



Middle School Bulletin

October 2017

Greetings Pine Lake Prep Middle School Families!

It's hard to believe that it is already October as this year is flying by. We have had a great start to the school year and I want to thank all of the students and families for the warm welcome I have received throughout this transition. I could not be happier to be a part of this amazing group of middle school staff and students!

October, as is much of the fall season, is shaping up to be a very busy time of year. Upcoming events are described in detail below, but please feel free to call or email me if you ever have questions or there is anything we can do!

Dress Down Day

The next PLP no uniform day is Wednesday, October 4th. The first two days have been extremely successful and we encourage all students to participate Wednesday!

Save Energy and Earn Cash for PLP!

Help PLP earn ANOTHER \$250 check - and maybe even the \$2500 grand prize - just by signing up for a FREE energy kit! See details below, and at MyEnergyKit.org.

Fall Break

PLP's fall break is Friday, October 6th and Monday, October 9th, 2017.

MAP Testing

MAP is a nationally normed, adaptive test, which stands for Measures of Academic Progress and is meant to gather information on the instruction in both math and ELA taking place in the middle school. Both math and reading MAP tests will be administered in ELA classes (due to the 90 minute block) three times this year in the fall, winter and spring. It is administered online, using PLP MacBooks. While MAP is

not for a classroom grade, it is important that every student puts forth their best effort so the information gathered is accurate.

Annual Fund and Homecoming

The PLP Annual Fund begins October 10th and runs through October 31, 2017. We have some creative plans in the works to raise the MS contribution to an all-time high! Stay tuned for these exciting events to be announced.

Screenagers

Wednesday, October 18th. 6:30pm

Screenagers is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance. After seeing the film, people tell us that they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time.

Alice@Wonderland Musical

The cast and crew of Alice@Wonderland are working hard in preparation for the first Middle School specific musical in late October. The shows are sure to sell out fast so please be sure to purchase your tickets for one of the four performances – tickets can be purchased on OrgsOnline for \$16.00 (adults) and \$9.00 (students). The dates of the shows are:

October 26 at 7:00 pm

October 27 at 7:00 pm

October 28 at 7:00 pm

October 29 at 2:30 pm

Winter Athletics Tryouts

Middle School sports available to 7th and 8th graders are Basketball and Swimming. Tryouts for both sports will start October 30.

Overnight Field Trips Information and Deadlines

Overnight field trips are in the works and first payments are fast approaching. As a reminder:

- 6th grade is headed to Black Mountain from April 11-13. The payment of \$240.00 is due by January 3, 2018. The 6th grade parent meeting for the Black Mountain trip is October 16 in the US Seminar Room at 6:30 pm.
- 7th grade is traveling to Washington, D.C. February 28-March 2. The first payment of \$99 is due October 1st and final payment will be due December 15th.
- 8th grade is headed to Space Camp April 18-20. The first payment of \$220 is due October 31.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week, sponsored by Student Council, will take place the week of October 23-27.

Student Council meets this week to finalize the themes for each day, so be on the lookout for the creative ideas they come up with!

Please see below for other important dates and reminders:

10/4 - Dress down day

10/6 -10/9 - Fall Break

10/10 - Annual Fund Campaign begins

10/13 - End of the first nine weeks

10/13 - Science Olympiad fees due - can be paid on Orgsonline

10/13 - PLP Homecoming game and boosters BBQ

10/14 - Charlotte Mini Maker Faire Uptown Discovery Place (PLP will have a booth)

10/16 - 6th grade Black Mountain parent meeting 6:30 pm

10/18 - Math Counts meeting 7:15 am room 122

10/18 - Screenagers showing 6:30 in the auditorium

10/26 - Alice@Wonderland 7:00 pm

10/27 - Alice@Wonderland 7:00 pm

10/28 - Alice@Wonderland 7:00 pm

10/29 - Alice@Wonderland 2:30 pm

11/1 - No school for students, family conferences