Falcon Families,

We hope you all had a fantastic Halloween. We appreciated celebrating with you during our Thriller performance and our parade. It was so fun to see all the wonderful celebrations happening. I would like to thank the PTA for showing so much support to our teachers and planning wonderful celebrations. We are gearing up for a very busy month here at Elk Meadows. Let's talk about some of the fun things that are going on at school during the month of November.

Next week on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting Parents and Pastries. Come enjoy some good books and a pastry before school with your child. Our book fair will be up and running. It's a great time to stock up on books before Christmas! The money you spend at our book fair goes back to support our teachers at Elk Meadows. The evening of November 9<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a Reflections Awards Reception for all of our reflections participants. We are very excited to highlight the amazing work that has been done this year.

Wednesday and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Conferences. These will be virtual just like last year. Please watch for more information to come home regarding how to sign up or call our front office, if you have questions. Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, there is no school as it is a conference make up day for teachers. See the bottom of this note for additional events happening during the month of November.

I am excited to highlight our new STEM rotation this month. Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Pitcher are the assistants who run this class. Once a week, each class visits the STEM lab along with our other three special classes; library, theater, and PE. In the STEM Lab, our students are participating in some fabulous opportunities to work with hands-on technology that promotes learning and growth in all grade levels. Most recently our school got to learn with the ozobots. Students worked with these round robots to drive them through mazes and were having a blast working with them! Since STEM is new to our school Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Pitcher each individually wrote grants in order to purchase STEM tools for our students to use. Their hard work paid off and Elk Meadows was awarded \$2,000 in grants for STEM Education. We are so excited to see the new skills our students learn working in the STEM lab!!!

Grateful for all my Falcon Families, Tiffany Smith Principal

Here is a list of events coming up at Elk Meadows: Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair Open during lunch 11:00-1:00 and after school 3:30-5:00 Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>: 7:50-8:20 Parents and Pastries and Book Fair Open Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>: 5:30-6:30 Reflections Award Reception Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>: 4:00-8:00 Parent Teacher Conference Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>: 1:30-6:00 Parent Teacher Conference, Early Out Day Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>: No School Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>: Annie School Performance 2:30, Parent Performance 6:30 Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>: Flex Friday (watch for more info from your child's teacher) Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Early Out Day Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup>: Happy Thanksgiving Break