Dear Commerce Families,

We have another exciting week planned at Commerce Elementary. Our students can't wait for our Halloween Celebration on Thursday. Please make sure you read the information below to ensure a smooth (and fun) day for our kids. **Don't Forget! Thursday is also a HALF DAY** for students as teachers attend PD in the afternoon.

The Western Oakland County **Parenting Education Fair** is also this week - **Saturday, November 2, 2019** at **Walled Lake Northern HS**. The cost is $15 per person or $25 at the door. Topics include managing social media with your child, reducing stress and anxiety, strategies to help you with a child with ADHD, nutrition, character building, planning for college, and more. Child care is available for a reasonable cost ($3 for one child, $5 per family) and includes entertainment and lunch. Lunch for conference participants will be available for purchase from local food trucks. We hope to see you there! [Website](#) - [Conference at a Glance](#) - [Register Today](#)

Lastly, the district is holding two information meetings for parents regarding **school safety**. Please see page 5 for more information from our deputy superintendent, Dr. Delgado. We encourage you to attend one of our safety meetings to learn more and provide feedback. Please see above for dates/times.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. If it's important to you, it's important to us!

Sincerely,

*Christina Carlin*

*Proud Principal, Commerce Elementary*

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**Important Reminder:** We have several children at Commerce who are vulnerable to contagious illnesses. These brave Cougars are fighting leukemia or Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We can help them stay healthy and strong in a few very simple ways...

- Talk with your child about the importance of proper hand washing.
- Teach your child to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze (and wash their hands).
- Notify the Main Office immediately if your child has a contagious illness like chicken pox, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza (the flu), and more.
- Most importantly, have your child stay home from school if they are sick.

Together we can show that Commerce cares about these brave Cougars. On behalf of these special families and their medical teams, I thank you for your support and compassion.
Halloween - Thursday, October 31st

Halloween is always a special day for our children. Please take a moment to review the following plans and procedures. Our goals are to:

- Provide uninterrupted time for learning before the parade/party,
- Ensure school security protocols are maintained,
- Enjoy a fun Halloween celebration with our school community!

**Times:**
- 10:30am – Schoolwide Parade (outside, around our track)
- 11:00am (approximately) – Classroom Parties (inside, in individual classrooms)
- 11:45am – End of Classroom Parties
- 12:25pm – Dismissal: The 31st is a HALF day of school. Teachers have professional development in the afternoon.

**Costumes:**
- Students should bring their costumes to school.
- Costumes should also be school appropriate (no violence, weapons, blood, scary clowns, or inappropriate costumes).
- Parents/guardians will not be able to go to classrooms prior to the parade to help their child with their costumes or makeup. Students should be able to put on their costume independently.

**Guests/Visitors:**
- Parents/guardians are welcome to join us around the track for our parade and in classrooms for parties.
- Please, no strollers.
- Upon arrival, parents and visitors will sign-in near the track.
- If you are taking your child home with you, you may sign-out with your child's teacher (not the Main Office).

**Parade Information:**
- Weather permitting, we will parade around our track in our costumes.
- Parents/visitors should gather around the track.
- We kindly request that parents wait until the entire parade is complete before going inside. This applies to all parents, including those who are helping with class parties. If everyone leaves once their child's class passes them, the last class won't have much of a parade! Teachers will be prepared for some lag time between the parade and party. All parents and visitors should wait until the parade is done before entering the building.

**Class Parties:**
- Teachers will coordinate Halloween parties and will e-mail parents with volunteer requests.
- In order to minimize interruptions prior to the parade, teachers will have two volunteer passes for two parents who can help set-up in classrooms before the parade. All other parents should gather near the track.
- Class parties must end at 11:45am in order to clear Farr Street and the parking lot for dismissal.

**Dropping-Off Items:**
- If you need to drop-off items during the day, the Main Office will deliver items to classrooms.
- In order to limit interruptions and protect time for learning, parents will not be allowed to visit classrooms prior to the parade (with the exception of those parents with volunteer passes).

**Weather:**
- If it rains, the parade will be cancelled but costumes and class parties will still go on as planned at 11:00am.

**Parking:**
- The gate behind the gym will be open and there will be additional parking on the field. Please do NOT park on Farr Street or along the bus loop.

