



Dragon Tales

October
2018

**Mallinckrodt
Academy's
Monthly
Newsletter**



Principal's Notes

Thank you to everyone who came out and was a part of our first PTO night event, Dancing Through the Decades!

From the photo booth, to the games and activities, there were a lot of things to do for our school community. A big thank you to Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Dooley for being our two parent leaders on this fun filled event!

The month of October will be a busy one!

Our students are very excited for school pictures with Trotter Photo on October 3. We encourage all students to dress up for our school and yearbook pictures.

We are also looking forward to our Yale Whiffenpoof performance that will take place on October 15. I think our students are in for an awesome treat!

Please plan to attend our Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 15 through the 19th. Mrs. Pennick and her team has worked very hard to provide opportunities for students, staff, and parents to select books. Please check out our staff book wish lists.

VIP Day! Our students will be inviting a very important person to attend our VIP day on Tuesday, October 16. The VIP person's will have an opportunity to visit the classroom to take part in activities and visit our library for the Book Fair. Please be on the lookout for our VIP day flyer. Hope to see everyone there!

Parent teacher conference is will take place on October 18 and 19th from 4:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Please reach out to classroom teachers to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

We would love to see everyone come out to our Trunk or Treat Night on October 26 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. This is a fun and safe opportunity for our students to dress up, receive treats, and take a look at the cool decorated cars.

October 22 through October 26 is our Red Ribbon Week. Our teachers and counselor will focus on the importance of making good healthy decisions and displaying Dragon PRIDE!

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Principal

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Hey from the Art Room. Dragon Families!

It's Fall and we are celebrating! Here's your peek into the art room for October:

Preschool: It's all about collage this month. Be on the lookout for a space collage folowed by some tissue paper collage pumpkins.

Kindergarten: We are working as a group to create a Fall tree with symmetrical leaves. We'll move onto some pumpkin art right after that.

1st Grade: We are working on a giant texture collage burger! They're huge and they've got some rather unconventional ingredients. We'll get to some pumpkin art right after that as well.

2nd Grade: We are working on some glue resistant fall leaves. We'll start with a leaf from the garden and end with a cool and warm colored leaf masterpiece.

3rd Grade: We are continuing to celebrate Hispanic culture by creating some Mexican tin art using foil and tooling. Look out for these radial symmetric designs soon.

4th Grade: We're wrapping up our printmaking project and we'll jump into some cubistic portrait art inspired by Picasso next.

5th Grade: We're learning about sugar skulls and Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in celebration of Hispanic Cultural Month as well as the upcoming holiday.

All that Jazz with Mr. Stitzel

As we are now more than halfway through the 1st quarter, the Mallinckrodt musicians are in full swing! The numbers for the 5th grade band have been finalized and we just received the books that the band will use during rehearsals! We are still waiting on instruments, and will continue to update parents and students as we gather enough instruments to get the band started.



In the general music room, this week we have started working on our Veteran's day repertoire! Each grade will be paired with another grade to sing a patriotic song during our Veterans Day assembly that will take place on Friday, November 9th. Be on the lookout for more information regarding our upcoming performances!

Nurse Sara's News



During the month of October you can expect high levels of weeds and molds to create seasonal allergy challenges. For those with severe allergies, or asthma, students should change clothing daily and outerwear should be laundered weekly. Flu season is just around the corner, so please consider getting a flu shot for yourself and your children. Consent forms will be coming home during October for a flu shot clinic that will be held at Mallinckrodt on November 2, from 12-2pm. Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) will be at school to provide the vaccines to students, staff, and any interested parents. There is a \$0 copay with accepted insurance plans. A list of accepted insurance will come home with the consent form. A copy of the student's insurance card needs to be returned with the consent form for billing purposes.

In the Science Lab with Mrs. Schultz

I am very excited spend this school year with the students exploring, experimenting, and asking questions in the science lab. Thank you K-5th families for reviewing the science lab safety rules with your students. We want to have fun, but safety comes first. During the month of October we will be doing lots of fun things in the lab.

