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Principal's Weekly Update

October 23, 2020

Dear Families and Caregivers,

As October is coming to an end, thoughts turn to Halloween. Since we will not have our traditional Halloween parade, teachers will be using the afternoon of Friday, October 30th for students to dress up in their costumes (if they choose to) and engage in Halloween activities. For those of you who do not celebrate, Ms. Heard will provide alternative activities for your child. More information to follow.

- **Hybrid Reopening:** A common question has been whether the schedule for those who are remote will mirror that of the in person schedule. The answer is. "Yes." While I understand and appreciate that four hours is a long time, please know that there will be breaks built in. Kindergarten will have a morning recess and their related arts will be in the morning.
- **School Counselor Long Term Sub:** This morning, I sent an email introducing Ms. Ryan Heard as the Long Term Substitute. Please see the attached letter for more information about her. She can be reached via email at rheard@montclair.k12.nj.us and through the school counselor's Google Classroom. The classroom code is: ZNDULBK
- **From the PTA:**
Book Swap! October 30th
Need more space on your bookshelf? Here's the perfect opportunity for you to clear out your unused children's books by donating them to fellow CHB students. This weekend you can drop off any children's books in Patti's garage at **515 Upper Mountain Ave.**

When can I drop books off?

- Saturday, 10/24, 9:00 – 11:00 am
- Sunday, 10/25, 9:00 – 11:00 am
- Monday, 10/26, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Stay tuned for instructions on book pick-up on October 30th.

PS. If you happen to have any books for grownups, feel free to donate them too. You don't need to donate books to get books.

- **From SEPAC:**
Please join the **Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)** for our next Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 7:00-8:30pm. We are excited to feature Dr. Jill Saxon, presenting "Stuck in the Muck Doesn't Have to Be So Yuck: Developing Flexible Responses to Difficult Thoughts." This discussion aims to introduce participants to a variety of ways they can support children who

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are experiencing difficult thoughts.

Join the Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88967328352?pwd=WfJKTXFkL3BQNjNPOU9PUiVudU9UT09>

Meeting ID: 889 6732 8352

Passcode: 131784

- **From MFEE:**

If ever there was a time for a heart-warming show that reminds us of the power of the arts to bring joy and provide healing, this is it. And now you can enjoy it from the comfort of your couch with (or without!) your kids.

MFEE is bringing back its award-winning Showdown Montclair talent battle on November 7th.

We've renamed it [ShowUP Montclair](#), because frankly, we're all in a showdown right now, and we're all on Team Montclair to make it through these challenging days.

ShowUP features local hidden talent gems, success stories from Montclair schools -- and even some familiar, super-talented Montclair Public School staff members! Check out this [highlight reel](#) that gives you a peek at what ShowUP is all about.

Funds raised will support MFEE and our new [Arts Open Hearts Fund](#) which fuels innovative arts programs that nurture students' social and emotional health. Visit givebutter.com/showupmontclair to get your tickets to this family-friendly event and to donate to the acts!

- **Digital Backpack:** There are a plethora of community events and resources available on the District's Digital Backpack. Please take a look at the [digital backpack](#) and remember to bookmark the page for future reference.
- **Food Service:** Montclair Public Schools participates in the USDA Child Nutrition Program and benefits have been approved through December 2020 so that every student can receive a free meal. Distribution of meals is twice a week on Monday and Wednesday. Nutritious meals can be picked up at MHS, Northeast, Bullock or Nishuane from 11:30 to 1:30.

Remember, we are in this together and always just an email or phone call away. Have a wonderful weekend!

Be well,



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