

Dear Center School Parents/Guardians:

This month we have Spirit Week, October 14-18th. Students and staff will be able to take part in pajama day, hat day, dress like a super hero day, crazy hair day, and school shirts day. The week culminates with a homecoming event on Friday the 18th with sports games for all students and staff.

Also please do not forget to go on to the Genesis Portal to schedule meetings for Parent -Teacher conferences October 15th and 16th.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

High School

Ms. Livelli's World History class just completed their first google slide presentation on the Stone Age. Next week, students will complete our unit with a culminating activity by using our imagination and creating our own cave paintings. In Ms. Livelli's American History I class, all are learning the important events that led up to the American Revolution. Next week students will choose one of those important events that interests them and present their interpretation through art, google slides, or poster to the class.

Mr. Miller's United States History 1 class has begun learning about the foundational concepts associated with our country's government. Students have been discussing the issues with America's first constitution, the Articles of Confederation, and how these issues led to the creation of our current Constitution.

In United States History 2, students have been discussing the issues that arose in the late 19th century between the United States and the various tribes of the Great Plains Native Americans. Beginning on Monday, students will be viewing the film "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee". This film depicts the attempts of the U.S government to assimilate Native Americans into American culture and how they responded to this.

Mr. Miller's World History classes have been working diligently on their da Vinci's notebook projects. For this assignment, students have been recreating, and adding new pages to Leonardo da Vinci's famous notebooks.

Ms. Gibson's ELA class will be continuing the work of Alexandre Dumas! They will be writing their own short stories on the Adventures of D'Artagnan and the Musketeers. Students are learning the key components of short stories and expanding their writing repertoire!

Mr. Cardona's Fundamentals of Algebra group worked diligently to prepare for their upcoming quiz. They enjoyed a game of "Order of Operation Bingo." The competition was steep, but overall the students had fun with the challenge of solving math equations while trying to get five-in-a-row on their Bingo boards.

Middle School

Mrs. Burak's Math class has completed a review of fractions. They enjoyed the various short cuts they were shown. The students utilized them on both their class and homework assignments. Students began a project of making a fraction review game.

In Miss Small's Social Studies class, students are finishing up their lesson on the earliest human societies. Students enjoyed finishing their pottery from last week. The activity promoted a connection between students and the humans of ancient days, as they came to understand similarities and differences between ancient and present ways of life. Next week, there will be a review the vocabulary and key ideas from the chapter. Students will then take an open book assessment.

In Ms. Akushie's Science class students are learning about atomic theories. Everyone participated in classroom discussions and activities about its evolution. They also discussed scientists who played a significant role in atomic theory. After the lesson students were assigned an atomic theory to illustrate and present to their peers.

Ms. Harrison's Language Arts students are excited as they are nearing the end of "Frankenstein". Through discussion and review of the book, students chose the moment they liked best thus far, wrote a summary, and began creating that scene with clay. The scenes varied from Dr. Frankenstein, the Creature, icy ships, and sled dogs.



Elementary School

Students enjoyed a visit from Callie the Cow this week. They learned about empathy and practiced using empathy to understand how Callie was feeling on the farm. They loved being able to try coconut milk ice cream sandwiches too! Students in Mrs. Sheeley's room enjoyed using Hot Dots to practice their addition fact fluency!

In Science students explored ways to get rid of pesky mosquitoes. Students used information from different people who live in Pondville, a town with a severe mosquito problem and then designed solutions that would reduce the number of mosquitoes that live in Pondville. Some of their solutions included adding a fan to their backyard because mosquitoes cannot fly in wind over ten miles per hour, adding fish to their local pond because fish eat mosquito eggs and putting up bat and birdhouses around the pond because they too eat mosquitoes.



Life Skills

This week Life Skills students began preparing for their upcoming Fall Party by brainstorming what party supplies are needed, the different stores where the supplies can be purchased, estimating the individual costs, and finally, researching and comparing the actual costs of the various supplies from different stores.

Financial Literacy

Students continued to practice calculating various salary word problems, even making their own word problems to apply the skills learned.

Career Exploration

Students continued to complete practice SAT tests, focusing on the Math sections - with and without a calculator. The students then scored, converted their scores, and added their math score to their reading and writing scores in order to calculate their raw overall score.

Transition

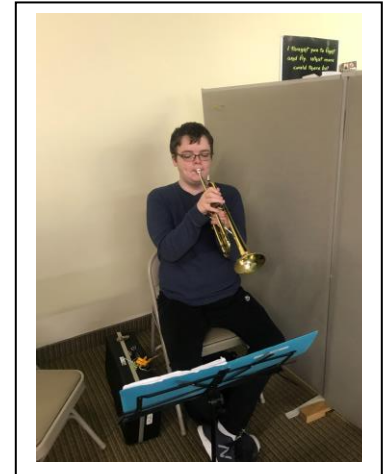
Students in Ms. Slovik's Transition class are preparing a survey with possible work ethic dilemmas entitled, "What would you do?" Once staff and students respond, the results will be tabulated and discussed.

Music

Students are continuing their music studies, both in class and for



band. Theater Arts students are having fun reading scripts while band and instrumental students continue to practice. Pictured here are Middle Schoolers having fun with boomwackers and one student practicing the trumpet.



