



# HILDALE ELEMENTARY

## October Newsletter

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### PTO Information

### Important Dates

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Custodians Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>: Cheerleading Clinic 3:30 – 5:00
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Kids for Christ in the gym at 7:45 am
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Fundraiser Ends
- 16<sup>th</sup>: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>: Fall Break No School
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Grades are Due; Picture Retakes; Flu Shots
- 24<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1: Red Ribbon Week
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Field Trip



- 4<sup>th</sup> – Hat day
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Hornet Store; Hoodie Orders go home
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Skate Night PK-2<sup>nd</sup>
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Skate Night 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

#### EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he/she asks to stay home "just because," remind him/her of what they'll miss, such as his reading group or art class. Explain that they can be absent only if he/she is sick or if there's a family emergency.



October is packed full of fun learning activities as well as normal academic learning that goes on every day in your child's classroom.

Parents can build responsibility in children and help them do better in school! Today, some children seem to have no responsibilities at all. They can watch as much TV as they want, they don't have to clean up their room, etc., they can stay out as late as they want (even elementary students), they don't have to do their homework or rather they won't do it. Then these children become teenagers and they are faced with making responsible decisions about drug use, appropriate behavior and friends, etc. and they don't know how to make responsible choices because they have never had to make them before. Children need to learn responsibility. We try to encourage responsibility at all grade levels at school because children must learn to be responsible for their actions and words. As a parent, you have a critical role to play in helping your child become a responsible adult.

Another word for "responsibility" is "self-discipline". **Responsible children do better in school.** They grow up to become productive, responsible adults. Here are some ideas that might help your child become a responsible young citizen.

- Make sure your child learns that actions have consequences. Whenever possible, use logical consequences-let your child see the results of their actions.
- Talk about how all choices have consequences. During a dinner, have each family member talk about the choices they made during the day.
- Don't make it easy to forget. If your child has forgotten something at school don't drive them to school to retrieve it or buy a new one. Let them experience the consequences for not being responsible.
- Let your child makes choices. If children are to learn how to make responsible choices later in life they first need plenty of practice making other choices now with your help and guidance.