

# **PARENT NEWSLETTER**

Morrisonville Grade School

October 2011

## **PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Letters on parent-teacher conferences are being sent with this newsletter. Please respond as soon as possible. If the time listed does not work for you please let the teacher know a time that does.

The days for these conferences are Thursday, October 20, and Friday, October 21. School will be released at 2:05 on October 20. Conferences will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 that day. On October 21 the conferences will be held from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

## **REPORT CARDS**

The end of the nine weeks is Friday, October 14. Report cards will be given to parents at the conferences. Report cards will not be sent home for the first nine weeks.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY**

On Friday, October 7, students will be released at 11:35 am. Teachers will be in a workshop for the afternoon.

## **COLUMBUS DAY**

Just a reminder there is no school on Monday, October 10, 2011. That is Columbus Day and the school is taking that day as a holiday.

## **HALLOWEEN PARTIES**

Friday, October 28 will be the day for Halloween parties. More information will follow.

## **PCO MEETING**

The PCO meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm.

## **TEACHERS INSTITUTE**

On September 16, teachers attended a workshop that was provided entitled *Reading In The Content Areas*. It was a valuable workshop, and gave the teachers good ideas in working with the students.

The afternoon was spent on the Common Core Standards. These are standards that teachers need to be sure they are working on in the classroom. Currently they are in Reading/Language Arts and Math.

The Illinois State Achievement Tests (ISAT) will no longer be used after 2014. New testing will begin in 2015 based on these standards.

## **UPDATE TELEPHONE & ADDRESSES**

As the year progresses, addresses, and many times phone numbers, change. It is very important that the school has your latest information in case of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **TITLE ONE MEETING NIGHT**

Title I meeting night will be held Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 pm. This is for parents of Title I and RTI students. We encourage all parents or a representative of a parent to attend. There will be a contest among the classrooms. The classroom with the highest percentage of attendance will be awarded with a pizza party for lunch.

### **CLOTHES NEEDED**

On occasion we are in need of clothes for students. There are times when a change is needed with pants, shirts or shoes! If you have some clothes that you are giving away, please check with Val. Your help is appreciated.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Student Councils of Morrisonville Jr. Sr. High will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat on October 29. This fun event will be held at the Morrisonville Jr. Sr. High School in the multi-purpose room from 6 - 8 pm. Members of the community, school staff, and others will be on hand to pass out candy to the children of our community. This event is a safe way for parents to take their children trick or treating in the confines of a friendly environment. Come out and see all of the uniquely decorated booths at this year's **Trunk or Treat!**

**HAVE A GREAT OCTOBER!**