

Good evening, Charles H. Parker Students and Families! This is Ms. Range, proud principal of Charles H. Parker Academic Center. Fall is finally in the air and the leaves are changing colors. This is my favorite time of the year! Just a reminder that next Monday and Tuesday, November 4 and 5, there is no school for students. 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 very busy week at the Hive! It is Spirit Week! Monday will be DC v. Marvel Superhero day. Tuesday is Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Wednesday is pajama day and an early release day. Thursday is favorite artist or band day and Friday is Book Character Day! 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.

Kick-off Spirit Week with the October PTA meeting. It will be a virtual meeting on Zoom on Monday, October 28 @ 7 p.m. The link for the meeting is <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81099792992?pwd=PPcoSFAqKufaDw8x3StaDCpz2TbNxy.1> and the Meeting ID: 810 9979 2992 and Passcode: AsLcW1. To join the PAC PTA visit their website <http://www.pacpta.com>

Also, this week, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will continue 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. As a reminder, Wednesday, Oct. 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. Friday, November 1, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be celebrating their Poetry Slam! This is an amazing event where our kids shine with their writings.

Our PTA Direct Giving Campaign is underway. This is the PTA's only fundraiser, and all funds go to support our amazing teachers and staff and provide educational and enrichment opportunities for our kids. We would love 100% participation this year! No gift is too small, and all gifts are tax-deductible. Parents, grandparents, teachers, community supporters, and anyone that loves Parker are all invited to support our fantastic school! You can donate online at <https://bit.ly/DGPAC2425> Don't forget that many companies will match your donation! If you need additional information, please let us know.

Before you know it, Spring will be here and with spring comes our Springfest 2025! This is a wonderful time for our families and our community and so much fun! We are looking for parents to join the planning committee. We need help to make this the best event ever!! Please contact Ms. Alpern if you are interested at [naomi.alpern@hotmail.com](mailto:naomi.alpern@hotmail.com)

As temperatures continue to fluctuate throughout the day, we are finding jackets, hats, gloves, etc. all around the building. Please have your child check the Lost and Found. You are also welcome to sign in and check the lost and found. We have coats, jackets, sweatshirts, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. It is overflowing.

Finally, it is Science Fair time!! Please start talking with your child to determine if s/he would like to participate in our Science Fair. The Science Fair is for students in grades 3-5. Teachers will be asking students this week if they would like a packet. Packets will provide a great deal of information and resources in completing the project. Projects are completed at home and brought in for the competition. This year, projects will be due on January 7. We will then have judges determine the top projects and who will move on to the regional competition. Please let Ms. Range or your classroom teacher know if you have any questions.

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!