😊 Thank you for helping make this day special for our students! 😊
Dear Commerce Families,

We believe it is important for our children to understand the service and sacrifice of those who fight to protect our freedom. In honor of veterans in our school community, we have planned a special Veterans Day assembly on Monday, November 11th. During this assembly, we will honor veterans in our community and sing a special song for our guests. We would like to invite veterans from our school community to join us and would appreciate it if you could please pass along the invitation shown below. Our goal is to instill in our students a deep sense of respect and gratitude for those who serve or have served our country. We hope they will carry this respect and gratitude throughout their lives.

Please forward this message to veterans in your family or in our community. Please note the information needed to RSVP (veteran's name, student's name, and branch of the military). We are looking forward to this special event and honoring our veterans!

Sincerely,
Barb Morley, Tanya DuBay, Christina Carlin, and Marget Gusumano

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Attention 5th Grade Parents!

5th Grade Celebration Reminders

The following tasks are due October 31st:

- 3 pictures: A baby picture, kindergarten picture, and one from 5th grade. If you have any group shots of 5th graders, we'll take those, too!
- Donation: A donation of $35 per student is kindly requested. This donation is optional but greatly appreciated to make this day special for our 5th graders. Regardless of donation amount, ALL 5th graders will participate and enjoy our 5th grade celebration!
- If anyone would like to be a sponsor, please let us know. We will be showcasing our sponsors on the event program.

Contact Andi Parel (andiparel@gmail.com), Maureen Evans (maureen.r.evans@gmail.com), or Jennifer Kappeller (dkny420@aol.com) with questions.
PTA President’s Corner

- We hope everyone had an awesome time at the Fall Fair! Thank you to our chairs, Andi Parel and Meg Bildstein, for another awesome event! And we hope everyone was a winner at the Silent Auction! Thank you to Sandy Charbonneau and Meghan Smith for their work to put everything together! Special thank yous to Meg and Sandy as they are both retiring from their chair positions. We appreciate your years of dedication to these fundraisers!!

- If you were a Silent Auction winner and you did not pay for or pick up your prize at the Fall Fair, please look for communication from the PTA and our chairs about how to claim your prize! All payments must be made and prizes picked up by November 8th.

- All parents are encouraged to attend our next PTA meeting on November 20th at 7pm. We will be having a special presentation from the Department of Homeland Security that you won't want to miss! The presentation is about cyber safety awareness and keeping kids safe from predators on the internet. It covers characteristics of predators and techniques that they use to groom children and obtain sexually explicit content from them. We will also be covering apps and social media that are often used by predators to seek out children and ways to either make them safe(er) for kids to use or to inform parents that they should not be used at all. We will also touch on cyber bullying and will provide parents with resources and contacts if they suspect their child may have been contacted by a predator. We will see you on November 20th!

- It’s not too early to think about the holidays! Mark your calendars for Holiday Craft Night on Wednesday, December 4th! Kids will be able to make cute, low-cost crafts to share with loved ones this holiday season. EVEN BETTER, the Book Fair will be open that night, too! Get your holiday shopping started and help support our school! Look for more information, including volunteer opportunities, in the coming weeks.

- Has your child started working on their submission for the Reflections art program? Entries are due by November 15th! Look for rules and entry forms outside the main office or visit the Reflections website for more information. All participants from Commerce will be honored at a special reception in December! We can’t wait to see what your students create!

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Message from the Deputy Superintendent
Parents Encouraged to Attend Safety Meetings

Dear WLCSD Parents,

Ensuring a safe physical environment in our schools is paramount. With your support through bond approvals, over the last six years we have significantly upgraded our safety and security measures at all District schools and facilities. From swipe card entry technology to entry buzzer systems, secure vestibules, and thousands of surveillance cameras, we do everything we can to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe.

In addition to physical upgrades, our staff members train students, annually, on a variety of safety drills, including fire, tornado, lock-down, shelter-in-place, and evacuations. New for the 2019-2020 school year will be the introduction of ALICE safety protocols, which prepare for a violent-intruder event. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. This nationally endorsed law enforcement best practice is a proactive, options-based strategy for encountering a violent intruder.

We are proud to have strong partnerships with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department as well as the following Police Departments: Novi, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield, White Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Orchard Lake, and Farmington. All nine of these law enforcement agencies have ALICE trained officers who will be assisting individual schools with educational sessions, staff and student training, and safety drill implementation.

