

The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held this week (with a few being scheduled or rescheduled for next week). We hope you will find your conferences to be helpful and informative conversations with your children's teachers. Because most conferences are structured to include the students themselves, these conversations are aimed to build effective working relationships among students, parents/guardians, and teachers. *Our school food pantry will be open on Thursday and Friday of this week for parents/guardians to take needed nonperishable food items for the long weekend. (There is no school on Thursday afternoon or on Friday due to conferences, and there is also no school on Monday due to the Columbus Day Holiday.)*

During October, students will continue to receive one ticket for each book they read (or have read to them) and bring in to talk to me about. In order to encourage student visits to our wonderful city library, the Fletcher Free Library on College Street, students will receive two tickets for each book checked out from that library and read and brought to me. For more information about the Fletcher Free Library, please pick up a copy of their monthly newsletter/calendar from the kiosk in our lobby.

Our community partner, the Heineberg Community Center, is sponsoring a luncheon for grandparents (and great-grandparents!) and their grandchildren or great-grandchildren. The luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 29th at 11:45 a.m. Please pick up from the kiosk in the lobby a permission form if you would like your children to participate in this special event with their grandparents and/or great-grandparents. (Forms are also available at the H.C.C.) We will need to give the H.C.C. the number of those who will be attending by Wednesday, October 21st. Grandparents/great-grandparents will be asked to pick up children at the school at 11:30 a.m., drive or walk together over to the center and then return to school after the luncheon is over. For more information about the luncheon, please contact the school at 864-8479.

I visited Thailand a few years ago as part of the Asian Studies Program at the University of Vermont. I toured many schools in that country: large, urban schools and small, rural schools. I learned a great deal from this

experience. I have heard from program organizers that the Bannurn School in Mae Chaem is in desperate need of repairs and renovations, including the installation of a girls' bathroom. (Currently, female students are forced to use the same facilities as their male peers.) Mr. Bill Williams, a former teacher in the program and also Superintendent of Schools in northern Vermont, is raising donations to send to the Bannurn School. All funds donated will go directly to the project, and a list of donors will be kept. Donors will receive pictures of the work on this important project. If you would like to donate, please send a check to Mr. Williams at the following address on or before October 20th. You may email him with questions at yunnanvt@comcast.net. Many thanks for your generosity.

Bill Williams
c/o Bannurn School Project
248 Jedware Circle
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Thanks for all you are doing—and will do—to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

Calendar of Events



10/8 – 10/9: Parent-Teacher conferences.
(No school on Thursday p.m. or on Friday)

10/12: Columbus Day Holiday (No school)

10/19: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner
(5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library

10/29: Grandparent Luncheon at the Heineberg
Community Center (Meet at Smith at 11:30 a.m.)

10/30: Community Connection Breakfast
(8:00 a.m.) -- Cafeteria/Tour of Building

10/30: Halloween Family Fun Night
(6:00-8:00 p.m.)

11/2: Book Fair Week Begins

11/4: Book Fair Family Night (5:30-7:30 p.m.)