

October 23, 2019

We had great turn-outs for both of our recent meetings with Dr. Baker regarding declining enrollment and its effects on Muir and on our district budget. Our board will begin to plan their next steps to address the situation starting in January. Prior to then, they will be holding a board meeting at each of our five middle schools to hear from that community about their ideas and concerns. The board meeting for the Miller feeder schools, including Muir, will be held at Miller Middle School at 6pm on November 21<sup>st</sup>. I will be there, and I hope to see many of you there. I've attached the slides that Dr. Baker shared with us last week for your reference. -*Adrienne*

### **Harvest Festival this Saturday!**

Our PTA's annual Harvest Festival is this Saturday, 3-6pm! I will be there with my own daughter, and I'll be prepared to judge the pumpkin contest and the costume contest. Come one, come all!

### **Spelling Bee**

Our annual Spelling Bee will take place on November 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> during lunch in our GLC. If your child would like to participate, he/she may use the attached 2019/20 word list to study ahead of time.

### **Children with Fevers**

Just a reminder that a sick child must be fever-free naturally -- not due to use of fever-reducing medication -- for 24 hours before returning to school. This helps us to prevent viruses from spreading and it helps kids to heal fully.

### **Reminders: Run Hide Defend Drill and Halloween at Muir**

#### **Run Hide Defend Drill**

We will be having our annual Run Hide Defend drill on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff was retrained on best practices by San Jose PD officers on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the drill is to practice what we would do in the unlikely event that a shooter is on campus. Here is what teachers share with students about the drill:

- The drill is called "Run, Hide, Defend", because those are the three things you would do if an unsafe stranger (grades TK-3), or "shooter" (grades 4-5) was on campus.
- Please remind students in grades 4-5 to not discuss guns and shooting at school among younger students.
- Please encourage all students to discuss the drill with their parents.
- Please emphasize to students that it's very rare to have an "unsafe stranger" on campus, and it will probably never happen, but we still have to prepare for it.

#### **Halloween**

We will be having a Halloween parade the morning of October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:45AM. As you plan your costumes, please keep in mind the following:

- Non-scary masks may be worn during the parade
- Students who want to wear a costume should arrive at school already wearing it, along with a change of clothes. Students will change into their regular clothes after the parade.
- No blood and gore.
- Keep in mind that we have very young children – ages 3 and 4 – on campus and we do not want to scare them. Save the scary portions of your costume for Halloween night.