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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Oct. 5th—School Improvement day, **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 8th Colum-bus day, **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 9th Fire Prevention Assembly for grades K-2
- Oct. 10th **FUN LUNCH**
- Oct. 10th Reading Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00
- Oct. 16th PTO Meeting 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose room

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Messages from McDole

OCTOBER 4, 2007

From Mrs. Eggleston:

Dear Parents,

Halloween is fast approaching and I know many parents are beginning to think about costumes for their children. Students are allowed to wear costumes to school. If they wear a costume, it should be something that is comfortable to wear all day since students will be having their regular day activities. Costumes may not include any weapons or blood and must be appropriate for the elementary school. All parties will be limited to one hour and will begin at 2:30. Students will be receiving one treat and one drink. No additional food items will be given to students. The parade will begin at 3:00. Students will exit the front doors and parade around the North parking lot. Classroom pictures will be taken on the east side of that parking lot. Students will re-enter the school through door 2 and return to their classroom to prepare for

dismissal. If you would like to take your child home with you, please make sure you send a note to the office if your child does not normally get picked up.

I am very aware that Halloween is a very controversial holiday for many people. Please be assured that we have restricted our parties to one hour. We respect any parent and/or student request not to participate in our Halloween activities.

As a reminder, Parent – Teacher conferences are coming up November 5th and 6th. Teachers put a lot of time and effort in preparing for your child's conference. Here are some ideas for how you can get the most out of your parent-teacher conferences this year.

Talk to your child before the conference. Ask your child what he/she would like you to discuss at the meet-

ing. **Ask questions.** What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects? What can I do from home to extend my child's learning at home? Is my child working up to his/her ability? If not, what can we do to change that? How well does my child get along with classmates? How do you evaluate my child? **Share information about your child.** No one knows your child better than you do. The more you share about your child—both strengths and weaknesses, the better the teacher will successfully meet his/her needs. **Raise issues of concern. Take notes.**

Enjoy the month of October. And as always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Fran Eggleston

Laurie Lawler, author coming!

Laurie Lawler author of Addie Across the Prairie will be visiting several of the elementary schools in Kaneland. She will be at McDole Oct 11 in the morning to talk to the 4th grade classes.

Fourth Grade studies the novel Addie Across the Prairie in relation to their Prairie unit. Laurie will also sign books that students have pre-purchased or brought for home. The Fourth grade

students and teachers are looking forward to her visit. Money the LRC raises from book fairs pay for the author visit.



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RAINBOWS

Do you know a child or young teenager who has been impacted by the death of a loved one, divorce, separation or any other painful family transition? If yes, RAINBOWS can help.

WHO: Conley Outreach is partnering with area volunteers to bring this special program to the Kaneland and surrounding communities

WHAT: RAINBOWS is a 14-week program for kids in kindergarten through 8th grade who are grieving a loss. RAINBOWS helps kids learn, heal and grow through this life transition. RAINBOWS is **not** a therapy group. It is a safe place for

children to talk to each other about their experiences and feelings. The RAINBOWS program groups Children by age and type of loss and uses trained facilitators to lead children through the grieving process.

WHEN: RAINBOWS will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 7:30 pm. It will meet in two 7-week sessions during the school year. The first session will begin Monday, October 15, 2007 and end November 26. The second session will begin Monday, January 21, 2008 and end March 3.

WHERE: RAINBOWS will meet at the Kaneville United Methodist Church, 46w764

Main Street, Kaneville IL 60144. The church is wheel chair accessible and centrally located within the district.

WHY: RAINBOWS has 20 years of proven effectiveness in over 8,500 sites world wide. We are excited to be offering this program in our community.

HOW: Contact Conley Outreach Community Services at 630.365.2880 to register. There is \$15 per student material fee (family fee of \$25 for more than one child). Scholarships are available. **NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY** due to inability to pay. **Registration is required and ends October 8, 2007.**

PAPER RETREIVER- Paper retriever is holding a contest. If we can increase the amount of recycled paper that we did last year - we will win \$200.00. The contests starts October 1st and ends in March. Please being in your paper and help us hit our goal. All you have to do is bring old newspaper, junk mail or magazines and place them in the green and yellow bin on the west side of the building. What an easy way to save some trees and earn McDole \$200.00

favorite fall activities

Emily Peck

Early Childhood Speech Pathologist

My favorite Fall activity is going to the St. Charles Scarecrow Festival. Every year I love walking through the festival, looking at the fantastic scarecrows and eating the food from the vendors, especially the caramel apples!!

Rachel Vavruska

Kindergarten Teacher

I have always been a big fan of fall because of all of the different activities there are to do. I love to go to apple orchards and have apple doughnuts and hot apple cider. Corn mazes are a lot of fun too. I also enjoy raking leaves into a big pile and then playing with my dog, Toby in them. Starved Rock is also a nice place to go during the fall. It is great for hiking and looking at all of the changing leaves. I also love watching and playing football, especially the Bears. And, of course, there is Christmas shopping the day after Thanksgiving!

Martne McCoy

Assistant Principal

Fall is my favorite season! Our family has many traditions. Every year we go to Kuiper's apple orchard/pumpkin farm. We leave there with many apples, apple doughnuts, pumpkins and fun scrapbook memories. As a child I remember attending the U of I football games. It was something we got to do once a year with dad. Each of us were able to spend our own time with him. It is thrilling to see the Illini having such a great season!

