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Dear parents,

November is a shorter instructional month for us. (18 instructional days), but there's a lot happening. Quarter 1 Report Cards for 7<sup>th</sup> grade are going home on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>, and First Term Report Cards are going home Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please review your child's progress and contact his or her teacher if you have concerns about a particular grade.

Thanks for your support for the Fall Festival last month. There was a good turn out and we had lots of fun. Check the calendar for the PTA events this month including the Craft Fair and the Spelling Bee Fundraiser at the end of the month.

There will be no school on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in commemoration of Veteran's Day, and the Friday following, and no school on Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holidays. (Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day).

Here are some interesting events happening in some grades:

- Art Classes (Artist in Residence) for K and 1 one day a month (PTA supported)
- D.A.R.E. (Drug Education by Deputy Sherriff Rossberg every Monday –Oct-Nov for Grade 5)
- Pilot Lawrence Hall of Science project Mrs. Zittel's Gr. 5 class Dec-Feb (Thanks Mrs. Yakushiji)
- CSI Science grant application (Think CSI Miami!)for grade 7 Science (Chevron grant in conjunction with Portola School-(HUGE Thanks to Ben Steinberg, the PTA Grant Committee and Mrs. Van Der Meer)
- School Safety Committee established with the SSC.
- PTA Coat and Food Drive for the needy this month
- PTA catalogue fundraiser items will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

As usual, please call if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

J. Szot, Principal.