# Hawk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter for the Patricia A. Duran School

#### A Message From Mrs. Davis

The Month of October has come to a close! There have been a number of exciting things happening at the Duran School. We earned our first Hawk Club goal and celebrated with a fun spirit week. We honored Fire Safety Week by inviting the Hermon Fire Department in as classroom guest speakers. We also had a number of school field trips celebrating and learning about all things fall!

As I look ahead to the month of November, I am reminded of how thankful I am to work in such a supportive and giving community. I am thankful that I get to work with your children and the amazing staff at the Patricia A. Duran School each day.

Melissa Davis, Ed.D Principal

## **Spotlight on 1st Grade**

First Grade has had a busy month of learning. We took a fantastic trip to Country Pumpkins in Corinth. For many, this was their very first field trip and bus ride. The students spent the day going on nature walks, hayrides, pumpkin picking and enjoying the sensory activities provided by the farm. This was a wonderful way to wrap up our learning and connect with the community.



#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 16th and 20th. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about their child's progress and to ask any questions. If you have not signed up yet and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please click on the following link:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/PADS

## **Helping Hands This Holiday Season**

The Patricia A. Duran School would like to help support elementary families in need this holiday season. If you would like to purchase a gift for a child in need this holiday season, please visit the website below. Items can be purchased online and delivered directly to the Duran School, or can be purchased and dropped off. We ask that all gifts are dropped off on or before December 15th, as gifts will be distributed to families the week of December 18th. We thank you all for your willingness to support our school and our students.

#### https://www.dreamlist.com/list/eadnetzzfca1snirjat1bdrcaa

## **Food Pantry**

The Hermon High School is a school food pantry site that is partnering with the Good Shepherd Food Bank. At least once a month, they received food and household supplies to support families in our community. If you are in need of food or household supplies, please reach out to Meredith Brookings at <a href="mailto:meredith.brookings@schools.hermon.net">meredith.brookings@schools.hermon.net</a> or Janet Nichols at <a href="mailto:janet.nichols@schools.hermon.net">janet.nichols@schools.hermon.net</a>.



## In-Service, Remote Day and Holiday Reminders

There are several days in November when school is not in session. Please mark your calendar for the following days:

November 7: Remote Day due to the Town of Hermon Voting at PADS

**November 10:** Observance of Veteran's Day

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

#### **Extra Clothes and Winter Gear**

The cold weather season is certainly upon us! We ask that families make sure to send their child with appropriate winter clothes (hat, mittens, coat, boots, etc.). We send students outside to recess daily, and keeping warm while we play is a top priority. We also ask that all students keep an extra change of clothes in their backpacks—accidents sometimes happen—and this ensures that students are prepared. If you are in need of assistance with winter gear, please reach out to Melissa Davis at <a href="mailto:melissa.davis@schools.hermon.net">melissa.davis@schools.hermon.net</a>

#### **Hawk Club Winners**

We have seen a number of students sporting Hawk Club stickers this month. This means that they were caught following the school's expectations and are being a great school citizen. Each month we draw two students from each grade at our assembly. These students are allowed to pick an item from the Hawk Club menu. The following students are our Hawk Club Winners for the month of October:

Caroline Ladd
Marley Arsenault
James Girvois
Brielle Smith
Baxter Allen
Amelia Brown
Ella Blake
Heath Hilenski
Auron Pearson
Lily Stevens
Liam McNerney
Jase Bartlett
Destiny Hall

# November Menus



We serve 2 oz grain, 2 oz protein, 1/2 oup of fruit, 1/2 oup of vegetable, and low fat milk with each free meat. (I meal per student each day) Second meals will be served with 1/2 oup of fruit, 1/2 oup of fruit, 1/2 oup of vegetable, and a low fat milk.

Questions: Please contact Jass Thompson at Jessics Thompson@achools.hemon.net.





