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# Sachem Central School District

*Chippewa Elementary School*

October 2021

Dear Chippewa Community,

I cannot believe that we have completed our first month of school already. It certainly went fast. It was great to see and meet so many of our families at Open House. If you were not able to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher so they can send home any information that you may have missed at the meeting.

The annual visit from the **fire department is scheduled for October 5th and 6th.** This is always a great experience for our children and an opportunity for our parents to discuss their emergency plans and what to do in case of an emergency.

Class pictures were completed earlier this week. Thanks goes to our PTA for facilitating this for us. The weather was perfect and allowed us to take beautiful class pictures outside. **Our Book Fair is scheduled for the 19th, 20th and 21st.** The schedule will come out shortly. We have a **pumpkin patch set up for October 25th.** This will be during the day and will be a student only event.

On **Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having our Early Dismissal Drill. Students will exit the building silently and leave school 15 minutes earlier than usual. Please make necessary arrangements so that someone is there for your child on that day. Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early for our walkers as well. School will be closed on Monday, **October 11th** for Columbus Day.

**Friday, October 15th** will be Chippewa's outdoor movie night. We will be viewing [Raya and The Last Dragon](#). Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided gratis by our PTA. Our 5th Grade Committee selling candy to support 5th grade events.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will be wearing pink every Wednesday during the month of October to show support for this illness that has affected way too many Long Islanders and way too many women in our community.

**On October 29th, we will conduct our annual Halloween Parade.** The parade **starts at 9:00 AM.** Please remember that scary or bloody costumes are not permitted. Plastic knives, swords, etc. are also not allowed. Remember that the participants in our parade include our Kindergarten students and there are many younger family members who come and watch our parade. Please help us make it a great experience for our kids and our families. More information will be coming.

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Please continue to include all information in your notes pertaining to any changes to dismissal for your children.

Please remember that the front and side doors of Chippewa will open at 8:30 AM. Please continue to escort and sign your child in at the Greeter's Desk if your child arrives late. We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation.

The cut off time for early dismissal continues to be at 2:45 PM. If you need to pick up your child early, please do it before this time. I strongly encourage you to utilize our walker line so we do not disrupt the learning process. We begin dismissing our walkers at 3:10 PM through the cafeteria doors.

We look forward to seeing our families at upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Sincerely,

***Michael S. Saidens***

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