

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Questions to Ask at a School Conference

- Is my child performing at grade level in basic skills? Above/Below? Math/Reading?
- What are the objectives my child is supposed to attain? How do these objectives lead to the overall goal for the course/grade?
- What achievement, intelligence, or vocational aptitude tests have been given to my child in the past year? What do the scores mean? (Be specific and make sure you completely understand what the reported scores mean).
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in major subject areas?
- What subjects do my child enjoy most?
- Can we go over some examples of my child's class work?
- Does my child need special help in any academic subject?
- Who are my child's friends and how does he/she interact with other children?
- Has my child regularly completed assigned homework?



### Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, October 22nd and Friday, October 23rd. Students will be released at 12:15 pm both days. If you have not received a time for your conference, please contact your child's teacher. Eighth grade conferences will be held in the MPR.

**12:15 Release on Oct. 22 & 23**



### Mark your Calendar

October 19-23-Book Fair, Library

Oct. 22 & 23-Parent Teacher Conferences  
12:15 Release time

Oct. 26-30th-Spirit Week

Oct. 29-PTO Family Movie Night  
6:00 pm

Oct. 30-NEHS Fall Get Together  
3-5 pm, MPR

Nov. 2-11-PTO Gold Canyon Candle  
Fundraiser

Nov. 9-20-Canned Food Drive

Nov. 20-Picture Retakes



## Spirit Week

Monday, Oct. 26th-Pajama Day  
Tuesday, Oct. 27th-Sports Day  
Wednesday, Oct. 28th-Crazy Hair Day  
Thursday, Oct. 29th-Bling Day  
Friday, Oct. 30th-Spirit Day

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# Club News



## NJHS

NJHS will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 4 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. for Countryside students in grades K through 3. This evening gives parents time to go holiday shopping, out to dinner, or just relax while their children enjoy some well organized fun activities. Permission slips will be sent home with students on Nov. 16.

The NJHS school store is up and running on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school by the basketball court. We have pencils, crayons, notebooks, erasers and lots more of the things you need to be successful in class!

## Drama Club



Drama Club recently held auditions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Countryside Variety Show. There was a great turnout and many talented acts! This year, the show will be held on December 16. This is the Drama Club's big fundraiser, so there will be an admission fee. The money raised will go towards funding the spring musical, Willy Wonka Jr.

## Student Council

Student Council once again hosted our annual Fall Carnival. It was a fun evening with food, games, prizes and a DJ. There was a rock climbing wall, face painting, gum ball guessing and a cake walk, just to highlight a few of the games and booths offered. Clubs and grade levels at Countryside were in charge of their own booth and activity. Albertsons donated hot dogs, buns and water. Over \$4,300.00 was raised and will be given to each club or grade level for educational programs or materials needed in their classrooms.



## NEHS

NEHS is sponsoring a Fall Festival for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on Friday, Oct. 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a DJ and snacks on sale for \$.50. Tickets are \$2.00 and must be bought by Thurs. Oct. 29. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Fallon or Ms. Blackwell.

NEHS is now accepting applications for membership from fourth and fifth graders. Students must have a 3.0 grade point average. NEHS promotes academic excellence, good character traits, leadership skills, and community service. Please contact Mrs. Fallon or Ms. Blackwell for more information.

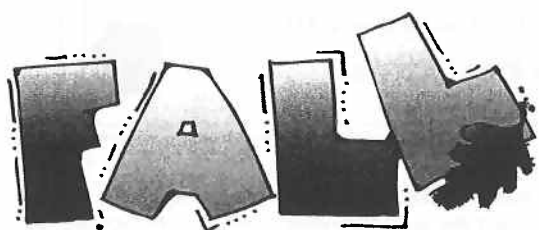
# P.T.O. News

**School Supply Drive**—PTO is having a year-long School Supply Drive. Each month has a designated item which students need as the year progresses. **October's item is Expo markers** and **November's item is glue sticks**. We accept any size and any amount of new school supplies. The drop off box is located in the front office.

**Movie Night**—PTO will have a family Movie Night on October 29th at 6:00 pm in the Multi Purpose Room. The movie will be *Monster House*. At the end of the evening one lucky person will be the winner of the movie!



Please continue to clip and save Box Tops for Education found on many food products. They are worth money to our school.



Check out our website at [www.dysart.org/countryside](http://www.dysart.org/countryside) for information and updates.

