

What a wonderful start to the school year! Thank you for attending the Back to School Orientations and the first quarter PTO meeting. I am confident that you benefited from visiting with the teachers and staff and hearing what “Big Dreams” the PTO has in store this year. Hynes also has “Big Dreams” in store for this school year. Together, we will reach them.

The fall has so many exciting events for families to enjoy with our school community. One such event, Learning About Literacy, will take place during the week of September 9th. Family members/parents are invited to their child(ren)'s reading class to learn firsthand what it is like to be a student in there. Attendees will have the opportunity to actively participate in all of the components of our reading program alongside their child(ren). This valuable experience serves as a bridge to home-school communication. Please look for an invitation sent by your child's reading teacher including the SPECIFIC time and date. Each class's time and date will be different.

One of the most anticipated fall events is Grandparents/Special Guests Day, and we are so excited to welcome our grandparents and special guests to Hynes on Friday, September 20th. A special invitation, which includes all the details, has been sent home. In addition to this fun-filled day, September 20th is also the kick-off to our Scholastic Book Fair. Profits from the book fair will directly benefit our school library program.

Looking ahead to October, exams begin on October 4th (2nd Spirit Day) and end on October 10th. On the evening of Thursday, October 10th we can all celebrate by attending City Park Night (7-10 PM).

Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will sponsor two fundraisers in October. This first one is Boo at the Zoo, which will benefit Children's Hospital. NJHS will collect bags of individually wrapped candy from September 30th through October 4th. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month. Friday, October 11th is Think Pink/Black and Gold Day. Students can pay \$2 to dress down in pink or black and gold shirts and socks to show their Saints spirit. All money collected go directly to the American Cancer Society. Look for fliers which will be sent home soon.

Fall Break will be here before we know it! Set some time aside to rest and recharge from the academic demands of school. The dates for Fall Break are Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 15th. The second quarter begins on Wednesday, October 16th.

Calling all 8th-grade families! It is time to start considering your choices for high school. Hynes is pleased to present our High School Day on Friday, October 18th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in our gym. You and your child(ren) will have an opportunity to meet with over 35 area high schools in a fair-

type setting. We also invite other area middle school students to join us in this amazing opportunity.

Report card distribution for the first quarter will take place on Thursday, October 24th in your child(ren)'s classroom from 3:15 PM – 5:30 PM. Students who are enrolled in PreK and Kindergarten will NOT have school on October 24th. Individual conferences will be scheduled by the PreK and K teachers throughout the day from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

And finally, I want you to know how gratifying it is to work in an environment in which all stakeholders value the diversity and the respect that is an integral part of a successful school. I look forward to a great year together as we partner to benefit the education of your child(ren).

Warm regards,

Mrs. Kramer