

# "The Candor Elementary School Report"



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Dear Students, Families and Friends,

The first 5 weeks of the 2016-17 school year have been wonderful! As always, the teachers and support staff worked hard to prepare for the return of our students. We were thrilled to welcome back almost 400 smiling faces on September 7<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to a successful school year filled with many great opportunities for our students.

We spent some time in the first few weeks of school practicing safety. The students and staff did especially well with the Lockdown Drills. I am proud of our dedication to making sure students and staff are safe in the event of an emergency.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> we are excited to team up with the folks from Lockheed Martin to host our first STEM Day. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities will be organized throughout the day for students in grades Kindergarten through Six. There will also be a helicopter landing, weather permitting. This is sure to be an enjoyable and engaging day for students and staff!

Last year a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders proposed we have Spirit Week at Candor Elementary. I'm happy to share that this year we will have Spirit Week the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, leading up to our SVEC Eagles Homecoming game on Friday night! There is specific information about this event included in the Newsletter. Thank you to David Vega, Addison Young, Kaden Hover, Garrett Zacharias, and Taylor Brock for helping coordinate this event.

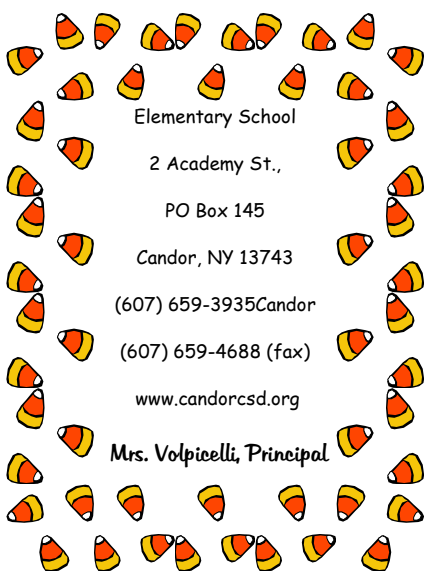
We will be hosting a Math & Movement Family Fun Night on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm. "The Math & Movement program is a kinesthetic, multi-sensory approach to teaching math and reading that incorporates physical activity with visual stimuli created to make learning fun, active and memorable." A couple of teachers attended a workshop last year and loved it. More information will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

I have some personal news to share. I will be having baby number two in April! I feel confident that the transition in and out of maternity leave will go well due to having multiple layers of support in the building. I would like to thank the faculty and staff for the congratulatory messages and support. I continue to feel extremely lucky to be at Candor Elementary. It truly is an amazing place!

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Candor Elementary, I would like to thank you for your support in helping to get our school year off to a great start. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me in the Elementary School Office at 659-3935.

Sincerely,

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## Spirit Week

Next week, October 17-21, will also be Spirit Week in the elementary building, leading up to our Homecoming game on October 21st! Here is a list of the events our Spirit Committee decided:

Monday, October 17—is Picture Day (No Theme)

Tuesday, October 18th—Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, October 19th—Mismatched Day

Thursday, October 20th—Grade Level Color Day (Kindergarten—Red; 1st Grade—Orange; 2nd Grade—Yellow; Third Grade—Green; 4th Grade—Purple; 5th Grade—White; 6th Grade—Pink)

Friday, October 21—Blue & White Day!! Show your Candor Pride!!



## Band/Chorus Parent Drop Off



Parents/Guardians of 5th and 6th Grade Band/Chorus members if a need every arises that you may need to drop your child off early for band and/or chorus, please feel free to use the bus loop to drop them off at the cafeteria doors. This makes for a much shorter walk for the students, especially if they are carrying large instruments.

## Academic Honor Roll and Student Recognition

Students in Grades 4-6 who earn Academic Honor Roll will be invited to a "Build Your Own Sundae with the Principal", receive a certificate and have their name published in the Principal's Newsletter and/or District Newsletter.



## Annual Fundraiser

Just a reminder that all Java Joe's Coffee & Cocoa order forms and money are due Friday, October 28th. The money raised will go towards our Elementary Activity Fund which helps with field trips, school presentations, and other special activities for the students.

## Kindergarten "Bedtime Stories"



Our Kindergarten teachers are looking forward to having their students and parents/guardians join them on Tuesday, October 25th, 6:00pm-6:45pm for the "Bedtime Stories" program. It is sure to be a fun event for everyone.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

⇒ **PICTURE DAY IS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**

⇒ With the colder weather approaching, there seems to be more children getting sick at this time of year. I would like to remind you if your child is absent with a fever, home with the stomach bug or any other illness, or on any antibiotics, to keep your child home for 24 hours after the fever breaks, last episode, and 24 hours from the start of antibiotics. This will help reduce contagious illnesses in your child's classroom. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

⇒ Be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 6th for the end of Daylight Savings.

⇒ **Halloween Activities**—The Halloween parade at Candor Elementary will take place between 2:20pm-3:00pm on 10/31/16. Students in grades K-4 are encouraged to dress as a literature or historical character. Please watch for more information.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held this year on Monday, November 21, 2016 and Tuesday, November 22, 2016; 11:45am-3:30pm. Students will be released at 11:00am both days, and lunch WILL NOT be served.

We are very excited to share with you that we will be scheduling conferences a new way this year! We will be using an internet based program called Signup.com. It is a very quick and user friendly program. A letter will be going home soon with all the information on how you can sign up for time(s) to attend your child(ren)'s conferences with their teachers.

As always, please feel free to call the elementary office with any questions or concerns.

