



November Principal Message

Dear Fales Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to every member of our Fales community! Together we create a caring and collaborative environment that meaningfully supports all of our learners. Thank you for all you do to make Fales such a special place for everyone. **The following are a few updates and reminders...**



During the week of October 22nd, we focused on the importance of safety on the school bus. Mrs. Catarius taught bus safety lessons to each classroom. Thank you Mrs. Catarius! Mrs. Stannard will begin traveling on buses over the next several weeks to reinforce the importance of the bus safety lessons. We ask that all families review with their children, the need to always stay seated while the bus is moving. We also ask that families reinforce with students that our Fales CARES Code of Character travels with us to and from school each day. If we are all following CARES then everyone will be safer and happier on the bus. We will continue to reinforce these important lessons throughout the year.



Character Education Update - In October we introduced our Fales CARES Behavior Guide to all grade levels. This guide helps students and staff to have a common understanding of green, yellow, and red behavior. Green behavior is when we are feeling good and are able to follow our Fales Code of Character. Yellow behavior is when we are beginning to get off track with our behavior and begin to make choices that are not helpful to our self or others. Red behavior is when we are out of control. Red behavior choices could be unsafe to our self and others. In addition to identifying these behavior zones we also started to develop strategies that can help us return to the green zone behavior. We encourage families to share strategies you use to calm yourself when you are out of the green zone. During the month of November we will focus on the “C” in Fales CARES. The “C” stands for Cooperation. We hope families take some time to talk about the many ways you cooperate as a family at home.



Fales Diversity Council Update - Thank you to everyone that was able to participate in our International Walk to School Day in October! We had awesome participation and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves! During the month of November we will focus on what we are grateful for in our lives.



Our November book of the month is *The Secret of Giving Thanks*. The author is Douglas Wood and the illustrator is Greg Shed. The message of the book teaches us that the more we reflect on and appreciate all we have to be grateful for the happier we actually feel. In November we will invite all of our Fales friends to decorate a leaf showing something you are grateful for in your life. We will send paper leaf home in early November. Students will show what they are grateful for in pictures and/or with words. When students have finished decorating their leaf, they will cut it out, put their name on the back and return their leaf to school. We will display all of their leaves on our gratitude tree outside of the Fales cafeteria. We hope this display brings feelings of happiness to all of our Fales Friends!



It has been a much colder fall than last year and students are already wearing their warm coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and boots to school. **Please be sure to label all clothing with your child's name** to ensure we are able to return it to you in the event it is misplaced.

Below you will find a list of Important Events & Dates...

- Nov. 2 Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 11:55 and lunch will not be served.**
- Nov. 5 Gr. 3 Field Trip - Plimoth Plantation**
- Nov. 6 & 8 Book Fair & Ice Cream Social 6-8 p.m.**
- Nov. 7 School Closed - Diwali & Professional Development Day for Staff**
- Nov. 8 Evening Conferences 6-8 p.m.**
- Nov. 12 School Closed - Veterans Day**
- Nov. 13 Diversity Council Meeting - 8 a.m. - Library**
- Nov. 14-18 Food Pantry Collection - Mixes (Bread, Cake, Muffins, Cookies)**
- Nov. 14 FPG Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria**
- Nov. 17 Westborough Turkey Trot - 9 a.m. / Kids Fun Run - 10 a.m. - WHS**
- Nov. 19 School Council Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - Main Office**
- Nov. 21 Half Day for Students and Staff - Dismissal at 11:55**
- Nov. 22 & 23 Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Nov. 27 Grade 2 Field Trip - Mashantucket Pequot Museum**
- Nov. 30 School Meeting - 9 a.m. - Spirit Day - Silly Hat or Hair Day**

I wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all! As always please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thankfully,

Mrs. Stannard