

## An October Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe the second month of school is here already! The students did an exceptional job of transitioning back to all in-person learning. As you can imagine, we learned a number of ways to integrate technology into our instructional practices last year due to the pandemic. We found many of these practices to be effective, so we will continue to refine and use many of them as we move forward. As part of their transition back to school during September, the students learned our classroom and school wide expectations.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold an in-person Open House on September 30<sup>th</sup>, but our teachers were able to present important information virtually. Parents were able to virtually meet with a number of teachers throughout the evening to learn classroom expectations as well as the different themes and concepts that will be taught in their classes during the school year.

On October 1st, some of our students were rewarded for completing their summer reading assignments. Students from grades 1-5 were able to make their own sundaes using ice cream and toppings donated by Stewart's. This reward has been a tradition for many years, and it was wonderful to experience it again after missing it last year. In total, we had about 150 students that completed their summer reading assignments! Thank you to our local Stewart's for donating the ice cream for the celebration!

### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- October 4th-8th: Scholastic Book Fair
- October 8th: Early Dismissal (Pre-K at 11:45, K-5 at 12:30)
- October 11th: **Holiday - No School**
- October 13th: Picture Day
- October 20th: PTA Meeting at 5:45 in the HS Cafeteria

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Palmer  
Principal