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BRIONY CARR-CLEMENTE
Principal

October 13, 2023

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

Please see below:

Dear Families, Caregivers and Staff:

We are deeply saddened by the horrific Hamas attack on Israel and mourn the loss of so many innocent people. This barbaric act of violence is devastating and condemned. Our thoughts are with all those suffering right now, especially our families who may know loved ones and friends personally affected.

Please know that should anyone need to speak to a counselor, we stand ready to support you. If you have reason to believe your children are struggling emotionally, please let us know and be sure they seek support by telling teachers and/or counselors or another trusted adult.

We extend our sympathy, prayers, and thoughts to all those suffering.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan Ponds

Superintendent

We are here to support all of our students and families. If you are in need of assistance, please reach out to us as soon as possible so we may provide resources and support.

Our students celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day on Tuesday with a land acknowledgement and drum circle! All students participated in a lively, hands-on drum circle and engaged in a discussion about the significance of Indigenous Peoples Day.



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Yesterday we held another extremely successful Harvest Day! Students enjoyed visiting with the farm animals, making scarecrows, decorating pumpkins, participating in the composting process... and of course, square dancing! Thank you to the Edgemont PTA, parent volunteers and Edgemont staff for your support during this annual celebration.



Picture Day is almost here. Picture Day will take place on Tuesday, October 17. If your child is absent, make-up day is Thursday, December 7. Additional information is attached.

A district-wide informational [Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting](#) will take place on Tuesday, October 17, 6:30PM-8:30PM at the Charles H. Bullock School, 55 Washington Street. Please feel free to join.

National Unity Day is on Wednesday, October 18. Unity Day is an annual event of National Bullying Prevention Month and calls on all of us to unite in kindness, inclusion and courage. The goal of Unity Day is to bring together students, parents, educators, and community members across the nation to emphasize bullying prevention, and that all students deserve to be safe in school, online, and in the community. We encourage staff and students to wear **orange** to celebrate Unity Day.

The Montclair Branch of the NAACP Education Committee Literacy/Dyslexia Task Force, in partnership with Montclair Public Schools, is presenting a [free screening of "The Right to Read,"](#) Thursday, November 2 at 6:30PM at Glenfield Middle School. Discussion to follow. Registration is required.

School Lunch Application can be found here: <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>

Lunch Menu information can be found here: <https://www.fdmealplanner.com/>

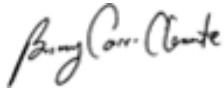
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Take care,

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Important Date/Reminders:

Our doors open at ***8:10AM***.
Drop-off takes place between ***8:10AM-8:20AM***.
Dismissal is at ***2:35PM***.

October 17- Picture Day

October 18- National Unity Day

October 25- Abbreviated day, 1:10PM dismissal

October 26- Abbreviated day, 1:10PM dismissal

October 28- Halloween Mash

