

# Sheffield Area Elementary School

October 1, 2020

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are almost finished with week five of school. I think it is safe to say that most of us are relieved. The kids have done well so far with face coverings and the guidelines. Now that we are in full swing there are some important things I would like to share with you.

Every fall, winter, and spring we measure how your child is doing in math and reading. As you may have guessed, this fall students are farther behind than in years past. Here at school we are targeting those concerns through small group instruction and our WIN (What I Need) time. At these times, teachers are focusing on exactly where your child needs help or to enrich their skills. We need your help at home too. Please make sure to support your child at home by checking homework and assisting. We hope that you also will participate with us during our Fall Reading Challenge. You will find those papers came home today too.

October brings our first big holiday of the school year. This year our Halloween parade and classroom parties will look much different. Due to safety concerns from Covid-19, we will not be able to accept classroom treats for parties or birthdays, even if they are pre-packaged. This is a change from the beginning of the year. As you also know, we are not allowed to accept parent volunteers at this time. Knowing that holidays are often fun times for students and teachers, we plan to make it fun in a new way this year. Please look for details coming about a Facebook live Halloween parade. Each class will hold a small party. We are excited that PTO has volunteered to purchase classroom snacks through our cafeteria. There will be more details coming.

Lastly, as temperatures get cooler, please remember to send your child in proper outdoor wear. We want to be able to go outside as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your help! Please contact me by phone or email if you have questions or concerns.

Mrs. Jessica Fortner, Principal

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**October 6th**—Picture Day

**October 12th**—No School for Students

**October 30th**—Halloween celebration (Details to come.)

**November 9th**—

Parent/Teacher Conferences and No School for Students

**November 10th**—No School for Students

**November 25th**—Thanksgiving Break begins

