

# Mars Hill Elementary School

## October Newsletter

### What's Happening This Month



- October 3-7: Book Fair
- October 7: Last day of 'Pack the Pig' fundraiser
- October 10-13: Spirit Week
- October 14: Remote Day
- October 15: Fall Festival from 10am-2pm
- October 21: No School/Optional Teacher Workday
- October 27: Awards Program

### A Note From Our Media Center



The fall Scholastic Book Fair is here, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>! You can set up a cash-free digital payment account called an eWallet. For more information, check out our Facebook page or visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/marshillelementaryschool1> Online shopping continues until October 16<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to seeing your child at the book fair!

Mrs. Zitney

### A Peek At What We Are Learning



This month Kindergarten is learning about Autumn, Pumpkins, Fire Safety, and more! We're continuing to work on letters and sounds, as well as number identification and counting.

First grade will be studying various plants and their needs with a focus on apples, pumpkins and how plants change during Fall. During October, students will take a trip to Fender's Farm to explore these plants in real-world settings.

Second grade just wrapped up our Butterfly unit by releasing our butterflies into the butterfly garden. This month we are learning about bats and spiders!

### Spirit Week!

- 10/10: Come dressed as a rock star
- 10/11: Wear your tropical attire
- 10/12: Dress in your best country western outfit
- 10/13: Show off your Wildcat pride, wear red & black





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Third graders have begun learning about division and how it relates to multiplication. We are excited about Spirit Week coming up and would love to see lots of our students participate in the fun! To wrap up October we will be heading to Fender's Farm at the end of the month for lots of fall activities!

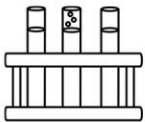


## A Note From Our Speech Teacher



At home, one of the best things you can do to help boost your child's speech and language skills is to read with them every day. A few fall favorite books include, 'Leaf Man' by Lois Elhert, 'We're Going on a Leaf Hunt' by Steve Metzger and 'Tell Me a Scary Story... But not too Scary' by Carl Reiner. These books can help promote language through describing, asking and answering questions, sequencing and introducing themed vocabulary.

## A Peek At What We Are Learning, continued...



**Fourth grade** has started our novel study of R.J Palacio's book, Wonder. Students are applying the themes from this story to their daily lives and considering how they can 'choose kind' during the day. In Math, students are finishing their data study and are multiplying and dividing with two digit by two digit numbers. Students have also been studying the structure of government on the state and federal levels as well as environments and how organisms adapt to their changing environments. We are looking forward to our annual partnership with Mars Hill Library in November as well as our visit to see historic barns and their rich history in Western North Carolina.

For **fifth grade**, October brings new units in math and science! In math, we will be learning about 3-dimensional geometry and measurement. Students will do hands-on explorations into volume. In science, we will begin a unit on body systems where students will learn how the major systems of the human body perform functions necessary for life. In ELA, students will focus on questioning as a strategy to deepen understanding and expand thinking. We are continuing to build positive classroom communities by practicing perseverance, kindness, and patience.