PK – We are working hard to observe and learn using basic science tools. Next we will solve problems and build like an engineer.

K – We are learning all about force and motion. We are investigating what happens when we push and pull on objects with different forces.

1st – We are leaning about light and sound and how we can use them to communicate. We will experiment to see how we can make different sounds and how to make different shadows with light.

2nd – We are learning about our natural environment. We are experimenting to see the biodiversity in our school garden and what makes ecosystems so different.

3rd – We are exploring Force and Motion using our MySci kit on “How Things Move”. At the end of this unit we are going to build Rube Goldberg Machines (chain-reaction machines) to show what we have learned.

4th – We are exploring energy transformations using our MySci kit on “Transfer of Energy and Information”. At the end of this unit we are going to build a device to communicate over large distances.

5th – We are exploring the basics of Chemistry using our MySci kit called “What’s Consistent about Matter?” During this unit we will create both chemical and physical changes to observe and classify matter in all of its common forms.



Notes from the Gym

Hello DRAGONS! We are going to be moving into cardiovascular fitness to start October! We will be focused on doing exercises that will get our hearts beating faster and our blood moving throughout our bodies faster. These activities will be organized so that students can do them here at school or at home if they want to get a good workout in. The students here do an awesome job of putting forth good effort in P.E. and I want to focus this year on keeping that excitement for physical activity going when they are not at school. During these cardiovascular strengthening activities, the students will be encouraged to come up with their own hypothesis about what will happen with their heart rate as they do various activities. We will be doing self-checks (putting our hand over our heart or our fingers on the Carotid Artery in the neck) as well as using our standing heart rate monitors to measure our heart rates. Fourth and fifth grade students will also be working on keeping their heart rates in target heart rate zones that they will figure out using a formula. Please reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns at robert.narrow@slps.org.



Counselor's Corner

October is a very busy month for Mallinckrodt. Students and staff will be observing National Bully Prevention Month along with other schools and organizations across the country. The goal for schools and communities is to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying. This can be done by increasing the awareness of how bullying can affect children of all ages. I will be doing activities in the classroom with students throughout the month to help increase their awareness and understanding of bullying.

During October, students will also participate in Red Ribbon Week. This will happen the week of October 23 – 31. The theme for 2018 is "Life is a journey, travel drug free". The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug free America. During this week, there will be a theme for each day. Students will be allowed to dress according to the theme for that day. Information detailing the themes will be forthcoming.

En la clase de español

There is a lot going on in the Spanish room this month! Preschoolers and kindergartners are learning about the Mayan legend "The Chocolate Tree," a folktale that explains how chocolate came to Mexico. First graders are wrapping up their unit on making a new friend in Spanish. Second grade is using their weather vocabulary to create a tourism project to draw visitors to their country. Third grade is learning to describe their friends. Fourth and fifth grade are learning how to talk about what they do with their friends.

Rockalingua

All classes have access to the website Rockalingua to practice and play Spanish games at home.

First grade is currently watching the video "¿Cómo te llamas?"

Second grade is watching "¿Qué tiempo hace hoy."

No other grades are working in Rockalingua at the moment, but the practice can still be fun!



On the calendar...

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| Oct. 11 | PTO Meeting in Cafeteria @ 6:30pm |
| Oct. 12 | Professional Development—
NO SCHOOL |
| Oct. 15-19 | Scholastic Book Fair in Library |
| Oct. 16 | VIP Day—Bring a VIP for visit/activities
Garden Party @ 5pm-7pm |
| Oct. 18 | Parent/Teacher Conferences by
appointment @ 4:30-7:30 |
| Oct. 19 | Parent/Teacher Conferences by
appointment @ 4:30-8 |
| Oct. 22-26 | Red Ribbon Week |
| Oct. 26 | Family Fun Night: Costume
Trunk-or-Treat @ 6-7:30 pm |
| Oct. 31 | Class Halloween Parties |
| Nov. 5 | Dragon Rally—"Respect" (4th Grade) @
9:05am |
| | Canned Food Drive Begins |