

# Midway Heights Newsletter

October 28, 2016

## Our Midway Heights Mission

Learning  
Together  
To  
Achieve  
Success  
For  
All

### Keys To Success

- Be Positive
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Do Your Best

## **Columbia Public Schools**

### **VISION**

To be the best  
school district in  
the state.

### **MISSION**

To provide an  
excellent  
education to all  
students.

## A Note from Mrs. G:

Your generosity amazes me! Our Fall Festival and Chili Supper was remarkable! The faculty and staff of MHE thank you for your support, time, and effort given every year during the Fall Fest! Our parent participation and support continues throughout so many of our school activities. Thank you for everything you do to make Midway such a successful school! Without our strong parent involvement, Midway Heights would not be what it is today.

**Parent Teacher Conferences will be held the week of November 7th.** You will receive information from your child's teacher as to when your conference will be held. Teachers are working evenings preparing for conferences and progress reports. Parent/Teacher conference forms already went home. We work very hard for 100% participation and hope to see all parents conversing with teachers on student progress. We take student success very seriously and are really stressing student performance and accountability. Research shows that parent involvement enhances student achievement. Help us meet our goal of 100% participation!

**Parking Lot Information:** I received an email reminder from our district office about Fire Lane usage during parent pick up. Please remember that the Fire Lanes in front of the school are just that...an area cleared so that fire trucks will have a place to park so that they can access our building as quickly as possible. The Battalion Chief understands that at dismissal we have to utilize this area for parent pickup and he is okay with that. What he is not okay with is parents parking their cars and then getting out of them to go into the building. The Battalion Chief does not want you exiting your vehicle at any time while in the Fire Lane. So, I'm asking that you please park in the parking lot if you need to get out of your vehicle and come into the building. The Fire Department has said that they will strictly enforce the Fire Lane ordinance which will entail writing tickets to offenders.

Our school enrollment is 230. Please help us keep our records up to date. If your contact information changes, please stop by or call the office to update it. If you move, please bring a proof of residence such as a utility bill to the office. It is important for us to keep our database up to date.

As cooler weather approaches, we wanted to remind you that we play outside most days. Rain, snow, and temperatures below 10 degrees will keep us inside the building. Please encourage your child to come prepared for outdoor play as Missouri weather often changes quickly and unexpectedly. We want to keep your children active, warm, healthy, and safe!

Many classrooms have a snack throughout the day; please make sure you send your child with a healthy snack. We encourage healthy eating through our health and nutrition curriculum and through food services (breakfast and lunch). Please make sure the snack does not require utensils to eat – i.e. fruits – apple, banana; crackers and cheese; vegetables – carrots, celery; pretzels; popcorn, etc. (no candy or sugary items). If your child is in a No Nuts or Peanuts classroom, please follow those guidelines.

I look forward to seeing all of you in November at Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Sincerely,

*Angie Gerzen*





# News from the PTA President

The Fall Fest was a great success due in large part to VOLUNTEERS J Columbia Public Schools does benefit from these hundreds of volunteer hours, but only if they are tracked! There will be a Volunteer Tracking Form coming home in your child's Friday Folder (they will also be available in the office). I wanted to explain what these forms are and why they are important. Tracking the number of volunteer hours for the District is part of the district accreditation process, which impacts state and federal dollars. The number of volunteer hours is also needed for insurance purposes.

Those of you who have volunteered for the Fall Fest can include all of those hours on the form. Be sure to include any hours worked by any family member. Examples of other volunteer activities to include on the form could be:

- Classroom party (only if working, not just visiting)
- Book fair
- Volunteering in classrooms (reading to children, copying, laminating, etc.)
- Literacy Night
- Preparing food for Teacher Appreciation

This is not a conclusive list and there are many other ways to volunteer. All you need to do is record your time on the form and submit it one time at the end of the year. Maybe keep it on the fridge so that you can remember to track.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Don't forget, our next PTA meeting is on November 15 at 6pm. Childcare and snacks for kids provided. See you there!

