



# PUMPKIN DELIGHT

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Happy October!! I hope you all take the time to enjoy the colorful foliage that surrounds us. Fall is an exciting time of the year for our students. They are anxiously awaiting our Harvest Hop, which will be held on October 30th at West Shore Middle School from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. More details to follow.

Attached please see the Adequate Yearly Progress Report for Pumpkin Delight School. AYP is a measurement defined by the United States Federal No Child Left Behind Act that allows the U. S. Department of Education to determine how every public school and school district in the country is performing academically according to results on standardized tests.

The No Child Left Behind Act makes provi-

sions for schools that do not demonstrate adequate yearly progress. Those who do not meet AYP for two years in a row are identified "schools in need of improvement" and are subject to immediate interventions by the State Education Agency in their state.

I am extremely proud that Pumpkin Delight School has achieved Adequate Yearly Progress. This can attributed to a fine teaching staff and support services that are available to any child experiencing difficulty. If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
*Deborah Herbst*



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 precau-

tions:

- 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.**



## LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!!

Grade 1 will be going to the Audubon Sanctuary on October 21st. Students will explore a tidal pool and learn about plants and animals that live there.

Grade 3 will be touring Milford and learning of its History on October 8th.

Grade 5 will enjoy the Planetarium at Foran High School on October 15th.



## 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.
- If you have not yet returned your child's emergency card, please do so.

~Mrs. Green



### IMPORTANT REMINDER



The following Wednesday's are early dismissal days.

October 7th and October 14th.

School will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m.

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