

A Message from Mrs. Smith

We can't believe October is already upon us. We are excited for cooler weather and all things fall! We have some fun plans for school this month. Please make sure you have joined PTA. This organization funds many of the "extras" at Elk Meadows. Your membership helps them continue many of the long-standing traditions students enjoy!

We are kicking off our new Golden Gate program this month. Watch for a cool black wrist band as a reminder to BE KIND and a pledge card to come home for each student! This is a pro-social program that will help us focus on creating great citizens. Each month we will have a pledge and this month's pledge is, I will smile at others. Masks have made smiling more difficult but we have already found our teachers and students coming up with creative ways to still spread joy. Thumbs up, foot bump (the new fist bump), and many other great ideas will help us to still communicate positivity throughout our school. We will be using the Golden Gate pledges along with tracking academic growth to nominate two students from each classroom for Student of the Month. We will be celebrating those winners with a presentation in classrooms at the end of each month.

Per the district recommendation we won't be holding a Halloween parade this year. We still plan on celebrating at school. Students are welcome to come in costume on Thursday, October 29th. Class parties will be happening with the help of our classroom assistants. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have questions or would like to donate. Thank you for understanding that we are still holding off on parents in the building in order to simplify contact tracing and to keep our students and staff members safe.

We will be sending out more information soon on Virtual Parent Conferences in November.

Fall Break will take place October 19th-26th. We are excited for the much-needed rest for our teachers who have been working extremely hard to make sure students are learning and are safe! We hope you have some fun family time planned during our week off.

Just a few reminder parents, please send a clean water bottle with your child every day. We are still needing some help in our parking lot. Our front lot is for parking only. It is not a drop off lot. If you use the lot on 9800 South please make sure you park in a stall and walk your child across for both drop off and pickup. Please be cognoscente of our handicap stalls and ensure that you aren't blocking them or using them without a placard.

We appreciate all the many hands that help make Elk Meadows the wonderful place of learning that it is! Thank you to each and every member of our school community, teachers, and staff for helping to create our Elk Meadows family!

Happy fall,
Mrs. Smith