

**Creekside
Intermediate**

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What's Happening at Creekside?

September was a great month! We are off to a really great start in spite of the fact that we had several schedule changes.

October is upon us and we have a lot going on! Please be sure to check out the calendar on page 2. Not only do we have several volleyball and football games happening, we also have a dance just around the corner. Also, the 8th grade panoramic picture will be taken on Tuesday, October 16th, so make sure you get your orders turned in.

The end of the first nine weeks is fast approaching. Friday, October 26th will be the last day to get all work turned in. Report cards will be issued the following Thursday. Please remember that all teachers offer morning tutorials if your child needs to catch up on some work.



Students, make sure you complete all of your mini-projects. This will allow you to earn the pizza party for lunch on Friday, October 26th!

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Transition Planning

Our first transition meeting on Sept. 20th was a success! If you didn't make it, please try to attend the next one. We plan on having three more this year and will keep it up







in the future. Even though your student is still in junior high, it is not too early to begin thinking about their future. What do you need to do to ensure your student will get

into college and/or find a job? This question and more will be answered at our next meeting. Please plan to attend. Time and location to be announced.

Schedule of Events

- 5th—PTA Dance 7:00-9:00
- 12th—Scholastic Book orders due
- 16th—8th grade Panoramic Picture
- 24th—Mini-projects Due
- 26th—End of the 1st Nine Weeks
Deaf Ed. Pizza Party
- 31st—Happy Halloween!

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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From the Desk of Ms. Traynor

After all the schedule changes, we are finally settling in to Language!

Periods 2/5 have been working so hard and have finished their first unit of work. We read an old Indian legend, "How the Chipmunk Got His Stripes" and learned how to map stories. In our next unit, we will read Rudyard Kipling's "How the Camel Got His Hump" and practice main idea and following directions.

Periods 4 and 6 are continuing to work on the beginning lessons of Unit 10. We finished our first story "Past Time" and learned how people told time before digital clocks. We will continue to work on irregular verbs and compound sentences.

Period 7 is now a combination of two language groups. Mrs. Marin and I both teach this class. We use this period to teach mini-lessons on various skills and IEP goals, review Fairview, do some writing and we are beginning a round robin reading group as well. So far, the students are working very well together.

Don't forget that the students' Pizza Party Projects will be due at the end of this month. My project requirement is to read a biography and fill out a book report. For students who finish their projects, a pizza party will be held during lunch on Friday, October 26th.

Tutorials are offered every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:15-8:45. Students can make it a regular visit for some extra reading and writing help or they can come whenever they need to for help in any subject. They need to remember though to see me the day before to get a hall pass.

Remember that
Spelling Homework is
due every Friday!

From the Desk of Mrs. Marin

Our year has really started off well. My co-teachers here at Creekside are tremendous! They go out of their way to make sure that **all students** in their classrooms are welcome and included.

If your child is planning on participating in the Science Fair, you should have received a packet of information. It is very important that you review these forms and return them as indicated since many of the forms have

deadlines. Over the next few weeks, we will be working with the students to select their topics of experimentation. I know that this may seem early but we don't want any students waiting until the last minute.



Now that the first few weeks have passed, your child will probably begin to have more homework and tests. Please check with him/her to see what they need to be doing at home. Remember, the school has calendar planners for sale for \$5.00. This is an excellent way to help your child keep up with his/her assignments.

From the Desk of Mr. Porche

Happy Halloween!!

I hope all of you are as excited as I am about Halloween. It is a chance for all of us to dress up something that we have always desired to be a superhero or the villain. While I am speaking about the desires and the imagination, I try to encourage the kids to imagine what they want to be one day as part of Halloween activity.

In social studies, we are covering the period from 1519 to 1700 and exploring various explorers who have sailed the seas in search for land, gold, and freedom. Eventually, we will start the basic part of Texas and who settled in Texas such as the Spaniards and the

Indians. We will take a closer look at different tribes and various trades that have occurred throughout Texas. The students will pick their favorite explorers and do small researches, write an essay, draw a picture, and make a portfolio about it. Eventually, they will be presenting their materials to the class on what they have discovered.

In math, the students are just about to finish the fraction to decimal conversions. They have done an excellent job but continue to practice their method of conversions. They will be learning on how to re-convert decimals back to fractions. Once we complete the fraction to decimals and decimals to fractions. We will start working on addi-

tions, subtractions, multiplication, and divisions with fractions. Test will continue to be given on Fridays and I will be providing work samples for the kids to take home in order to refresh their memory of each step taken to work on the problems.



If there are any questions, please email me at bporche@ccisd.net

Why do we celebrate Halloween?

By Christine Nicholls

Halloween. Just the name of this holiday brings images of ghosts, witches, and goblins to mind. Yet it is the favorite holiday for many kids. Where did Halloween come from?

Halloween was first celebrated by the Celts, who lived in Scotland and Ireland in ancient times. The Celts held a special festival to celebrate Samhain, the god of the dead. The day they choose was their New Year's Eve, October 31 on our calendar. They believed the souls of the dead returned to visit their homes on this one night of the year to try to find another body to inhabit.

Homes had no fires in the hearth and the adults dressed as demons or witches so that no spirit would want to inhabit their body. Everyone would make their way out of town to the huge bonfires that were lit to draw the spirits away from town.

The other holiday which blended into our modern Halloween, is All Hallows' Eve the Christian holiday to honor the saints. People believed that on this night, witches (in the form of black cats), flew about and ghosts and demons were free to roam the land. It was the night to have your future told or play games like bobbing for apples.

The Irish thought leprechauns played pranks on Halloween, so mischief-making was added to the celebration of Halloween.

In Scotland, a hollowed out turnip was used as lantern to light your way in the dark of the night.

As people emigrated to North America, they each brought their own bit of Halloween with them. All the customs blended into our modern Halloween.

<http://www.raisingourkids.com/hol/halloween/whydowecelebrate.shtml>

