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Newsletter

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*One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child. -- Maria Montessori*

Dear Families,

Welcome FALL! We are enjoying the opportunity to move the calendar to October and encourage some cooler weather. Continue to send in a water bottle with your child. Please remember to have only water in the container. Make sure it is spill proof, too. This month we are kicking off Science with a PTO meeting focusing on the Science Fair for grades 3-6. We also have a visit from former director of NASA, Jim Kennedy. He will share his experiences with our grade 5 and 6 students. In addition to these learning opportunities, we have a social studies focus of Timeline for all students in grades K-6. Red Ribbon Week will focus on the social and emotional learning component of our school. We will practice ways to embrace good choices and stay away from bad choices. This week also focuses on respect for our service members of the community and anti-bullying strategies. Grades 3 and 4 will visit the elderly residents during this week as part of our commitment to service.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Turner,  
Principal



**STUDENT HOLIDAY** in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 15th. Aftercare will be available for our student who have signed up for this program. Teachers will be learning new methods of using Montessori and standards in their instruction.

Grades 1 and 2 in room 8 have the opportunity to host the teacher luncheon on this day. Look for a sign-up opportunity for this meal. Thank you in advance for taking care of our teachers!

For concerns about school operations, contact Cindy Thomas, Head of Schools 321-779-0031

## PTO NEWS...



Thank you to Candice Walker and all the families who participated in the **Chili Cook-off**. Congratulations to the Pope Family for being this year's contest winner with *Becky's Basic Chili*... YUM!!! Don't forget to sign in those volunteer hours for your donations of chili, time spent setting up, and cleaning up!



**Pennies for PTO** is underway! Classes are competing for the most collections from Preschool to grade 6. Donate until Oct 29<sup>th</sup>



**Morning Mile** is off to a great start! See the attached flier for more information.



**Art to Remember** order forms went home with your child's unique picture on the items. Please order on-line or in the office by Thurs, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.



Keep clipping and saving **Box Tops!!!** Trimming them and putting them in baggies of 50 will help us out!



**Picture Re-takes** are on Thurs, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Dress up or down if you are getting photographed.



## Security and Safety update....

Our school is following guidelines presented by FLDOE Florida Statutes and local law enforcement to keep our children safe. We have worked on "hardening the school" and physical plant. We are now focusing on our procedures and policies. All staff are to wear their permanent badges and have keys on them at all times. Visitors and volunteers are to check in the office and let us know your agenda. You will be escorted to your destination. After duties as volunteers, you will be asked to leave the property and not "hang around". For drop off and pick up, the team has decided that a ten minute window is appropriate time to wait. Remember, you are scheduled to pick up your children at the pickup of your oldest child. That is why the car loop cards are color coded. The city has given us a sign to remind families that schools are a weapon free zone, with the only exception being law enforcement. Please help us to honor these policies to best protect your children.

Timeline is almost here!

October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Rodes Park Community Center

3410 Flanagan Ave, West Melbourne, FL 32904

Students are preparing for one of our favorite events of the year. Grade K will kick off the evening with a patriotic song. Students in grades K-6 will line up chronologically and give us a bit of information about their character from history. They are picking someone who contributed positively to history. This glimpse into our past is meant to inspire you to find out more about these people. Please arrive at 6:20 for line up. This is the culminating activity for a month of preparation. If you have a screen or tall plants for a backdrop, please let PTO know.



# Red Ribbon Week Activities



Oct 22-26<sup>th</sup> 2018 Red Ribbon Week

In 1985, a brave officer gave his life to save people from drugs. People around the nation wore red ribbons to show support. The National Family Partnership, with help from first lady Nancy Reagan, founded Red Ribbon Week in 1988. Students around the country learn to say “NO” to drugs, alcohol, bullying, and harmful behavior. They also learn to say “YES” to good choices, showing respect and kindness. Help us take a stand for this cause.

Students will have an opportunity to make a poster with the *theme from their classroom*. Turn in the poster by MONDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to enter our school contest. Our team will choose one winner from each classroom to display in the office. Poster should be no larger than legal size paper. **Put the name and grade on the back of the poster.**

Day	Class to lead and theme for poster	other activities and dress
Mon	Room 1 - Grades 5 & 6 "In Their Shoes"	Add neon/fluorescence color to your uniform. (Your future is BRIGHT!) Join Office Popa in a pledge to make good choices.
Tues	Room 7 - Grades 1 & 2 "Peaceful Character"	Add CRAZY cap and socks to your uniform (Good choices TOP to BOTTOM)
Wed	Room 4 Kindergarten "One LOVE"	Add RED to your uniform in support of our Firefighters. (NO room in my heart for harm) Send in cards of thanks and snack for the Firehouse. Truck scheduled at 10am
Thurs	Room 6 Grades 3 & 4 "Personal Responsibility"	Add seasonal touches to your uniform, help send off grades 3 & 4 to spread cheer with elderly residents of W Melb Rehab Center (Don't FALL for bad choices)
Fri	Room 8 Grades 1 & 2 "Be Your BEST You"	Dress down in Florida Traveling Tourist Clothing. (Life is your Journey)

Each day we will meet from about 9-9:15 daily for one classroom to share their theme. Join us to support their choices. Look for other opportunities to participate by sending in cards and snacks for the firemen, adding touches to your uniform, and talking to your child(ren) about choices. Thank you for your support!

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