October 1, 2018

 Dear 4-H Parents :

 Students are settling into their routines for the most part and are making gains in learning. Here are a few reminders/notices for this month.

* Monday, Oct. 8, there will be no school for Thanksgiving Day.
* Our Big Box of Cards fundraiser ends on Wednesday, October 10. All orders and money must be turned in on this day. Any boxes of cards that haven’t been bought need to be returned to the school on this day as well.
* There will be a Hallowe’en dance on Thursday, October 25. Grade 3-5 dance will be from 6:00-7:00 pm. Grade 6-8 dance will be from 7:15-9:00. Cost is $2 for students who have paid their student fees and $4 if they haven’t paid it. The extra $2 will go towards their student fee. Please remember that the student fee is $25 and can be sent in with your child or paid at the office. Students are allowed to wear costumes but please make sure that costumes are appropriate for school. No masks are allowed but faces may be painted. No toy weapons (swords, guns, knives, etc.) are permitted.

 Please be on time to pick up your children when the dance is over. Parents wanting to volunteer to supervise can call the school and leave a message for Mrs. Hitchcock, telling which dance you can help with.

* October 15-19 is Safe Schools Week. We will be doing a few safety drills, such as fire drills and Secure the Building drills that week. Please speak to your child about these and remind them that they are necessary for everyone’s protection.
* Picture retakes will be on Wednesday, October 17.
* Our class will be having a small celebration time on Wednesday, Oct. 31. If you want to send in healthy snacks or drinks for your child to share with the class, you may do so.

 Policy 711, The Healthier School Food Environment Policy was revised and took effect in September 2018. While class celebrations are permitted, it is, respectfully requested that if students are bringing food or beverages to share with their classmates that parents and/or guardians are encouraged to follow this policy. All fruits and vegetables are permitted and encouraged. Foods and beverages that contain added sugar or artificial sweeteners are discouraged. Thank you for assisting us in maintaining a school environment that promotes

healthy foods.

* October book orders will be going home this week. Orders and money are due on Oct. 13. Please make sure to circle the correct price. There are different columns and prices, depending on the province. NB is the pink column. The more orders our class sends in, the more bonus coupons we get to spend on resources for our classroom. Ordering online is possible as well. Information about this in on the book orders.
* We have started Spelling tests every Friday. Students copy their personal Spelling list in their agendas on Monday and have all week to work with/study their words. Also, they have Cursive practice sheets in their Cursive folders. This can be done as homework or in Literacy class. They receive a new sheet on Monday and must complete both sides and pass in by Friday.
* Any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school. Thanks,

 Mrs. Iris Hitchcock