

Dear Students and Parents:

I am happy to announce that we will be entering our 9<sup>th</sup> year of the EXCEL After School Program which will begin on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We will also have our 6<sup>th</sup> **annual Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 27 – MORE DETAILS WILL COME**. Attached you will find two calendars, one to keep and one to be turned in, along with registration forms, all of which need to be filled out and returned **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd**. Circle for each event that your child wishes to participate in and **IF FOR ANY REASON THEY CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE PHONE ME** so that I know that they are **NOT COMING**. Calendars without a parent signature will not be accepted. Students that do not turn in their calendars by the due date will have to wait until Oct. to participate.

**IMPORTANT:**

**There will be NO EXCEL on Thurs., Oct. 19 and Fri., October 20 as school will not be in session due to MEA.**

**I CONTINUE TO REMIND YOU TO PLEASE PROVIDE A HEALTHY SNACK EVERY DAY THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING. Also, if you would like to donate snacks, it would be greatly appreciated.**

**THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**EXCEL Orientation** – Join us for fun outdoor activities as we get to know one another and learn about this year's EXCEL Program. We will discuss rules and proper behavior expectations, especially for those kids that are new.

**Annual Treasure Hunt** – Get ready with your best “Pirate Talk” as you walk the plank, and follow the clues in order to find the real buried treasure.

**Arts & Crafts** – Creating beautiful art work with a variety of crafts.

**Field Trip to Lee Metcalf** – We'll spend time outdoors, watching wildlife, walking and exploring nature.

**Field Trip to North Valley Public Library** – We will visit the Stevensville library and spend time reading books.

**Halloween Art** – Have fun creating your own pumpkin face and other fun projects. On October 31<sup>st</sup> the kids will exhibit their costumes in a parade and enter a contest for the most creative and other cool prizes.

**Harvest Festival** – Come join us for some fun events and activities to celebrate the arrival of fall.

**Legos & Blocks** - Lego Land Blocks are back in action!

**Board Games** – You'll pull out old and new board games as you have fun playing with partners.

**True Colors** - Color to your heart's content!

**Minute to Win It** – Be prepared to use your mind and strength in this fun competition.

**Newspaper Committee** – Become a newspaper reporter as you write about certain interests, events, or even funny stories.

**Think Tank** – We take academics seriously! If you would like extra homework help, then this class is for you. No homework help is too big or small for us – let us help you! We will also conduct rotating groups to help your child improve their skills in the areas of math, spelling, English and reading according to age appropriate curriculum. Students must bring their spelling list on Monday of every week.

Thank you once again for the privilege of working with your children and do not hesitate to talk to me if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions for any upcoming classes. Also, if any parents would like to volunteer to teach a hobby, I'd love to hear from you.

