



## **Jaguar Journal** **October 26, 2017**

Dear North Hampton Families,

For our Spotlight on Teaching and Learning this week: The Zoo Museum- I spent some time with the 3rd grade team last week as they discussed their upcoming animal research unit. It will truly be an interdisciplinary effort, incorporating literacy and non-fiction research, math (measurement, scale, dimensions and relative size), science (ecosystems, habitats, biomes and food webs), environmental social science, technology, art and the library. Our 3rd graders are beginning to stretch their academic legs, applying reading and research, along with creativity and design.

As I observed the 3rd grade teachers working together, I appreciated their efforts to “keep it fresh”, with new ideas and approaches being enthusiastically exchanged. What struck me as most evident, however, was their passion for literacy and their students.

Our PreK-3 Costume Parade will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 8:45am** (this date/time is a change from what was shared last week). Students may wear their costume, or parts of their costume, to school, as long as they are safe, and can walk and see. Only items that could be worn for the entire day should be worn to school. Students changing into their costumes will need to be able to do so quickly and for the most part, independently, as they will only have about 15 minutes to get ready.

Expectations regarding costumes: nothing scary, no blood or gore; no weapons of any kind, including plastic toy weapons, are allowed...(even light sabers)...

Parents/guardians- Parents will be allowed, and encouraged, to view the parade from the parking lot side of the school. A great area to view the parade will be along the drop-off/pick-up line and the rear blacktop area, as the students will parade out the main entrance doors, around the gym side of the building and back through the rear doors by the playground. However, vehicles must be parked in a designated spot, or off campus.

Lastly, we will hold a Parent Information Night about the Report Card and the Web2School parent portal on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30pm** in the cafeteria. We'll begin by presenting a “Parent Portal Primer”, intended to help parents and guardians understand what information they are seeing on the parent portal and how this may help them monitor their child's progress. We'll also explain the Report Card, which will be coming out the following week, and how their child's grades relate to learning and progress.

Yours for learning, growth, and a positive, spirited community,

Erik Anderson  
Principal

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week assembly- 8:30am  
Early Release- 12:15pm- Teacher Professional Development  
Lynn Lyons at Winnacunnet High School- 5-7pm
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Costume Parade for grades PreK-3- 8:45am
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Talent Show for Grades 5-8 at Winnacunnet HS- 6:00pm
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day assembly
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day observed- No school
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Info Night- Report Card and Web2School