



October 8, 2018

Dear Stratfield Families,

It's hard to believe we are already entering into the 2nd week of October! There is so much happening at Stratfield School and so much to look forward to in the next few weeks.

At Stratfield School, we continue to emphasize the importance of kindness and supporting those in need. Miss O'Connor and her first grade students exemplified this with their Kindness Act Project 2018. As a class, they collected non-perishable food items as well as other needed items for those in need in North and South Carolina that were devastated by Hurricane Florence. A big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Galster, Rachel Cano's grandparents, who will drive all of these needed supplies to Southport Elementary School in Southport, North Carolina.

Additionally, as you know, Stratfield staff wear jeans on Fridays to support a cause near and dear to us each month. For the month of September, staff raised \$120.00 for **Halle's Hope**. **Halle's Hope** was created in memory of Halle Anne Root. Halle passed in 2012 at the age of 5. The foundation is dedicated to building hope and creating possibilities for children and families. By providing the resources needed, the foundation spreads the hope that anything is possible. For October, our donations will go to **The Pink Pledge for Breast Cancer**.

In line with kindness and giving, the Fairfield Foundation has provided schools throughout Fairfield with money to support special projects. Please see the link below for the Fairfield Foundation Fundraiser. Please consider supporting this fantastic Foundation!

<http://cdn.fairfieldschools.org/misc/2018-10/2018RWBPdf.pdf>

In the last few weeks, Kindergarten students had their annual trip to the Blue Jay Orchard Pumpkin Farm, grade 1 had a Recycling Presentation, and grade 4 and 5 students have had a visit from the Fairfield Fire Department on Fire Safety and Prevention. We continue to be thankful to our PTA who have provided funds for our field trips, provide volunteers, and bring us funding for in school events! Without this support, these experiences would not be possible!

Last week we had our 1st Mindful Morning led by Mr. Holbrook. We had many families gather together to begin their day by taking time to connect with each other and slow down from life's

hectic schedule. Our next Mindful Morning will be on November 7th at 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM. Please consider joining us for this special time.

In assessment news, parent STAR reports will be accessible to all parents in the virtual backpack on IC by the end of the day on Tuesday, October 9th. A letter will be sent to all parents regarding this assessment. For grade 3 students, CoGat and Naglieri testing will occur this week. A letter was sent last week to all grade 3 parents regarding these assessments.

Our School Store opened today! The store will be open on Monday's for gr. K-1 students, Wednesday for gr. 2-3 students and Friday's for gr. 4-5 students. A big thank you to Mr. Lugo for facilitating this with the grade 5 students!

Lastly, we look forward to seeing all parents at parent conferences this week and next. Conferences will be held October 10th in the afternoon and October 11th /18th in the evening from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Conference times have already been set by classroom teachers for these meetings. See you all soon!!!!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth McGoey