

# The Bearcat Bits

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## Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Oct. 13-23	Candy Grams on sale
Oct. 16	PINK OUT Day
Oct. 26	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks
Oct. 27	2nd 9 Weeks Begin
Oct. 26-30	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 30	COVID-19-o-ween Activities (see details below)
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1	Daylight Saving Time Ends (Turn clocks back 1 hour)
Nov. 3	Election Day
Nov. 6	Report Cards go home
Nov. 11	Veterans Day/School Holiday

**Ask your child's teacher  
about FEV Tutoring. It's free  
and available online 24/7.**

## Reminders

### Mask/Face Coverings

Everyone must wear a mask or face covering when entering the school building.

### Morning Care

Morning Care is available from 6:30-7:45 a.m. each school morning. Students must be registered and approved to attend. See Coach Mac for details.

### Morning Drop-off Car Line

Students should be ready to exit their vehicles when arriving on campus. This includes having facemasks on, book bags, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. ready to go. Coats, sweaters, jackets, etc. should be on prior to getting out of the vehicle.

For safety purposes, students should only exit on the right side of the vehicle (on the school side).

### P.E.

Students are reminded that they must wear athletic shoes/tennis shoes to P.E. Proper footwear is required for safety and participation. Boots, sandals, clogs, slippers, dress shoes, etc. are not appropriate for P.E.

## COVID-19-O-Ween

On Friday, October 30, all students will receive a treat bag from PTO. Virtual students may do a drive-thru between 11:15-12:45 p.m. or 4:00-5:00 p.m. to pick up their bags and Red Ribbon Week items.

### Important Info about Halloween Celebrations on Fri., Oct. 30, 2020

- Items must be prepackaged, store bought and/or individually wrapped.
- Treat bags, cupcakes, and candy are acceptable.
- Hard candy is not appropriate for children in PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade due to choking risks.
- Parents may NOT attend these celebration activities.
- All items must be dropped off in the Front Office.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

October 26 – 30, 2020

### *Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.*

Mon., Oct. 26	Wear RED Day/We are “Red”y to say NO to drugs/Students sign pledge cards
Tues., Oct. 27	Wear boots/Give drugs the boot/Students sign red ribbons
Wed., Oct. 28	Wear mismatched clothes/We’re too smart to get mixed up in drugs/ Door Decorating Contest
Thurs., Oct. 29	Wear hat or cap/Put a cap on drugs/Student Poster Contest
Fri., Oct. 30	Dress up as favorite character/We have character, and we say NO to drugs.

\*\*\*Scary or evil costumes are NOT allowed (devils, witches, demons, zombies, etc.) Toy weapons are NOT allowed with the costumes. Masks that cover the entire face are also NOT acceptable.

### Tips for Parents to Help Their Children with Reading

#### **Be a great reading partner for your child.**

It’s no fun to read when you’re forced to or feel embarrassed and ashamed to read. Building trust and supporting a child reader is crucial as a reading partner. Here are some tips for supporting your child and becoming a great reading partner:

- Be patient and encouraging.
- Read aloud and track the words with your finger as you are reading.
- Read the same stories over and over. Try reading the same stories in different ways, with different voices to make it fun and interesting.
- Ask questions about the story while you’re reading to gauge comprehension.
- Pick books that are at the right level for your young reader—5+ mistakes on one page is too hard. No mistakes or only one mistake per page is too easy.
- Gently correct mistakes and re-read the entire sentence.
- Give positive feedback and tell the reader he or she is doing a great job.

**Remember to sign and return your federal cards as soon as possible. Thanks!**

### Tips for Parents to Help Their Children with Math

The strategies below are some ways to continue learning even while being away from school.

Provide activities that enrich and relate mathematics to daily life:

- Have your child help measure ingredients for recipes
- Give your child change to count out to pay for small purchases at the store; have older children calculate the change.

Provide some math activities at home:

- Each person rolls the dice and adds, subtracts, or multiplies the numbers
- Use dice and money---Each person rolls a die and gets the number of pennies as dots shown. When someone gets five pennies, they trade it in for a nickel, dime, and so forth, until they’re trading for a dollar.
- Count orally by twos, fives, or tens
- Review math facts at home, in the car, waiting in line, or during other downtime
- Use a standard measuring tool (a ruler, a tape measure, or a yardstick) to measure objects located in the house
- Open a pack of Skittles® or M&M’s® and make a bar graph showing the number of each color found inside the pack.