

# NOVEMBER 2009



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## PUMPKIN DELIGHT

### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

We are approaching a time of the year when most people start to think about the holidays with all the hustle and bustle. Your children are working hard in their classrooms and I am pleased at the progress they are making. I have also had an opportunity to meet and talk with so many of them.

November is a very busy month. Local Elections, Veterans Day, Teacher-Parent Conferences and Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Despite all this activity, we at Pumpkin Delight will continue to focus on providing your children with a quality education and helping them achieve success. The Parent Teacher Conferences, which will be held on November 17, 18 and 19, are an important part of the process. Though we work all through the year with your children, the November conference allows teachers and parents the opportunity to connect formally to

discuss all aspects of the child's academic growth and development. It is a time when we reaffirm the importance of a strong home-school partnership.

I have enclosed for your review "Ten Tips for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference" by Peggy Gisler, Ed.S and Marge Eberts Ed.S. It is my hope that these tips will guide you during the conference process. Please know that I am also available to you to discuss any aspects of your child's progress in school.

In closing, I would like to ask you all to embrace the Thanksgiving holiday and to reflect on the good things in life. Be thankful. Happy Holiday.

Sincerely,  
*Deborah Herbst*  
Principal



Please don't forget --

- To write a note when there is a change in your child's dismissal procedure.
- To call the office at 783-3531 to report your child's absence
- To write a note, or bring a doctor's note, when your child returns to school after an absence.
- To check the Student Handbook at [www.milforded.org](http://www.milforded.org) for the new tardy/absence policy.

### NURSE'S NOTES

Mrs. Smith is in need of sweat pants and/or pants in sizes 6, 7, and 8 (especially girls).

**To keep the flu from spreading to more people, we ask you to keep sick children home. Any children who are sick in school will be sent home.**

Health officials say parents can help protect their children and prevent the spread of pandemic flu as they would colds and other flu by taking the following precautions:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow.
- Stay at least 6 ft. from people who are sick.

**Please stay home from school or work if you are sick.**

Please **do not** send medicine to school with your child. All medication must be delivered to the nurse by an adult and must include a doctor's written order. The nurse cannot, **by law**, give medication of any kind to your child without a written order signed by the doctor.



# LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!!

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** November 17, 18, and 19.  
All students will be dismissed at 1:15 instead of the usual 1:25.

**Picture Retakes** will be taken on Monday, November 23rd. If your child was absent when pictures were taken originally, your child can have their picture taken at that time. Please have your child come to the office for a picture envelope to bring home. If you did not like your child's picture that were taken, please have your child return the entire package the day of picture retakes.

Kindergarten will be celebrating **Native American Day** on Wednesday, November 18th.

Wednesday, November 4th and 25th are **Early Dismissal** days.



## Secretaries Notes

- **If there has been a change in your home, cell, or work numbers, please let the main office know. It is very important that we can reach parents, if necessary.**
- **Important:** Please send a note in to the teacher when requesting an early dismissal or if your child will be going home by a different way of means.
- If an appointment arises for your child unexpectedly, please call the

office and I will get in touch with your child's teacher.

- Please refrain from calling the school after 2:00 for a change in dismissal time.
- Please call the office before 10:00 a.m. when reporting your child's absence.
- **Please sign up for Pumpkin Delight's "Newsflash" for up to date and last minute notifications. Go to our website at [milforded.org](http://milforded.org) and follow in-**

**structions to "Newsflash".**

- Milford Bank Centsible envelopes are picked up on Tuesday's and returned on Thursday's.

~Mrs. Green



### Attendance Policy:

After five (5) absences, whether excused or unexcused, appropriate legal documentation (i.e.—doctor's notes for illness) will be needed to excuse further absences.

After 10 unexcused absences, a meeting will be held at the school per district policy.



### IMPORTANT REMINDER



The following early dismissal days.

November 4th and 25th.

School will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. for Kindergarten and 1:25 p.m. for Grades 1-5.

Wednesday's are

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