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October Newsletter

Thanks for your support for our Back to School Night which was held September 16th. We had a great turn out and teachers appreciated the opportunity to meet with you to share their work. Please feel free to contact them any time you have a concern.

We continue to do great work at Mira Vista. We want all of our students to be proficient. With your help and support we can move to even greater accomplishments. Here's how you can help:

- Check your child's homework assignments.
- Provide a place and time for homework, and help them whenever possible.
- Require that your child read 20 minutes per night, or read to them from good literature.
- Contact your child's teacher about tests, assignments etc.

We are continuing to complete the District DIBELS Assessments this month. The focus will be on writing. This will especially help our 4th grade and 7th grade students as they are required to complete the State writing assessment this year in March.

We have a number of PTA events this month. Please check the calendar. The most important is our Fall Festival on October 23rd. It is an exciting time for the kids and a chance for all of us to come together as the Mira Vista School Community. There will be food, games and some displays. It will be at the school from 11 to 3 on that Saturday.

On Friday October 15 there will be no classes as a result of Teacher Furlough days. Also, Friday October 29th is a Minimum Day because it is the day before Halloween weekend. We'll celebrate Halloween this year as usual, but it will be a Casual Dress day (no uniforms). We encourage students to dress for Halloween, but **no full-face masks, toy weapons, please.** Let's just have a fun day. Teachers might be planning some special events-watch for class notes.

Finally, the two seventh grade classes are working out really well. First Quarter Progress Reports for seventh grade students go home at the beginning of this month, and their schedules and events are providing a strong academic experience and some fun for them as well. We will work to open the two grade 8 classes next year.

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Sincerely,
J. Szot, Principal