

Dear Kilmer Community:

I would like to extend to *Latinos from West* a BIG THANK YOU from all of us here at Kilmer for the fantastic assembly they presented. The Cultural Club presented dances and music selections from a number of different countries coupled with an explanation of the meaning. The performance was enjoyed by all of us and we appreciate the West students sharing with us during Hispanic Heritage Month.

I would also like to thank our student readers and Sra. Vale for reading an excerpt about different countries during the month and playing representative music over our loudspeaker system. The students were AWESOME!!! If you haven't had an opportunity to see our showcase, please come in and see the beautiful artwork completed by our Art Teacher, Mr. Johnston and our student teacher, Ms. Mauro. We will be taking it down soon and they have promised a new showcase! We all can't wait to see it.

I had a joyful time visiting one of our vocal music classes as they practiced their 16th notes on xylophones. The fifth graders were much more adept at playing the melody than I. A number of the students helped me and showed me the proper technique! Thank you!

Thank you to our PTA for hosting our First Skating Night—what a fabulous evening we all had. I was so happy to meet many of you at the event and it was delightful to watch our kids skating and skating with them!! Such fun!

Halloween is fast approaching and I will be sending home a flyer separately but I thought an overview of key highlights would help everyone. **Our parade for PM Kindergarten – 5th grade will be on the back field at 2:00 pm.** Our children will start their parade from their morning line-up positions. They will march around the field and then go back to their classrooms for their parties. Parents, relatives and friends are welcomed to view the parade and take those important pictures!! Costumes should be “friendly” if possible as we have little Kilmer Cubs and we don't want them to be scared. Please do not bring props or wear masks as we have a lot of children parading. We will have two PTA Room Parents per classroom helping our children get ready for the parade and helping during the parties. **(PTA Room Parents, please give your name to your child's teacher by Monday, 10/29. Please come to Kilmer after 1:15 pm on Wednesday and enter by our front door.)** If it rains, our parade is cancelled; I'm sorry. We will hold a mini parade inside for the children. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate additional parents in our building due to security concerns. (Think sun!) Please make sure your child's teacher is aware of any food allergies or special circumstances.

Our Media Specialist, Ms. Alison Morrison, will provide an alternative activity for students who do not wish to participate in the parade and classroom activities. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like your child to attend Ms. Morrison's activity.

Our Morning kindergarten will have their inside parade at 10:15; AM kindergarten parents will receive separate information from their child's teacher.

Looking forward to a safe and happy event!

Sincerely,

Betsi McLeester