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Leslie C. Pearson, Principal

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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to be with you at Meet McKinley night and for you to hear about the learning goals for your children in each grade and subject area. As I visit classrooms each day I can see firsthand the joy that comes from working hard, deepening knowledge and testing new hypotheses.

October promises to be an exciting and informative month. I invite you to join our Math Science Teacher, Maureen Bonenfant, and me on Thursday, October 10 at 6:15PM for a **parent workshop about the new math curriculum** which is aligned to the new Common Core State Standards. Please refer to the accompanying flyer in this Friday Folder for details. Immediately following the presentation will be October's PTA meeting. The next night, October 11, is Family Read-in Night, sponsored by the PTA. This will be a great time to enjoy reading spooky stories with your children.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held this month, on October 17, 23 and 24. These days will all be early dismissal (1:40 PM) days, so please be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

Today we began our in-school Friday Clubs which is part of our positive behavior support system. The children are very motivated to take part in these "extra-curricular" activities and this helps ensure a successful learning environment every day leading up to "Club Day".

No October would be complete without a parade to celebrate Halloween, and we are all looking forward to this year's celebration. Our K-5 parade will begin at 2:30 on October 31. Please follow your teacher's directions related to classroom celebrations.

Thank you for all you do to partner with us in furthering your child's education.

Best wishes,

Leslie C. Pearson