Lori Williams

Literacy Special Teacher

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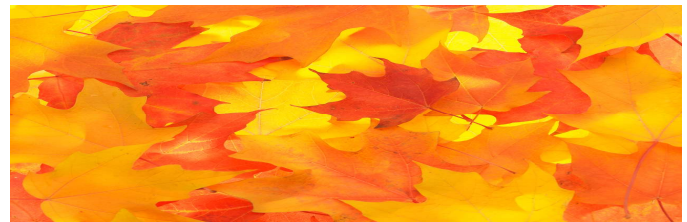
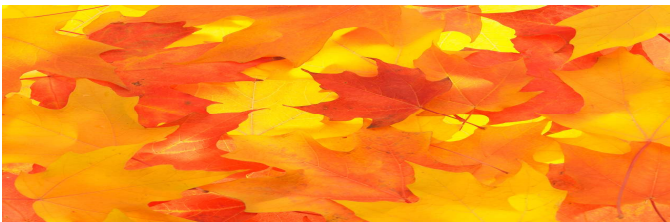
Leaves crunching beneath my feet,
Colors changing all around.

Apple pie a special treat,
Smells of autumn all about.

Football season starts again,
Visions of champions fill my head.

Cool nights and crisp air,
Summer time has come to an end.

Fall memories of nothing but fun,
Another school year has begun!



Holiday Party Guidelines

Halloween*	Wednesday, October 31, 2007
Winter Holiday	Friday, December 21, 2007
Valentine's Day	Thursday, February 14, 2008

All parties will begin at 2:30

Classroom teachers are encouraged to work closely with Room Parents to determine the activities that will take place during the party

Students will receive one drink

Students will receive one food item

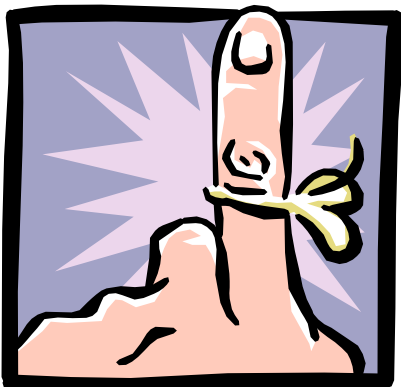
No additional food items will be allowed

Room Parents may ask families for donations of drinks, classroom treats, or a small monetary donation to reduce the cost of party expenses

Classroom teachers must give the final approval on all party plans



*The traditional Halloween parade will begin at 3:00. Students will exit the building through the front doors. Students will parade around the North parking lot and re-enter the building through door 2. Classroom pictures will be taken on the east side of the parking lot. Students will return to their classes and prepare for dismissal. **Parents must provide the office with a note if there will be any changes in transportation.**



If you find that you want to see your child's teacher, please contact them to schedule an appointment. This will help ensure that there is ample time set aside. Thanks in advance for your help!

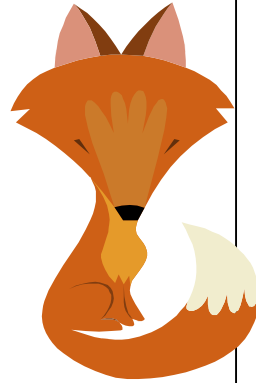
Wildlife center hosts annual open house:

Looking for something fun and educational to do this weekend? Why not stop by The Fox Valley Wildlife Center, located on Route 38 in the Elburn Woods Forest Preserve. They are having their annual open house on Sunday Oct. 7, from noon to 4 pm

Visitors will be able to tour the Wildlife Center and view where orphaned, injured and displaced wildlife are cared for during the year.

This informational and educational event is held each fall, inviting the public to learn about the purpose and goals of the Fox Valley Wildlife Center through special exhibits, presentations and activities involving some of our areas wildlife.

There will be games and crafts for kids, a pie walk, a bake sale and much more at this year's open house. Fox Valley Wildlife Center t-shirts, baseball caps and the 2008 calendar will also be available for purchase.



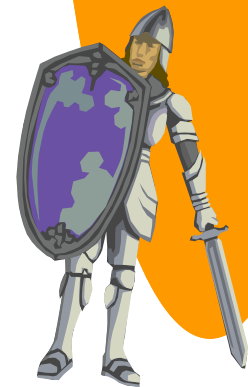
Friday, October 5th there is no school due to School Improvement Planning day. Monday, October 8th, there is no school due to Columbus Day. Enjoy a nice 4-day weekend!

KNIGHTS of the Roundtable:

70 students were caught being KNIGHTS in September. Mrs. Moeller randomly chose 3 student from each grade to sit at the knights of the roundtable luncheon.

The winners for Sept were:

- 1st-** Gianna Carbonara, Connor Park, Riley Ford
- 2nd-** Jack Douglas, Joel Lopez, Allie Ott
- 3rd-** Maya Hobson, Ryan Walker, Tyler Ledone
- 4th-** Sarah Fergus, Austin Kintz, Lexi Elias
- 5th-** Matt Krajewski, Jake Helfers, Omar Aguilar





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McDole Elementary School is Kaneland's newest school. Built in 2005, McDole is located in the southeast corner of the district and serves approximately 592 students from Early Childhood through fifth grade. Through shared responsibilities among staff, students, parents, and the community, students are challenged to develop academically, socially, physically, and artistically. McDole provides students with a safe, nurturing learning environment that provides instruction that is innovative and meets the diverse needs of our students. We value an education that allows each student to have the competence and character to excel in the global community as responsible citizens and life-long learners.

School Improvement Goals:

Objective 1

Improve readers' responses to various texts in all subject areas through the practice of, but not limited to, multiple reading strategies, Writers Workshop, and individual/group conferencing, with a continued focus on reading comprehension and individual reading needs of students.

Objective 2

Increase the students' awareness of the value of respect throughout the school year.

Objective 3

Increase the level of positive involvement among the parents, the community, and the school.