Thanks and enjoy your weekend,

Laura Powell, PTA Board President

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## Bookworms News

Bookworms met twice in October, and we had fun celebrating books that embrace fall! The first book we read was Fletcher and the Falling Leaves. We made fall trees, so check out the pictures on our bulletin board in the main hallway! On our second meeting, we read Pumpkin Jack and created our very own jack-o-lanterns. We have a creative bunch of kids who LOVE to read. Keep up the good work, Bookworms! Our next meeting is November 15.



## Student Council

Student Council has had a very busy month of sponsoring events to help others and create a fun time to focus on being healthy. We began with our Heavenly Hat day, where students could wear a hat to school for a dollar donation. Money raised went to the Heavenly Hats Foundation, which supplies hats for people of all ages with medical conditions that cause them to lose their hair. Our generous school raised \$165.00 for this cause! We also sponsored Red Ribbon Week this month. Student Council representatives presented each student with a cool YOLO bracelet, and organized fun themes for each day of the week. We want our students to focus on leading a healthy, drug free lifestyle! Our next meeting will be November 17th.



## BOOKANEER BOOK FAIR ~ WHERE BOOKS ARE THE TREASURE!

Get ready for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair! The Fair will be held the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 7-10, and on Grandparent's/Special Friends Day, November 14. Hours of the fair are as follows:

- ◇ Monday, November 7 thru Thursday, November 10, 3-7PM each night
- ◇ (please note we will be CLOSED on Tuesday, November 8, due to Election Day)
- ◇ Monday, November 14, 11AM-3PM

A more detailed letter with book flyer will be coming home soon in backpacks! Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Amy Wooden at (h) 447-3997/(c) 356-4295 or Kirsten Moloney at (h) 446-2812/(c) 489-5809.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE FAIR**



# Counseling Curriculum Update from Mrs. Kennedy

The year is in full swing! We have been busy in Counselor talking about friendship and feelings. In Kindergarten and first grade we really had fun identifying basic feelings and sharing about times when we have experienced a variety of them. In second and third grade we explored worries and how we can manage them. Ask your kids about the worry eater! In fourth grade the children learned there are a variety of ways that we can express our feelings. We listened to a poem and wrote our own poems showing our feelings through the use of color. In fifth grade we discussed anger and read the book Soda Pop Head and did a classroom experiment to see what happens when we don't have strategies in place to cope with our anger. Many teachers post photos or videos from "Counselor" on their classroom facebook pages so check us out if you haven't already. Please never hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions about how I can help your students!

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Phone Number: 573-214-3540.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kennedy



## News from the Nurse

It's getting to be that time of the year again.

We have seen an increase in student illnesses and absences in the last few weeks. Please be aware of CPS Illness policy when deciding whether to send your child to school for the day.

Per CPS Illness Policy, which was put in place by our medical advisory board made up of local physicians and upon CDC recommendations, a student must be:

- Fever free (less than 100 degrees F) for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.
- Diarrhea free for 24 hours.
- Vomiting free for 24 hours.
- Without undiagnosed rash.
- Free of persistent cough.

Thanks for helping to keep all our students and staff healthy.



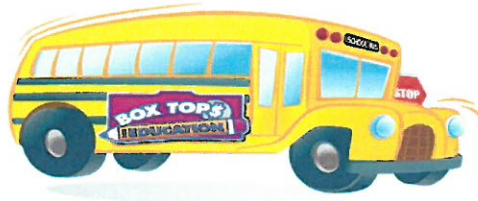
## Ms. Clark's Corner ~News from the Art Studio~



