



# PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*“Preparing and Honoring Every Student”*  
**October 2012**

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

In order to vote in SC on Election Day (November 6, 2012), you must register with the Elections Commission at least 30 days before the election. So, **you must register by October 6, 2012.** You can register in person at the Lexington County Board of Voter Registration at 605 West Main Street, Suite 105, Lexington, SC 29072. Or, you can download a form at [www.scvotes.org/files/VR\\_Blank\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scvotes.org/files/VR_Blank_Form.pdf), complete it and mail it to the Lexington County Board of Voter Registration. A form is also being sent home. You may return it to PHES. Thanks for making a difference!

## OCTOBER IS FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH!

The South Carolina Farm to School Program connects schools (K-12) and South Carolina farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting South Carolina farmers.



### *National Custodial Workers' Recognition Day October 2*

We are grateful for our custodial staff for all they do to keep our school and grounds clean, safe and inviting. We appreciate Sharon Haas, Francene Hoover, Julie Bell, Lou Lapp, Cheryl Jumper, Leroy Robinson and Wanda Weaver!

We also thank the Lexington One Maintenance staff for all they do for PHES.

### *National School Lunch Week October 15-19*

During National School Lunch Week, we appreciate our cafeteria staff and we enjoy the delicious meals they prepare and serve every day. We thank Karen Lowman, Sandra Seay, Kathy Bartlett, Jeannine Kaarlie, Pam Polatty, Dana Perry and Wanda Taylor.

We also thank the Lexington One Food Service staff for the assistance they provide us.

### *National School Bus Safety Week October 22-26*

During National School Bus Safety Week, we would like to thank our bus drivers for transporting our students safely to and from school. We are thankful for these careful drivers and assistants: Jennifer Sawyer, Dot Hasty, Leticia Wilson, Michael Edwards, Lonnie Jones, Jackie Ludley, Paul Robinson, Walter Kingston, Rossa McIntyre, Katherine Outlaw, Duncan McSherry, Virginia Smith, Brenda Poplin, Barbara Derrick, Christina Folks and Letitia Howell.

We also thank the Lexington One Transportation office for their support.

## *Important Dates*

- October 1** Students in grades 1 - 5 participate in district writing prompt  
United Way Book & Bake Sale in commons area  
Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meets at 6:00 PM.
- October 2** Custodial Appreciation Day
- October 3** Teacher-led Collaborative Planning - Students are dismissed at 11:40 AM
- October 4** PTA Ex. Board meets at 7:45 AM.  
Parent/Teacher conferences are from 3:00-6:00 PM.
- October 5** Student Holiday; Parent/Teacher conferences are from 7:30 - 11:30 AM..
- Week of October 7** Fire Prevention Week
- October 8** Student Holiday; Professional Development Day
- Week of October 14** National School Lunch week
- October 16** Lexington One School Board meets at 7:30 PM at district office.
- October 17** Grade 3 Dictionary Day  
Grade 3 teachers have duty-free lunch.
- October 18** “Meet the Lexington One School Board Candidates” at PHMS at 6:30 PM.
- October 19** Grade 2 teachers have duty-free lunch.  
Principal's Cabinet meets at 1:30 PM.  
PTA Fall Family Night from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on the field/track beside PHES
- Week of October 21** National School Bus Safety Week  
Red Ribbon Week
- October 22** Kindergarten staff has duty-free lunch.
- October 23** Bus evacuation drills  
Grade 4 teachers have duty-free lunch.  
Grade 5 teachers have duty-free lunch.
- October 24 - 26** CogAT testing for 2nd and 5th graders  
Grade 1 teachers have duty-free lunch.
- October 25** PHES Dining Out at Chicago Uno from 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- October 26** First nine weeks ends; School Spirit Day!  
PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- October 29-30** ITBS testing for 2nd graders
- October 31** Fire Prevention Assemblies for K, 1 and 2

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## HALLOWEEN

Please note that Wednesday, October 31st will be a regular day of instruction. Students should not wear Halloween costumes to school. We would appreciate students not having paint in their hair as this can be a distraction to student learning. Thank you for your assistance.

## COLLABORATION COUNTS

Teachers accomplished the following during the September teacher-led collaboration:

- Worked on Smartboard lessons for each lesson in the Journeys reading book
- Reviewed the Aimsweb administration and scoring guide and discussed the writing of IEP goals
- Met with John Geanagel to set up Edmodo.
- Discussed how to differentiate instruction after administering Dominic and unit assessments
- Developed and updated Smartboard lessons and assessment in math and science
- Met with guidance counselor to discuss small group guidance
- Collaborated on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) instruction

## SHOES 4 WATER

Can you imagine not having fresh water to drink? For those of us here, this is something we take for granted. But there are many people around the world who are not that fortunate. Again this year we will be collecting old shoes as part of our going green recycling projects. Shoes 4 Water is a well water project that helps provide drinking water to the remote villages in Kenya. The shoes are sold to a company for recycling. The money collected will be used to drill wells and purchase filtration systems. Starting October 15<sup>th</sup> please bring any old shoes you may have and place them in our collection bins located around the school. A pair of shoes should be held together with a rubber band or have shoestrings tied together. We will collect these through October 31st. Thank you in advance for helping with this worthy project.

## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

We will have a Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 9:00 AM on the PHMS football field. Forms to invite veterans and those presently serving in our Armed Forces were sent home with students in their Tuesday folders. Please return your form to the office by October 14, 2012.

## TRAFFIC REMINDERS:

If you park in our parking lot, please walk directly in front of your car to the concrete. Then, walk from the concrete to the crosswalk to cross over to our school. Please refrain from talking on your cell phone while driving through our driveway. We appreciate your keeping full attention on the safety of our students. Thank you for being patient and courteous as you drive through our driveway. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

## BIRTHDAY SNACKS

Thank you for helping us look out for the health and well being of our students. We really appreciate your sending nutritious treats to school when celebrating your child's birthday. Some examples we have spotted include the following: fruit kabobs, blueberry muffins, yogurt, cheese and crackers, granola/yogurt/fruit parfaits and fruit gummy snacks. Non-food treats like pencils or erasers are nice, too!

We read the newsletter!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return this slip to school. We will have a drawing. If your slip is selected, you, your child and your child's teacher will receive a FREE sub from Firehouse.

Please share any comments or questions in this box.

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Red Ribbon Week Activities

During the entire week of October 21, we will be collecting canned goods for LICS. Students may put canned goods in the boxes in our commons area. We will be helping others as we proclaim that we CAN be drug free.

### Monday, October 22

“Spot Me Being Drug Free”

Staff and students will wear their spots and polka dots.

### Tuesday, October 23

“The Best Me is Drug Free in My Favorite T”

Staff and students wear favorite t-shirt.

### Wednesday, October 24

“Sock It To Drugs Day!”

Everyone will wear their most decorative socks to show everyone they will sock it to drugs.

### Thursday, October 25

“Wear RED Day!”

A red snack will be provided by homeroom parents.

### Friday, October 26

“Team Up to Be Drug Free!”

Staff and students will wear their favorite team colors to show that we are healthy and fit to be drug free on our team.

## Principal's Cabinet-1st Nine Weeks

The following students have been named to the Principal's Cabinet for the first nine weeks: Brooks Abrams, Jill Brown, Caleb Connell, Brenden Corby, Kaitlyn Gilmore, Austin Jackson, Courtney Linder, Griffin Miller, Lilly Minter, Whit Rucker and Trilby Whitley.

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