



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 25, 2024

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event	Details
October 31	Project L.E.A.D.	See information below. K-5 parents are welcome to view the parade line in person at 8:45 a.m. near Purple playground and Swartley. Parking is in the Upper School lot.
November 1	Diwali	SCHOOL CLOSED
November 14 & November 15	Parent Teacher Conferences	See Below
November 19	Photo Retake	Please contact Dorothy Bryan at bryand@d-e.org if you would like to have a photo retake.
November 21, 22, & 23	Book Fair Hajjar Auditorium	See below. NEW to Book Fair this year: the Parents' Association will be hosting a PJ Party on Saturday 11/23 from 10am-12pm with a read aloud book reading as well as a virtual author visit from Dan Gutman. Please SAVE THE DATE for this fun event. More information to come soon.

LS NOTES

The bi-weekly LS Notes communication will be issued this evening. Please be on the lookout for articles from Janet Garcia-Levitas, Preschool-Grade 3 Spanish Teacher and Kim Franco, Health and Wellness Teacher.

PROJECT L.E.A.D.

Project L.E.A.D. (Literary, Exploration, and Adventure Day) is quickly approaching, and this year it falls on **Thursday, October 31st**. Project LEAD offers students a chance to engage with books and characters

creatively, sparking interest in reading while having fun. Please do not send in any type of food for the class, including candy.

- **Kindergarten through 5th Grade** students are invited to dress as their favorite book character.
- **Preschool students** will cheer on the Lower School parade and look forward to participating in the parade when they are in kindergarten.

Guidelines for costumes:

- *Aside from the parade, we will follow our regular school day schedule; costumes should not interfere with daily school activities.*
- *No full-face coverings.*
- *Costumes must be appropriate for all ages—our youngest students, starting at age 3, will be watching the parade, so please nothing potentially frightening*
- *Avoid costumes that represent stereotypes*

THIRD GRADERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE – Annual Halloween Candy Collection

Third Graders Making a Difference are collecting extra Halloween candy for Soldiers' Angels Treats for Troops. This organization accepts wrapped candy during this Halloween season and sends it directly to service members, wounded heroes and veterans. So, if trick or treating finds your home with an excess of treats that you would like to share with this worthy cause, please send in your extra Halloween candy. There will be collections bins outside third-grade classrooms in Drapkin Hall from Monday, November 4 – Monday, November 11, 2024.

LS PARENT CONFERENCES

- Parent Conferences will be held in person on Thursday, November 14, from 2:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Friday, November 15, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Scheduling details will follow from Susan and Julia using PickATime, an online scheduling program. Families who have multiple children in the Lower School will be given priority access **this Wednesday** so that conferences can be coordinated with siblings. All families will be given access to schedule conferences on **Friday, November 1.**
- Please note Thursday, November 14 is an early dismissal school day for students, and there are no classes for students on Friday, November 15. This year parents will be able to leave their children in the Lower School library for the time they are conferencing with teachers.

ALL SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES – November 14, 2024

- Lunch Will Be Provided
- Preschool 3 and 4 – 1:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten – 1:15 p.m.
- Grades 1 – 5 - 1:30 p.m.
- Buses will depart at 1:50 p.m.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Book Fair – Thursday, November 21-Saturday, November 23 – Hajjar Auditorium

We are excited for our upcoming Book Fair! This year's theme will be Read Around the World!

In addition to on campus shopping on Thursday and Friday, we will be hosting a PJ Party on Saturday 11/23 from 10am-12pm with a virtual author visit from Dan Gutman. More information to come.

Below are some FAQs to help prepare:

- Can I shop with my child?
 - There will be three ways that you can shop the Book Fair this year:
 1. With your child's classroom (schedules to be shared)
 2. Any time during book fair opening hours: 8:30am – 2pm on 11/21 or 11/22
 - 3. PJ Party, Saturday Nov 23 10am-12pm**
- Can I gift a book to my teacher?
 - Absolutely! You can either add money to your child's e-wallet (information below) to spend towards your Teacher's Wishlist basket while your child shops or buy a book when you join us on campus.
- What form of payment will you accept?
 - This year we will be using credit cards or e-wallet, a very convenient cashless feature. Please use the following link to sign up and add funds starting October 30
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dwightengewoodschool>
 - We will not accept cash or check
- Can I shop the Book Fair online?
 - YES! Book Fair will also be held online starting November 20th and run through November 30th. Great way to stock up on holiday gifts or give your teacher(s) a gift! You will be able to shop at the following link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dwightengewoodschool>
- When will my child bring their books home?
 - They will take their books home right away! Happy Reading!

Thank you so much for your support of this year's Reading Rollercoaster Book Fair!