



**From the Superintendent**

*Ambrose F. Duckett, III*

A few weeks back, our administration met with our students and reviewed the code of conduct and general school rules. Our students have been very responsive to the expectations that have been established and reinforced. We ask that parents in grades three through eight take time to review the code of conduct that is outlined in the student handbooks that were distributed several weeks ago. If your child misplaced their agenda, you may access the Code of Conduct [here](#). Replacement agendas can be purchased in the main office for \$5.

Please review the health screener each morning before sending your child to school. This is an important step in keeping our building open during these trying times. Also, remember to send your child with multiple masks in the event one gets damaged or lost. Our staff is directed to remind students to wear their masks properly throughout the day. I want to commend our students for complying.

One question that our nurses and staff are asked when students are required to quarantine or isolate is, “How will my child be educated?” If students are required to stay home, our teachers will contact you to arrange assignments and a time to video-conference with your child. In elementary grades, this may look much different than in middle school. Sometimes our nurses are notified late in the evening about a student who may need to quarantine or isolate so bear with us as they communicate with the Department of Health, all the families this may impact, and the teacher. Our teachers are working hard to minimize the impact these occurrences have on their classes.

Finally, a few weeks back I was approached by a few sixth grade students who wanted to meet with me to discuss a topic of utmost importance: Halloween. I asked the three students to schedule a meeting with my secretary for the next day, and they complied. The students gathered forty-five signatures asking that for one year only we allow sixth graders to be able to dress for Halloween. These students missed out on this experience because of the pandemic. I listened as the students passionately talked about how hard they worked to get signatures from over 75 percent of their classmates. I tried to contain my excitement over how professional and courteous our students were as they explained the merits of allowing sixth graders to dress up. I informed them that I would need to talk with the leadership team so we could debate the logistics of this possible change. The administration met and, of course, supported this petition overwhelmingly. I am so proud of our students who used their voices and organization in such a fun and powerful manner. Kudos to the students! So let this serve as an announcement that for one time and one time only, our sixth grade students will be able to participate in dressing up for Halloween and walking in the parade. Great job students, you have learned in a very school-like way how to bring about change!

**Office of Curriculum**

*Linda Fulleylove*

Fall testing is finished except for a few make-ups. Thank you to all the teachers and students for their help. It was a lot for the beginning of the year, especially this year, but the information will help us develop instructional strategies to best help our students.

Conferences are on our calendar for November 22, 23, and 24. This is a great opportunity to discuss academic progress and growth. Elementary teachers will soon be reaching out to parents/guardians to sign up for a time. Middle School teachers will contact families for requested conferences. If you do not hear from a teacher, they are not requesting a conference for your child. However, if you would like to schedule a conference with a Middle School teacher please check the teacher's website for information on signing up.

Enjoy the rest of October and we're looking forward to seeing the kids dress up for the Halloween parade.

### **Preschool/CST Update**

*Kelly Eagles*

With Halloween festivities rapidly approaching, parents are asking how our preschool students will be included. We are excited to plan a special day with costumes and fun activities for both classes! Information for AM/PM classes is included below:

#### **AM Preschool (3 year olds)**

- Our 3 year old students can wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. We will have picture time for parents when the children arrive between **8:30-8:45**. Students will also have a special craft/activity during the morning session. Room parents will be permitted in the classroom to help with the craft and snack time activities.

#### **PM Preschool (4 year olds)**

- Our 4 year old pm students can wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. We will have picture time for parents when the children arrive at **12:30**. Students will have a special craft/activity and can also participate in the afternoon parade beginning at 1:30. Room parents will be permitted in the classroom to help with the craft and snack time activities.

Mrs. Raible will be in contact with the room parents to plan the festivities! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

### **Happy Times During Lunch!**



