

October 25, 2011

Quarter 2, Week 2

CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

From the Director....

Dear CPSC Families,

I am sure many of you, especially those with children in the fifth grade, are eager for an update regarding the proposed middle school expansion. We have decided after much thought and discussion to postpone the creation of a sixth grade for at least a year.

Joel Medley, the new North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Director of Charter Schools, recently told me of the strong correlation between a charter school's success and its level of preparation. While this comes as no surprise, it supports our more conservative path of thoughtful, incremental planning. Over the next year we will examine some of the most successful middle school models, engage the CPSC community in examining a proposed model for expansion, and construct financial and facility plans that are sound and built to sustain us for years to come. Our recent Middle School Survey displayed your enthusiasm for not only expanding beyond fifth grade but also for helping us when the time is right. We will be sure to inform you when we're ready. Parents of fifth graders should consider coming to Middle School Information Night tonight at 6:45pm to learn about other school choices.

A huge thanks to all who volunteered to make the Literary Festival at the Regulator a huge success: readers, greeters, buyers, book selectors, bakers.... We are grateful for the generosity of our terrific local bookstore and its owners John Valentine and Tom Campbell. John was impressed with the students who visited Thursday and Friday, especially with their poise in the store and fitness as they all walked over from the school. John also commented that this was the best-looking bake sale he has ever seen! Our staff, students and library thank you for your time and generosity.

Yours,

John

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tue., Oct. 25	Middle School Information Night, 6:45-7:45pm
Wed, Nov. 2	School Pictures for grades 3,4,5 (morning)
Wed., Nov 2	Early Dismissal (ASP begins at 1:30pm)
Fri, Nov. 4	School Pictures for grades K,1,2 (morning)
Fri, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday- No School
Wed, Nov. 16	CPSC Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Big Room
Thursday, Nov. 17	School Council Meeting, 4pm in the Art Room
Friday, Nov. 18	Fall Social, 6:30-8:30pm
Wed-Thur-Fri, Nov. 23-24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday- No School