

# Hope Creek Academy

Education for the Rest of Us



**Monthly Wellness Themes:**

**November-Mindfulness**

**Workdays/Holidays:**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:**  
November 2-3

**Thanksgiving Break:**  
November 22-27

**Native American Heritage Month:**  
Month of November

**A Note From Ms. Houser:**

*Thanks to our Special Events committee and our wonderful parents our first Fall Festival was a great success! Our Parent Group is hard at work and has two events on November 18th. In the morning we will have a short service day which will be followed by a Spirit Day with food trucks at Pluck Farm.*

*I hope everyone was able to schedule a conference. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need more information.*

## We Caught Our Stride in October!

October was the month when we got into the swing of things. We have seen more consistent attendance amongst all classes and students are getting to school on time more regularly. The picture above is from the beginning of our Fall Festival celebration. Students wore their costumes and had so much fun participating in all of the games and activities that our incredible parent volunteers helped to make possible. This was just the first of many of our school-wide celebrations. Next up: Art Day!

### PLUCK FARMS/ SERVICE DAY

A two for one special. On November 18th, the school will host a service day for parents and students followed by family fun time at Pluck Farms in Hillsborough

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Fall parent/teacher conferences are taking place over the first few days of the month. We hope everyone has a productive meeting.

### ART DAY CELEBRATION

November 21st we will hold a special Art Day celebration. Students will learn about and participate in various forms of art and expression.

**Primary:** The Primary Class would like to thank parents for all of their help on their field trip to the pumpkin patch. Teachers would like to remind parents to send students to school in appropriate winter clothes and to label those clothes so that they do not get misplaced. The class is excited to host a harvest feast on November 21st. Look out for more information on that special day.

**Supported Learning:** Supported Learning teachers would like to remind parents to adjust their child's change of clothes at school to be more winter weather appropriate. Please encourage your student to wear layers so that they are comfortable throughout the day. Please also make sure to send your student in wearing a mask if they are displaying any cold symptoms that can be communicable to their teachers and classmates.

**Independence Academy:** IA teachers are preparing the class to put on the biannual school store. Students will be helping to select, purchase, price, and manage the school store for the students at HCA. IA students will also go to lunch as a class which will be conducted as an experiential learning event. This is one of the many ways that students in IA learn life skills throughout the school year.

**Upper Elementary:** Room 8 teachers would like to thank parents for all of the supplies and materials that have been provided by the parent group so far. They would also like to remind parents to label their child's clothing and to send in appropriate winter clothes so that students can enjoy the outside comfortably.

**Middle School:** Middle School teachers would like to thank classroom parents for providing fruit for their class bowl as well as other classroom materials and supplies. Teachers would also like to remind parents to contact both teachers if their student is going to be late, picked up early, or absent altogether. Lastly, please do your very best to help your student make it to school regularly and on time. Consistency and commitment are essential to developing a strong community foundation.

**High School:** As with the entire school, the high school class has seen a noticeable uptick in regularly on time attendance from students. Please keep encouraging and helping your child to make it to school regularly and on time. Also, Mr. Hirtz would like to remind students and parents to turn in their money for the Shakespeare play that students will be attending on November 29th.

## A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

I want to take some time in this space to give a very loud shoutout to the parents who have become so involved in the efforts we have going on around school. I think it is fair to say that following the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been hard for families to find ways to make meaningful connections. Showing up to BB's Chicken last month and seeing families eating and playing together, or witnessing parents of students from different classes working together to help put on a great Fall Festival are just some of the many ways that I see the community of Hope Creek coming closer together. Finally, you may have noticed the increase in beautiful landscaping around the school grounds. That is the result of hard work of Janelle Hoskins and Kara McElligot. Many thanks to both of them.

