

C.W. Henry Family Newsletter

October 2019

Charles W. Henry School
Katharine Davis, Principal
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Dates to Remember

10/30	Volleyball game (away)
10/31	Storybook Character Day-schoolwide
11/1	Junior Achievement Day- schoolwide
11/2	PTA Fall school yard clean-up, picnic and garden harvest (10:00a)
11/18 - 11/22	Scholastic Book Fair
11/20 - 11/22	Early Dismissals (12:09pm) Report Card Conferences, (1:00 - 3:00pm)
11/21	Evening Report Card Conferences (5 - 7pm)

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been a wonderful September and October at CW Henry! Our eighth graders have been busy learning more about high schools, we hosted a very successful Fall Craft Fair, and many classes travelled around the city for field trips. If you have the chance this week, make sure to check out the storybook character pumpkins on display outside of the main office. Our students and their imaginations are so creative! We are looking forward to our November programming.

I'd like to welcome and introduce Mrs. Maureen Mullin, our newest first grade teacher, to the CW Henry community. Ms. Mullin joined our team in early October and is a phenomenal addition to the staff. Her new classroom is in the Portables, Room 111.

With appreciation,

Principal Davis



Important Reminders:

Make sure your student is in line on time! Our school hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.

Students who come to school after 8:30am will be marked late at the front desk.



Students are expected to line up with their class or homeroom teacher at 8:30am on the upper school yard for morning announcements all year long (with the exception of severely inclement or freezing weather, then students will enter through the main entrance between 8:15-8:30am and be routed to different areas of the building by staff).

Breakfast is served at no charge from 8:10 am to 8:25 am in the school cafeteria every morning. Students will then go out to the school yard to line up with their class.

Please remind your student that there is no playing on playground equipment or riding around on scooters, bikes, and skateboards in the lower school yard until after 3:15pm. It is important that all students have a grown-up with them. There are no dogs allowed on school property at any time.

There are no early dismissals granted after 2:30 pm. Find out what's happening at Henry by joining the school's Instagram page @c.w.henry and make sure you're receiving text alerts from both your child's teacher and Principal Davis via Remind.

The school's PTA also has a Facebook page and a weekly e-newsletter that is super informative and delivered right to your inbox.

Additionally, every grade has it's own private Facebook page just for parents, so you can ask questions and will never be left wondering if it's gym day or an early dismissal!

Trip Chaperones:

Do you plan on chaperoning a field trip this year? If so, make sure your clearances are up-to-date. Once they are, be sure to drop copies off in the school office and to notify your child's teacher.

Please go to the School District of Philadelphia's FACE website for more information on how to obtain your clearances quickly and for free.

School Selection:

****Important Reminder****

If you are a current parent who lives out of the Henry catchment and will have an incoming student next year- please go to the school

district's website before November 1st at 5:00pm and apply to Henry for out of catchment admission for your child. **Even if a sibling already attends Henry, families must apply through the School Selection portal for additional students.**

Go to schoolselect.philasd.org Select the button that says "apply here" and follow steps to apply to CW Henry out of catchment. The last day to apply online is November 1st at 5:00pm sharp.

*** Current Henry families must officially apply online for out-of-catchment admission for all incoming students.** We do our absolute best to enroll current siblings at CW Henry but we ask for your cooperation and understanding in that we must follow School District of Philadelphia policies and timelines. We cannot enroll out-of-catchment students who do not apply through School Selection *

From the Nurse's Corner:

Nurse Larrson has a few important things she would like Henry families to know:

All medications brought to school need to have a MED 1 form filled out from your child's doctor and signed by a caregiver. Please turn the form

into Nurse Larrson soon. You can call her directly to have a form sent home with your child.

If your child has asthma, please make sure they regularly bring an inhaler to school at let Nurse Larrson and the classroom teacher know.

If you have an older student that you think is responsible enough to carry their own inhaler, the nurse will complete a self-assessment form with the child. Even older students should notify the nurse that they use an inhaler in case they ever have an issue. MED 1 forms will need to be filled out for older students as well. Please call the nurse to have a form sent home with your child.

The nurse's closet is in need of size 5T, 4, 5, and 6 chinos, shorts,skirts, and gym pants for when students need a change of clothes. We are well stocked with all other sizes and items at this time.

If you would like to donate, please send these gently used and freshly washed items in to the school office labeled for the nurse. Thanks!

School-wide:

There is so much fun happening this month at Henry as we celebrate Fall!

On October 31st, all students in grades K-8th are invited to

come to school dressed as a character from a book that they like. In case of inclement weather, there are rainy day procedures in place for our parade.

During the parade, the Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest winners will be announced and all entries will be on display. Please check them out if you are here for the parade! They are showcased on tables outside the main office.

Please do not send your child to school with scary masks, scary or violent costumes, and absolutely no weapons. We would like this event to be one of fun that will not scare any of the other students.

Several grades will have fall festivals and celebrations, please check with your child's teacher for more information and ways in which you can volunteer.

News From the Music Room:

Mrs. Trisdorfer wants parents and caregivers to know that information about what your child is doing in music class, as well as choir and school musical information, can be found on her website. The easiest way to find the site is to Google "CW Henry Music Department".

Calling all seamstresses! Mrs. Trisdorfer is in need of people with good sewing ability and access to a sewing machine to help make costumes for the musical. Help is needed now until February when the show opens. Please email Mrs. Trisdorfer if you have time to give.

The Music Department is on Instagram! Check out all the amazing stuff going on at @cwhenrymusicclass

Upper School:

Upper School students have been on a number of field trips recently!

The 6th grade students went to the zoo recently as part of their science class curriculum with Ms. Harley.

The 6th and 7th grade students went to the University of Pennsylvania Museum as part of their units of study on Ancient Greece and Egypt in Ms. Cantarini's history class. In addition, 7th grade students were visited in class earlier this month by a Penn Museum Educator with ancient artifacts as part of their Unpacking the Past program.

6th graders are getting ready to embark on a six visit journey throughout the school year to the Philadelphia Museum of Art

for their Sherlock program. Museum educators have also visited Ms. Wirshup's ELA classroom for a pre-visit with students.

Henry Extracurriculars and Sports:

Our 6-8 grade Volleyball team is currently undefeated! We continue to wish them the best of luck as they close out the season. We also wish the best of luck to our 4th - 7th grade chess team on their upcoming games and matches!

A Playworks-run co-ed flag football group for current 4th and 5th grade students began earlier this month! Are you curious about when Coach Eli will visit Henry? His weeklong visits are listed on the school wide calendar.

S.A.C Update:

C.W. Henry S.A.C's Back to School Night uniform swap was a huge success! Thank you to all of the families who donated their gently used uniforms. Many families benefited from taking home new- to -them items during the event. We also were able to donate items to our school nurse, as well as Lingelbach School's nurse, for emergencies. Remaining items were either sold to the Nesting House for credit that benefits

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the school, or donated to Cradles to Crayons. We hope to have another uniform swap during Parent/Teacher Conferences in November. Stay tuned for more information.

PTA Update:

Please join us for a fall clean up of the school grounds and garden, followed by a picnic on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00-3:00pm.

The fall book fair will happen from 11/18 - 11/22 during school and parent/teacher conferences. You can also order online. More details to follow.

The next PTA meeting will happen on November 19th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Children are welcome!



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