

The Tiger's Roar

A Weekly Parent-School Newsletter September 25, 2009



Note from Ms Murphy

Can you believe that this is the last full week of September? It seems like school just started! On Monday, Field Middle School held the first of the planned fire drills for the year and the students and staff passed with flying colors. We are required to hold several fire drills every year, as well as a lockdown drill, school bus drill (taking place this upcoming week), and a tornado drill. More information is forthcoming about the lockdown drill.

I would like to encourage you to support the fundraising efforts of our PTC and Ed Foundation. The PTC catalogue sale kicked off this last week and the Ed Foundation is looking for people to walk in their 5K. All of their efforts support Field and Winkelman.

Last Friday was the first time that our Skyward Gradebook was opened via Family Access. I hope you took advantage of this opportunity to monitor your child's progress. Your student will also be receiving their own password information so they can check on their own progress. Research has shown that students benefit if they monitor their own progress.

Please note that because of this frequent access to the online gradebook, Field Middle school will NO longer be sending out progress reports. Our next update will be October 2.

As you drive by Field, check out the soccer field. Right now the fields are off limits until the spring because we are re-seeding and grading it to ensure student safety. We have also installed a new fence designed to keep balls from flying into the street. I think you will agree with me that this is definitely an important safety feature.

Enjoy the weekend...and your day off on Monday.
Erin K. Murphy, Principal

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE TIGER'S ROAR WILL ONLY BE PUBLISHED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. AFTER SEPTEMBER, ALL NEWSLETTER INFO WILL BE ON EDLINE.

General Tech Update: If you do not have or misplaced your Family Access or Edline activation information, please call the office and we can help get you set up. Thanks in advance for your patience as we iron out any bugs. We are excited about these tools to better communicate with you.

Skyward Gradebook Update: Many of you have asked how to change those cumbersome Skyward Family Access user names and passwords. The system has been reconfigured to allow parents to customize their information. Please log in and go to *Account Info* in the right corner to enter your choice for username and password. And make sure you visit this site frequently. Dates that teacher updates are required are listed in the district calendar, although some may update more frequently.

Edline Update: Make sure you activate your account. This site is a great way to keep up with class activities and assignments...and school news.

The **PTC catalogue sale** began September 17. This is a new catalogue with new offerings...including wrapping paper, gift items and cookie dough. Check out the information in the back of the Tiger's Roar. All proceeds support Field and Winkelman. Students who sell 10 items will earn free admittance to the Halloween on Ice event.

**Save the Date:
Education Foundation 5K
Family Walk/Run
Sunday, October 4
SIGN-UP NOW**

Seventh Grade Springfield Trip

There is no doubt that this Springfield Trip will be a highlight of the seventh grade year. Trip participants will go on Saturday, October 10 leaving at 6:00 am. At this time only one bus will be going. Further registrants will be on a waiting list. Please call Mr. Razes at 847-313-4452 if you have any questions. Please note that while this is a school-approved trip, it is sponsored by the Educational Tours of Deerfield, IL.

**Check out the September Club Calendar!
Help your child decide how to get involved. More club offerings will be coming in October!**

Included Attachments

- September Lunch Calendar
- September Club Calendar
- Ed Foundation 5K Brochure
- PTC Catalogue Sale
- PTC Halloween on Ice

No School Monday!

Week at a Glance*	
Monday, September 28	• No School
Tuesday, September 29	•
Wednesday, September 30	• School Bus Evacuation Drills – all grade levels
Thursday, October 1	•
Friday, October 2	• Online Gradebook Updated

Before/After school library and computer occur daily