during the Fall carnival.

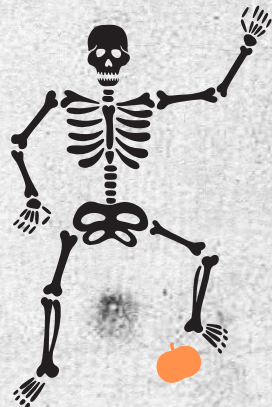
I am excited to report that the library has checked out over 1400 books for the month of September. PreK and Kindergarten classes have been successfully doing daily check out in the library and showing that they are Chester Valley Super Readers!



Counselor's Corner

Hello, this is Logan Power, School Counselor at Chester Valley Elementary. I wanted to thank you all for your continued support. At CVE we are focusing on improving our students' attendance and I wanted to provide some tips to help make sure student get to school on time, some of which I use in my own life.

1. Prepare as much as you can the night before, such as choosing outfits to wear for the next day and having lunch packed and ready to go.
2. Make sure your children get to bed early enough so they can have a good night's rest.
3. Make use of alarms for those who have a hard time waking up.
4. Set regular morning routines to help get the day started
5. Add some positivity to your day, such as finding something to look forward to, giving praise for tasks done on time; and/or making a game out of getting ready on time.



UPCOMING EXCITEMENT

Spirit Week!

Get ready for a week full of fun and excitement! Here's the lineup:

Monday, 10/28 - Sports Day. 🏀🏈⚽ Show off your team spirit by wearing your favorite jersey or any sports gear!

Tuesday, 10/29 - Class Color Day. 🌈 Let's paint the school vibrant colors! Each grade has its own color:

🐾 **Pre-K & Kindergarten- Purple**

🐾 **1st grade- Blue**

🐾 **2nd grade- Green**

🐾 **3rd grade- Yellow**

🐾 **4th grade- Orange**

🐾 **5th grade- Red**

Wednesday, 10/30 - Wacky Wednesday. 😜 Time to get silly! Wear your craziest hair, mismatched clothes, or anything wacky you can think of!

Thursday, 10/31 - Halloween 🎃👻 Bring out your best school-appropriate costumes and let's have a spook-tacular day!

Friday, 11/1 - Flannel Friday. 🍂 End the week on a cozy note by wearing your favorite flannel attire!





UPCOMING EXCITEMENT

Parent Teacher Conferences

The primary purpose of these conferences will be to discuss your child's school progress, suggest ways to help your child in his/her school life, and bring about a better understanding of the child for both parents and teachers. These private conferences will be held in the teacher's classroom and will last about 20 minutes. We urge all parents to participate and encourage you to come with your questions and concerns.

Please use the following link to access the online conference scheduler. Select the school, then grade, then teacher, and last the date. Combo classes are listed under mix.

[Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler](#)

The dates for Spring conferences will be October 23rd and 24th.

- Wednesday Oct 23-Students released at 11:30, conferences 12:15 pm to 6:00 pm
- Thursday Oct 24-Students released at 11:30, conferences 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm
- Friday Oct 25 In-Service day, No school for students

All students, including Preschool/Pre-K students will be released at 11:30 on the 23rd and 24th. Additionally, all students will attend lunch on conference days. Hot lunch will still be served on these days.

Because it is so difficult to reschedule these conferences, please try to come at your appointed time. Conferences at other times can be arranged.



Have Your Say: Rightsizing ASD Survey

The Anchorage School District needs your input! Help us decide which buildings to close, consolidate, or repurpose. Your feedback will shape our rightsizing plan, which will be reviewed by the Anchorage School Board later this year. Take the survey today and make a difference!

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/20479>

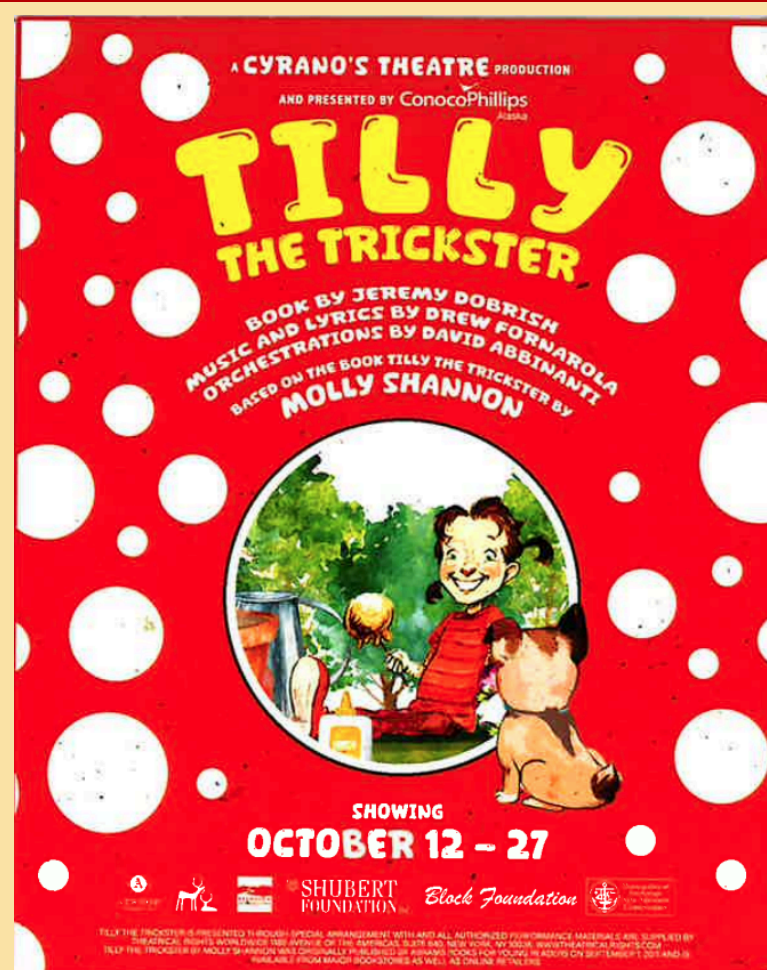
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 Exciting News from Our Music Department! 

We are thrilled to announce that our very own music teacher has contributed her incredible talents to the musical score of the theatrical production "Tilly the Trickster"! This delightful show, based on the book by Molly Shannon, follows the mischievous adventures of Tilly, a young girl who loves to play pranks.

Ms. Levy's involvement in this production is a testament to her dedication and creativity. We encourage everyone to support her and enjoy a fantastic performance filled with laughter and music. Don't miss the chance to see "Tilly the Trickster" and celebrate the amazing work of our talented music teacher!

More Information on the Cyranos Theatre Website: www.cyranos.org/plays





CHESTER VALLEY ELEMENTARY

FALL CARNIVAL

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25th 2024

4:30pm-6:30pm

**COSTUMES
WELCOME!!**

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES
TRICK OR TREATING
GAMES
AND MUCH MORE...**