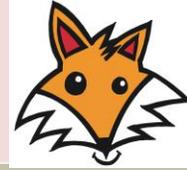


VINCENT M. IGO SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES

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Welcome back!

We hope all of our students have enjoyed a wonderful start to the school year! It's been a fun and exciting first few months. It's been great to be back in the swing and routines of Igo School.

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One of the early highlights of the year is the successful introduction of our school's new social competency program, *Responsive Classroom*. *Responsive Classroom* is a social and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline that is student-centered. Its researched and evidence-based practices are designed to create safe, joyful, and engaging classroom and school communities for all.

Hopefully you have heard about Morning Meeting! Morning Meeting, a part of Responsive Classroom, is how we start every day in all of our classrooms. It is a time when we greet one another, talk about what's happening in our lives, participate in a shared activity, and learn what is planned for the day ahead so we can focus on learning. Morning Meeting is the foundation of all that happens in our classrooms. It is where the relationships are built and nourished as students gain a sense of belonging and that they are valued members of their classrooms and schools.

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October's Important Dates

- October 3rd: Picture Day with Chestnut Hill Photography
- October 8th: Kindergarten Field Trip to Ward's Berry Farm
- October 10th: School Council - 5 pm
- October 11th: No School - Staff Development Day
- October 14th: No School - Columbus Day
- October 18th: PTO Meeting - 8:45 am
- October 19th: Fall Ball, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- October 31st: **Halloween Parade 9:15 am**

November's Important Dates

- 11/4 – 11/7: Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/8: PTO Meeting, 8:45 am
- 11/11: Veteran's Day – No School
- 11/14: School Council, 5 pm
- 11/22: Grade 4 field trip to Slater Mills
- 11/22: **BIT Auction @Lakeview Pavilion**
- 11/25 & 11/26 Early-Release Day: Gr. 1-4 (conferences)
- 11/27: Early Release: Thanksgiving Break – 12:07 pm
- 11/27: End of Term I (gr. 1 – 4)
- 11/28: Happy Thanksgiving



BREAKFAST PROGRAM!

Did you know that the Food Service Department offers A.M. Breakfast Snack Bags for students! The handy zip top bag is very portable for students to bring back to class to eat either at breakfast time, or to save later for a snack. The bags contain a daily featured whole grain item, such as muffins, cereal bars, or wheat cinnamon bun, along with sunflower seeds for protein, milk, juice (both aseptically packed, so no spoilage worries if they get warm) and a fruit serving. It's a very convenient, economical and nutritious value for busy families for only \$1.50. For children who are eligible for reduced priced meals, the cost is .30, and is no cost to free eligible students. Students may use their meal account to pay for the bags, or pay with cash.

Important School Information

Arrival Expectations

Students are expected to arrive promptly for the start of the school day. Doors open at 8:45 am and our day officially begins at 8:50 am. Ms. Siddle and Mrs. Ortiz, our school counselors, will be working with students and parents who may need help with establishing good practices and habits for morning routines. Thank you in advance for your efforts at home to start the school day on time.

Dismissal Procedures

If your child has a change in his or her regular dismissal plans, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning. In the case of an emergency, you may call the office and we will notify your child and their teacher. **Please note, however, that we will be unable to accommodate any change in dismissal plans after 2:00 PM each day.** After that time it is difficult for us to ensure that everyone involved can be notified in a safe and timely way. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.

School Absences and Illness

If your child is sick or will be absent from school for the day, please call the attendance line at 508-543-1691 and leave a message. In order to ensure students' safety, we check the attendance rosters daily. If a child is not present and we have not been contacted, we will call home to be sure that the child is safe. If we are unable to reach you, we will begin calling the numbers on the emergency contact form. If you call the attendance line in advance, it saves us a considerable amount of time and allows us to focus our energies on other important school business.

CORI FORMS

In accordance with Massachusetts State Law and the Foxborough Public Schools policy, we are required to collect CORI forms from any parents or other adults interested in volunteering in the schools. This includes parents who would like to chaperone or accompany their children on a school field trip.

CORI forms authorize the schools to conduct a criminal background check on any individual who may be working with children in our care. CORI forms must be submitted in person to the school office, with a valid form of photographic identification (e.g. government issued).

Nurse News



Please don't forget to send in your Student Emergency medical forms as soon as possible. It was sent home on the first day of school. It is important we have up-to-date numbers on file in case of an emergency. Please keep Mrs. Murray informed of any antibiotics your children may be taking as well as any new medical needs that may arise at any point in the school year. If your child comes to school with a splint/sling/cast/stitches etc., please call Mrs. Murray to report the nature of the injury. Additionally, if they come to school with any type of appliance noted above, you must get a note from their MD detailing their restrictions (e.g. no gym) and when they are able to return to full activity with no restrictions.

*It's important for students to wear proper footwear. Sneakers are typically the best for young students as they are very active during recess and Wellness class. Please do not have your child wear flip flops as they can lead to injuries/accidents.