K-5 Artists have been creating BRILLIANT, one-of-a-kind artworks in the Midway Heights Art Studio this year! I have been so excited to work with your kiddos, helping them continue learning about Art History, Art making techniques, and studio practice. **Kindergarteners** have made Artworks in the style of Piet Mondrian, they have practiced drawing lines and painting by creating what we call Kinder Monsters, and they have used printmaking techniques to create Pumpkin Landscapes. **First Graders** have made mixed-media Mondrian fish and painted Pumpkin Landscapes using techniques in honor of Vincent Van Gogh. **Second Graders** made beautiful Sunset Silhouette Landscapes after we read the book, *The Legend of the Indian Paint Brush*, and they practiced color-mixing and printmaking with actual fall leaves. **Third Graders** have diligently worked to create Realism artworks by sketching and shading. They took their Realism work and created an Abstract version and a Non-Objective version—ask them to tell you a little more about the difference between the 3 styles. **Fourth Graders** made an Abstract Mixed-Media work to honor Roots and Blues and BBQ for the Blues in the Schools program. And **Fifth Graders** painted their sketchbook covers and made a collaborative piece, called an Exquisite Corpse, which was an idea created by the Surrealist artists of Spain. Currently, all classes are participating in our annual Winter Card Contest, where each student at Midway works to create a unique Winter Card design. A winner will be chosen from each grade level and there will be one Grand Prize winner chosen from the entire school. These designs are coming right along and looking amazing! The judges will have their work cut out for them this year!!

**Student FLU CLINIC** - Student flu clinic will be **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-2 pm**. Consents forms are available in the office if you would like for your child to receive the vaccine!





## BOX TOPS & LABELS

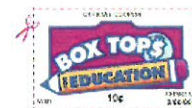
I have been busy clipping and counting! Our families did a great job turning in their box tops and labels! The winners of this contest will be announced in the very near future at the morning assembly. In the meantime, keep collecting your box tops and labels. There is another contest in the works.

This is one of the simplest ways to help support your school. As a reminder, we collect Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson labels.

For me, the Tyson A+ Program was new. So, I thought I would share what to look for if you do use the Tyson products. Look for the Tyson A+ on the package. If you see it, then look on the back of the package for the label to clip. I have included a couple of examples. If you consume these products, please keep an eye out for the labels.



As always, if you have any questions related to the box tops or labels, please feel free to e-mail me. Nikki Wideman at [nwideman1@yahoo.com](mailto:nwideman1@yahoo.com)





# November 2016

## Midway Heights Elementary School / Midway Heights Elementary School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	No School - Teacher Workday	1 12:00pm Student Flu Clinic 2:00pm Lands of Smiles K-3 Dental Assembly 2:45pm Choir	2 3:00pm Robotics Club	3	4 7:20am School Store Gr 3-5 2:45pm Math Team	5
6	7 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:45pm Math Team	8 No School - Election Day	9	10 2:45pm Choir	11 No School	12
13	14 12:00pm Grandparents & Special Friends Day 2:45pm Math Team	15 2:45pm Bookworms 6:00pm PTA Meeting	16 3:00pm Robotics Club	17 2:45pm Choir 2:45pm Student Council	18 7:20am School Store Gr 3-5	19
20	21	22 2:45pm Choir	23 No School - Thanksgiving Break	24	25	26
27	28	29 2:45pm Choir 2:45pm Keeper of the Keys	30 3:00pm Robotics Club		7:20am School Store Gr 3-5 2:45pm Math Team	

### November 2016

Monday - October 31, 2016 **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday - November 1, 2016 Student Flu Clinic

November 7th - 11th Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday - November 8, 2016 **NO SCHOOL**

Friday - November 11, 2016 **NO SCHOOL**

Monday - November 14, 2016

*Grandparent/Special Friend Day*

November 23rd - 25th Thanksgiving Break



# Huntsdale Baptist Church

Monday, October 31, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Free Event!



Everyone Welcome!

\*We are located on Main Street  
in Huntsdale!



# TRUNK OR TREAT

## MIDWAY LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**2600 N. Locust Grove Church Rd.**

October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30

Bring your Ghouls and Goblins for safe trick-or-treating in our church parking lot.



# TRUNK or Treat



Monday, October 31, 2016



6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

MIDWAY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH  
6801 W. Rollingwood Boulevard

Please come join us for this free community event. Church members will be distributing treats from the trunks of their decorated vehicles. Come and enjoy this family fun Fall event!



If you have any questions, please call the church office. 573-445-3622