

# The Ray News

October 3, 2011

## Important News

- ❖ **MEAP TESTING...** Students will begin testing next Tuesday, October 11. There will be tests on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. If possible, please keep these dates in mind when scheduling appointments. It is important for students to be in school on these days. It is also very important that students are well rested, eat a healthy breakfast, and stay positive during the MEAP tests. We encourage students to bring an extra healthy snack on those days. Thank you for your support.
- ❖ **READING CALENDARS...** The October reading calendar was sent home with last week's newsletter. Please make sure your child records their reading times each day. Students must also return their September reading calendar by Friday, October 7 in order to receive a grade.
- ❖ **FIELD STUDY...** We have attached the permission slip for our first field study to this week's Ray News. We will be taking a trip to the Sloan Museum on November 1, 2011. **Permission slips are due on Thursday October 20, 2011.**
- ❖ **MICHIGAN HARVEST LUNCH...** This Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> students can purchase a special lunch of products grown or produced in Michigan. The cost of this lunch will be \$5.00 and will include cider or milk.
- ❖ **CLASSROOM ECONOMY...** Every student in the Ray Community has a classroom job to complete at the end of the day. They have been working very hard in keeping our classes clean and organized. Managers keep track of how much each student is paid for the day. We like to open the store for shopping each marking period and around holidays. We hope to have the store open by Halloween but we need your help. If you have anything you can donate to the store we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your support!!!
- ❖ **BOOK ORDERS...** Thank you for your recent book orders! We placed the order Friday and we will get them to your child once they come in. We sent home a new order form for the month of October. These will be due by October 31, 2011. You can also place your order online. To do this you must create an account and use our class activation code, GTBZ7. When you order online our class gets a \$3 coupon to use to buy books for our class libraries ☺

*As you take the time to look at the leaves remember how they came to be....*

## What's Happening?

Please check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning in math.

Students will continue to meet in literacy groups this week. Your child has a literacy menu containing the week's grammar and spelling focus. The literacy menu is designed to keep students organized throughout the week. Students may log on to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) to practice their spelling word. They can find the list under "Karly LaForge." **There will be a spelling test this Thursday over the "Eye of the Storm" list located on page 265 in their practice book.**

In Science, we will continue to learn about the Solar System. Students should continue to track the phases of the moon on their calendars. Students will continue to work in groups to create a blog about a planet. On Thursday students will be creating an edible model of the solar system.

In Social Studies, we will conclude our study of economics. Students received a vocabulary review sheet today for their test. **On Wednesday, we will review these terms for a test on Friday.**

In Writer's Workshop, we will continue to work on our Native American Myths. This week students will focus on using descriptive language and personification during writing time. They will work on drafting their myth this week.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Monday, October 31 we will be having a party following the parade and trunk-or-treat. We have posted a sign-up sheet on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade information board in our classroom area. If you are available to donate treats or supplies to our party, please stop by and sign-up. If you are unable to come into school to sign-up, you will find a sheet attached to this newsletter that you could fill out and return to school with your child. Thank you for your support!!



## Important Dates

October 6	Michigan Harvest Lunch- \$5.00
October 6	Flag Football Chatfield @ Mayfield 4:30
October 7	Concert Series: Steve Farley Piano 12:40 and 1:30 Gym
October 11-19	MEAP Testing
October 11	Flag Football Seaton @ Chatfield
October 13	Flag Football Playoffs
October 15	Flag Football Jamboree @ West High School
October 17	P.I.E Meeting 6:30pm
October 21-24	NO SCHOOL (Fall Four Day Weekend)
October 25-28	MEAP Test Make Ups
October 29	Prairies and Ponds Poltergeist Pursuit 5K 8:30am
October 31	Halloween Parade / Trunk or Treat



## CLASSROOM ECONOMY

The Ray Community operates a classroom economy throughout the year in which students create a monetary unit, design currency and earn money for classroom jobs while learning about personal finance. We also have a "Ray Community Store" where students can use their money to purchase items. We are looking for families that might be able to donate small items that students could purchase at the school store. We would appreciate any of the following items to start our school store...

**MECHANICAL PENCILS, COOL PENS, NON-PERISHABLE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACK ITEMS, CANS OF POP, LOCKER DECORATIONS, BOOK COVERS, POSTERS, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU THINK 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS MIGHT ENJOY.**

\*\*\* THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!! \*\*\*



### HOW CAN I CONTACT AN UPPER EL TEACHER???



Upper El Teachers can be reached by phone before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. or after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feel free to e-mail questions or concerns at anytime.

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