



## ***Fathers in the School, Part 2***

Thank you to the fathers who responded to my post in last week's newsletter regarding the participation of fathers in their children's school lives. A couple dads shared their observation that as a school we tend to direct communications primarily to the mothers, whether it's a phone call or an email, rather than to them. I admit I'm often guilty of that myself. So, here is a heads up that going forward I will be including fathers in emails regarding office behavioral or academic issues, even in cases where the mother has been my primary point of contact. If you want to be certain I have your email address send it to me at [fcoble@surryschool.org](mailto:fcoble@surryschool.org). I will be encouraging all staff to always include fathers as well. -Mr. Cole

## ***Halloween Parade***

On Halloween Day parents are invited to join us at 2:20 for our annual Halloween parade. Students are invited to dress in costume, but should come dressed in normal clothes to start the day. Teachers will give their students time to change into their costume prior to the parade.

**Costumes should not have masks** that cover the face (except with approval from Mr. Cole), and **shouldn't include blood, gore, weapons, or anything especially frightening or violent.** If you have any questions about the appropriateness of your child's costume for the parade, ask Mr. Cole.

## ***Spirit Gear***

Last week for spirit gear orders! All orders are due next Friday, Nov. 1st. The spirit gear will be available for pick up the first week of December. Think holiday shopping! If you need an order form, please stop by the front office or contact Mrs. Weaver at [cweaver@surryschool.org](mailto:cweaver@surryschool.org).

## ***'Tis the Season***

Head lice season, that is.

First important note: Surry Elementary does not have a lice policy, and that's fine, because we turn to the American Academy of Pediatrics and CDC for advice. Here is what the American Academy of Pediatrics says:

*Because a child with an active head lice infestation likely has had the infestation for 1 month or more by the time it is discovered and poses little risk to others from the infestation, **he or she should remain in class**, but be discouraged from close direct head contact with others. If head lice is diagnosed in a child, **confidentiality** is important. The child's parent or guardian may be notified that day by telephone or by having a note sent home with the child at the end of the school day stating that prompt, proper treatment of this condition is in the best interest of the child and his or her classmates.*

So, children with lice won't immediately get sent home and are allowed to return to school. Additionally, we must maintain student privacy by not sharing with other students/parents/the public which children have lice.

However, we do discourage students from sharing clothing, especially hats. Additionally, parents of children with lice will be instructed on how to get rid of them. We encourage parents at home to check their own children, especially if they complain of an itchy head. For more information visit <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/135/5/e1355> or contact Nurse Jenny.

## **Surry PTCO Trunk or Treat**

Come visit the Surry PTCO Trunk or Treat on Halloween night, right in the Surry Elementary School parking lot! There will be a prize for **best trunk**, the Surry Fire Department will have a **fire truck** here, and a mystical **fortune teller** will be here to read your fortune! Candy and non-candy items will be given out. All ages are welcome. 4-6 pm!

## **SES Talent Show**

Sign-up sheets for the Talent Show should be turned in asap. Contact Amy Chandler at [achandler@surryschoo.org](mailto:achandler@surryschoo.org) with questions or to sign up!

## **GSA INFO EVENING**

### **For 7th & 8th Graders**

Thursday, November 07, 2019

5:30-7:30 P.M.

Come see what George Stevens Academy has to offer during this special information evening.

\*activities\*special classes\*programs\*

\*teacher presentations\*

\*GSA Student panel\*Parent panel\*

Light refreshments will be provided at the end of the evening.

We look forward to seeing you on Campus!

For more, please contact Christie A. Snow,

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## **Old Surry School Trunk or Treat**

The yard at the Old Surry Village School will be HAUNTED on Halloween! Come one, come all to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual TRUNK or TREAT spook fest, featuring Chills and Thrills and Treats Galore. It's on Halloween, October 31, from 4 to 6 pm, at the corner of Toddy Pond Rd. & Surry Rd. It's the safest way to trick or treat. Free hot apple cider. All ages are welcome. Sponsor: Old Surry Village School Preservation Group. Info: 479-4699

## **Menu Change**

Salad Bar added-

Tuesday 10/29 & Wednesday 10/30

No alternate on the menu next month due to lack of interest.

## **Healthy Peninsula Resource Center at SES**

Healthy Peninsula is proud to announce the installation of one of our Family Mobile Resource Centers in your elementary school! It is located in the front lobby area of the school and free for your browsing. The Mobile Resource Center has information about local organizations, services, events and activities. Each pocket has numerous resources and we encourage you to flip through to see what is there. We will be regularly checking on our centers to make sure they are stocked, up-to-date and adding more items as we find them. If you have any questions, suggestions, etc. feel free to contact me, Erica Garvey at [egarvey@healthypeninsula.org](mailto:egarvey@healthypeninsula.org). We also have an ongoing evaluation form at: <https://forms.gle/8GbcQXYkadbFv41N6>. To encourage participation, we will be doing a raffle drawing every three months for a \$50 gift card. Please let us know if we have helped to make an impact. This project was made possible with grant funding from the Maine Community Foundation.

