Hello families,

Here we are again on this Friday and what a good week it has been. I have two important items for your understanding and follow through.

First, please complete the Daily Covid form on Monday and Wednesday that is required in order to help keep us all safe. Several children were delayed going to class this week because the form was not completed as outlined in last week’s parent bulletin. Additionally, we were not able to make contact with several families. If your contact information has changed please make changes in the parent access portal or genesis. Thank you.

Secondly, please be cautious of what your older children maybe are watching. There is a new series that has come out called "Squid Game". It has taken Netflix by storm. This may be inappropriate and violent for young viewers. Many students are beginning to talk about this. Although parents sometimes give children their Netflix account password, please be aware. I have also learned that the reason many children are aware of this series is because it has been added to Roblox which is played by younger children.

Read this article for your information as we are made aware, we can make an informed decision. [https://www.njfamily.com/your-kids-should-not-be-watching-netflixs-squid-game/](https://www.njfamily.com/your-kids-should-not-be-watching-netflixs-squid-game/)

Finally take this song with you into the weekend. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WJ1cf3nrlE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WJ1cf3nrlE)

Mike Chiles

*Please note the following recommendations for Halloween:*

**CNN: Let's get to the most important question -- is it safe to go trick-or-treating this year?**

**Dr. Leana Wen:** Yes! I plan to go trick-or-treating with my kids. Trick-or-treating can be pretty safe from a coronavirus standpoint. Many families in my neighborhood will be placing packets of treats in their yards for kids to find, like a scavenger hunt. My son and a couple of friends will be walking around together, with everyone’s parents, of course, and this activity is very safe.

There are a lot of people who want to return to pre-pandemic days and greet the kids as they say "trick or treat." If it’s not raining or snowing, I’d encourage them to set up outdoors. It’s better to put wrapped candies in a kid’s basket than for kids to be reaching into a large bowl. If the kids do end up touching each other’s hands or other commonly used surfaces like doorknobs, make sure to have hand sanitizer available.

If you live in an area with individual houses or townhomes, I think it’s probably also low risk to knock on people’s doors and trick or treat. Just make sure not to step inside someone’s house. If you live around a lot of apartment blocks and have to enter elevators and hallways to trick or treat, the Covid-19 risk is significantly higher. I’d encourage parents not to enter other people’s apartment buildings, and instead, look for activities in a neighboring park or other primarily outdoor settings.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- 10/19 School Picture Day.
- 10/21-Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm

The SEPAC leadership team is sharing some upcoming events.

**FROM OUT PTA:**

Celebrate the Fall at Northeast's first Global Fall Festival!

Ready for some fun? Northeast is hosting a global festival and dance party! Live performances include the Lion Dance (Tet Trunh Thu), Kathak Dance (Diwali), and Korean Fan Dance & Nanta Drum Performance. Enjoy big soft pretzels (Octoberfest), Samosas (Diwali), Kibbeh (Eid-adha), and Bolo de Fubs (Festa Junita). Free face painting (Dia de los Muertos), crafts and more! Plus, DJ, carnival games and prizes.

Tickets are $10. RSVP today. All are welcome! Saturday, 10/23 3-6PM