

HMES Newsletter



October 25, 2021

A Message from Dr. Tufts:

Hello Families,

What a crazy beginning to a week. The much-needed rain was both welcome and problematic. On Monday, we relied on our generator, yet again. We are thankful we can provide a warm, safe place for students to weather out the storm. Unfortunately, our phone system is still not quite intact. We can use our fax line to phone out and receive calls. 707-965-0834. We will continue to work on using the cafeteria line for in-coming calls.

Howell Mountain Halloween Parade

We are planning our annual Howell Mountain Halloween Parade. On October 29, Students may arrive at school wearing their school appropriate Halloween costumes. We will plan to “parade” to the Angwin Volunteer Fire Department, where we will eat a light snack, see the trucks, and celebrate our hard-working fire fighters. If parents would like to volunteer for this event, a COVID-19 vaccination will be required. We will leave the school at 9:00 and will plan on leaving the fire hall at 10:00. We hope to have a surprise student performance at the fire hall once we arrive.

COVID-19 Update:

Our COVID-19 testing will now be changed to every Wednesday. We will continue to test all staff and students whose families have opted in for testing. If you sign up through the Color Portal, families may test as well. Since it is flu and cold season, it has been nice to rule out COVID-19. Students may not come to school with symptoms; however, may take a rapid Antigen test to resume school once they are symptom free for 24 hours.

Spirit Week November 15-19:

Our students are ready for normalcy to return and have requested a spirit week. We will honor this request and will host Spirit Week Monday, November 15-19, prior to the beginning of Thanksgiving Break

Monday: **Clash Day**
Tuesday: **Crazy Hair Day**
Wednesday: **Sports Day**
Thursday: **Twin Day**
Friday: **PJ Day**

Important Dates:

October 29: Halloween Parade
October 29: Pope Valley Halloween Carnival
November 3: Covid Testing
November 10: End of Trimester
November 11, 12: No School
November 15-19: Spirit Week
November 15: Report Cards
November 16: Paper Airplane Guy Assembly
December 1: Rescheduled Picture Day