Art

In Art, High School students continued or completed work on Demuth's inspired Circle paintings and moved onto his geometric/letter character assignment. Middle School students continued or completed work on alphabet tessellations, or individual projects. The Elementary students continued or completed work on construction paper sharks.



Woodshop



We have a good variety of projects being made in the shop. Several Middle School students are making small wooden pumpkins on a stick. These are still in the sanding and assembly stage, and painting will start next week. The Elementary students are working on corner shelves, and are mostly sanding. High School students are working on



various projects, and are making good progress. Some students have finished, and are selecting new projects.

Therapeutic Dept.

As we enter the month of October, our group theme is Respect. Mrs. Gorski and Ms. Orr's groups worked on a poster using the B.E.S.T. method of communication. (B= Body Language, E= Eye Contact, S= Say appropriate words, T= Tone of Voice) Each student created their own individual poster to show how listening is a form of respect and shared with the group. Students also role-played different situations where they could use B.E.S.T. to be respectful to others.

Spanish Culture Club

On Tuesday, October 1, Señora González and her MS/HS Spanish Culture Club students met after school to watch the movie "COCO", about El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), which is a holiday celebrated on November 1 and 2, and is most strongly associated with Mexico, where the tradition originated. El Día de los Muertos celebrates the lives of the deceased with food, drink, parties, and activities that the dead enjoyed in life. It is a tribute to loved ones. The next MS/HS Spanish Culture Club meeting will be a trip to a Mexican restaurant, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 -- SAVE THE DATE!

School News

Drama Club Candle Fundraiser

The Drama Club Candle Fundraiser has been extended to next Friday, October 11th. Our musical this year is *The Lion King*. Please help support our club.

Student Activities

Our first student activity will be on Thursday, October 17, 2019. We will be having an *After School Fall Activity* from 2:35pm to 4:30pm. The students will be decorating pumpkins, watching the Disney Haunted Halloween Movie (1983 version), and enjoying pizza and popcorn. The cost is \$5.00. Permission slips are due back to Ms. Gibson no later than October 14, 2019.

Spirit Days:

- October 14th - PJ Day
- October 15th - Hat Day
- October 16th - Dress like a Superhero
- October 17th - Crazy Hair Day
- October 18th - Wear your School Shirts

Homecoming Game

School Wide Activity!

Friday, October 18th, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Outside on the field, staff vs. students (kickball, basketball, tug of war, etc.)

The Center School Open House

October 30th from 9:00am – 12:00pm, stakeholders in The Center School, in neighboring schools, and community members are all invited to our open house to meet staff and learn about our programs. Please RSVP to kspotts@center.school or call 908-253-3870.

During the afternoon, there will be a professional development program for school leaders, teachers, counselors, and case managers to learn about HIB/Transgender/LGBTQ Law Updates. CEU credits will be given. Please RSVP to kspotts@center.school



Center School 5K Run

The Center School will be holding a fundraiser 5K Run/Fun Walk on October 27th, 2019 at Colonial Park, located in Somerset, NJ. The proceeds of this event will be used for student field trips, as well as student-centered activities during the 2019-20 school year.

The event will also act as an opportunity for staff, students, and their friends and families, to socialize and converse outside of the school setting. If you are interested in signing up for either the 5K Run or the Fun Walk, or would like to donate, you can do so by accessing the race website at centerschoolmoves.com. If you are interested in being one of the event sponsors you may contact us at centerschoolmoves@center.school.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed. Oct. 9	Closed- Yom Kippur
Mon. Oct. 14- Fri. Oct. 18	Spirit Week
Tues.-Wed. Oct. 15, 16	Early Dismissal- Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30pm-8:00pm
Mon. Oct. 21	Picture Day
Mon. Oct 21- Mon. Oct. 28	Character Counts Week
Sun. Oct 27	The Center School 5K Run
Wed. Oct. 30	Early Dismissal- Staff Professional Development Open House 9am-12pm

Clubs and Events October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Spanish Culture MS/HS 1	2	Pride Club 3	4
Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D /Adventurer's Guild 7	Cooking Club 8	School Closed 9	10	11
Intramurals ES/MS/HS 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences 16	Newspaper Club 17	18
Wear Blue- Trustworthiness 21 Picture Day Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D/Adventure Guild	Wear Yellow- Respect 22 History Club Spanish ES/MS	Wear Orange - Fairness 23	Wear Green- Responsibility 24 Art Club Craft Club	Wear Red - Kindness 25
Wear Purple- Citizenship 28 Intramurals ES/MS/HS	29 Music Club	30 Early Dismissal	31 Happy Halloween	*Picture Day is Monday, the 21st* Order BEFORE picture day at www.mylifetouch.com ID:WM229021Y0

EVENTS

Parent Teacher Conferences

Tues, the 15th and Wed. the 16th are conferences with your child's teachers. Please sign up for your time slot

After School Clubs

After School Clubs at the Center School from 2:35-4:30
Contact club coordinator on back if interested.

Bike Club

Bike Club dates will vary according to the weather. Email Mr. Dobler if interested at bdobler@center.school

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronald P. Rinaldi
Principal