**We will be offering two parent sessions to learn more about ALICE:**
- **Elementary Schools** -- Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Oakley Park Elementary – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Middle & High Schools** – Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at Clifford Smart Middle School – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We encourage you to ask questions and share your thoughts by either attending one of our upcoming Parent Information Sessions or by providing feedback at our designated email: safety@wlcsd.org.

We recognize the sensitivity and deep emotions associated with this topic. Therefore, throughout the school year, both the District and individual schools will continue to communicate with the entire school community as we move forward together on this journey toward maximizing safety and preparedness at every facility in the District.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Gutman
Superintendent of Schools

Chris Delgado
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Contact: Dr. Chris Delgado, Deputy Superintendent - ChrisDelgado@wlcsd.org

Walled Lake Consolidated School District | 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390 | 248.956.2000
We are excited to kick off the Commerce Elementary Math Club again this year!

What is the Math Club?

The Mathematics Pentathlon is a program of interactive problem-solving games that help develop and practice math concepts and skills. This motivational and fun program promotes strategic thinking by linking arithmetic reasoning with geometric, spatial and logical thinking while encouraging friendly competition and good sportsmanship. Groups are divided up into 3 Divisions: Division I (K-1), Division II (2-3), Division III (4-5)

How does it work?

Each division has a set of 5 games – which are not standard board games (chess, checkers, etc.), but specific games aligned to game strategy and math topics at each grade level. The games can be mastered by all students whether they currently love math or struggle a bit and would like to become more confident. It is exciting to watch the growth of the students strategic thinking and math abilities over the year.

In addition to learning and practicing the games, students will have the opportunity to compete in a one-day Division level tournament, where each student plays all 5 games against competitors from other schools in the region. Several Cougars took home medals last year!

When are club sessions and how does my child enroll?

The club will begin on Tuesday, November 5th and last through your group’s tournament date in the Spring. Club sessions will take place before school on Tuesdays from 8 – 8:50 am except when school is closed.

To become involved in this great club, please complete and return the attached registration form to the front office or email club leader Mike Sachs at msachs1@gmail.com. To provide the best quality experience possible for our students, we limit the enrollment to 20 students for each division level on a first come first serve basis.

We need parent volunteers!

The Math Pentathlon Club relies solely on the participation of parent volunteers to run smoothly! Each Division level requires 1 head coach and 1-2 parent volunteers depending on the size of the team to ensure the greatest learning experience. *All parent volunteers need to have an approved Criminal History form.

**We need a head coach for Division 1 (K-1). We have detailed training manuals and lesson plans for each team that take you step by step through the games and how to teach them to your team over the course of the season, so you don’t need any prior experience.

Please reach out with any questions to Mike Sachs – 248-894-9807 or msachs1@gmail.com

To learn more about Math Pentathlon head over to http://www.mathpentath.org
Math Club Student Application

Two options – (1) Your child can return this Registration Form to the front office or (2) you can email this information straight to Mike Sachs at msachs1@gmail.com

Date __________________

Student Name _____________________________________________

Grade ________ Teacher ________________________________

Participated in Math Pentathlon last year? ________

Attended National Math Pentathlon Academic Tournament last year? ________

Parent Name ____________________________________________

Parent Email __________________________________________

Parent Phone _______________________

____ Yes, I am interested in being the head coach of the K/1 team
____ Yes, I am available to assist during the weekly session as a parent volunteer every week
____ Yes, I am available to assist during the weekly session as a parent volunteer when I can

Spring Math Pentathlon Academic Tournaments will be:

Kinder & 1st grade – April 25, 2020
2nd & 3rd grade – March 21, 2020
4th & 5th grade – May 16, 2020

Will attend tournament _____ Likely to attend _______ Will NOT attend ____

Upon acceptance of registration, you will receive an email with confirmation and additional club information.
Walled Lake Central Ski & Snowboard Swap Sale
11/9/2019

Come sell your old ski/snowboard equipment, apparel and gear!

Great deals on new equipment too!

A portion of the sale will benefit the WLC Ski Team!

Drop off your sale items at the Walled Lake Central Cafeteria on Friday 11/8 from 6pm-9pm or Saturday 11/9 from 8am-10am

Swap Sale is Saturday, November 9th from 9am-2pm in the Walled Lake Central Cafeteria

www.centralskiswap.com