

# SHORT



# STUFF

October 30, 2020

## Principal's Message

A word from Mrs. Bryant

I just have to share a section from our staff worship this week. You might remember that we've been using Bob Goff's "Live in Grace, Walk in Love" book. Right in the midst of election craziness, we really resonated with these statements.

*"The next time things get a little heated, make it an opportunity to show love and grace, even if you've got a different opinion. Say the truth in love, but be willing to concede the last word...Instead of convincing people we're right, lets be humble. Humble people know when to speak up and when to be silent. People listen to our lives even more than our words."*

The United States will elect a president next week. Emotions are high and even if you've tried your best to shield your child from the political divisiveness, our kids are wise beyond their years. In all the conversations you might have with your child about the election, please encourage them to keep their comments uplifting and positive. We want RAS to be a politically neutral space where our Big Boss is Jesus.

## Coming up

October 30: Mrs. Grigsby Birthday!

October 30: End of 1st quarter

November 7: Con Brio at U Church (recorded presentation)

November 8: Mrs. Busby Birthday!

November 10: Mrs. Cosaert Birthday!

November 11: Veteran's Day, No School

November 16: Parent/Student Conferences, No School

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Vacation

**This week  
in photos**

## Red Ribbon Week

A great way to teach kids about healthy choices

Every year we join schools across the nation in Red Ribbon Week - an opportunity to learn about making healthy choices. The theme this year was "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free".

In addition to our fun dress-up days, we had two special presentations.

K-4 zoomed with Deanne Bergh, a nurse from Providence St. Mary Medical Center. Deanne talked to us about eating healthy foods, getting 30 minutes of exercise each day, brushing our teeth, and keeping a close connection to Jesus through prayer.

5-8 zoomed with Officer Joey Langlois from the College Place Police Department. Students learned about how drugs and alcohol affect their bodies and how important it is to support each other in saying no to harmful substances.

## Student Led Conferences

No school, but attend your scheduled time

Monday, November 16 is our first session of Student Led Conferences. In years past, teachers open their classrooms in more of a come-and-go setting for families to come in and view student work, see their student's progress and ask questions. We call it "student led" because we want the STUDENT to be accountable for their learning and to do the majority of the talking!

This year, our COVID restrictions have created some barriers to our typical process. We're still having Student Led Conferences, but instead, each family has been assigned a private 15 minute segment with their child's teacher. Teachers will sanitize the shared table between uses. Unless your teacher asks otherwise, the student should attend along with the parents.

We purposely scheduled siblings with back-to-back appointments. If you are unable to make your appointment, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly to reschedule.

Here's what to expect:

1. Please enter through the classroom teacher's **backdoor**. We can't have families congregating in the hallways (although I know you miss each other!). A map of outside classroom doors to be published soon.
2. Please be right on time. Every family has just 15 minutes with their child's teacher and we must be respectful of each student's allotted timeframe.
3. While you should be on time, you won't want to come too early as you won't be able to enter the school until your scheduled time.
4. A bell will ring every 15 minutes to remind teachers to finish their conversations. Additionally, it will be cold outside and we don't want anyone to stay outside longer than they must! Alphabetical schedule attached in your email.



**Crazy Hair Day!**

## Happy Birthday



Gabi M.	Nov. 4
Ruby G.	Nov. 4
Roselyn E.	Nov. 5
Mitchell E.	Nov. 5