

Good evening, Charles H. Parker Students and Families! This is Ms. Range, proud principal of Charles H. Parker Academic Center. I hope everyone had a beautiful weekend and enjoyed some outside time as it could not have been nicer! As always, this message will be posted on our website and our Facebook account. Please remember that the school is here to support you. If you have any needs or need any support, please let us know. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM.

It's a quiet week at the Hive. Between October 21 and November 1, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in Benchmark testing. This testing is very important as teachers use this data to determine students who are still struggling with first quarter content and what needs to be done to support their success. Please make sure your child is in school during these days so that they do not miss testing. On Wednesday, Oct. 23, we will have a parent meeting for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents about our Camp Thunderbird trip. This is an important meeting that will provide information and details about the trip. It will also provide information if you are considering chaperoning! The meeting is at 6 PM in English and 7 PM in Spanish. The link for the meeting is <https://bit.ly/paccamp24> If you are unable to make the meeting, we will send out a recording of the meeting the next day.

We do want to put some dates on your calendar for this month. October 30 is an early release day – we will be releasing students at 1:15 to provide teachers with additional professional development opportunities. CMS will provide lunch, and buses will complete the end-of-day routes. We ask that you be in the car rider line no later than 1:30 PM. We also ask that you notify day-care providers or other appropriate parties of the early dismissal.

The week of October 28 – Nov. 1 is our school Spirit Week. Dates and events are listed below.

- Oct. 28 – Marvel v. DC Superheroes
- Oct. 29 – Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- Oct. 30 – Early Release Day and Pajama Day
- Oct. 31 – Favorite Artist/Band

Finally, on Friday, November 1, we will do our Book Character Parade. This is always a great memory for our students and staff. Students can dress up as a character from a book or a historical figure. They will need to bring a copy of the book or information about the historical figure with them to school. Please remember that students **are not allowed** to bring any accessories or masks.

This month, teachers are offering Parent Conferences. Please take advantage of this opportunity so that you can learn more about your child's progress, strengths, and areas of growth. If you have not yet scheduled a conference time, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Please reach out if you have any questions or have any needs. Thank you for all of your support, understanding and dedication to Charles H. Parker! Have a wonderful evening!