

## **A busy autumn..October 18, 2019**

### **Captivating** Camelotians:

Many Camelot upcoming events!!!

\*\*Oct. 21 – Camelot PTA – 5:30 in the commons

\*\*Conference sign-ups will be sent out in the coming week. Please note and respond to teachers to schedule your parent/teacher conference. Conference times: Nov. 5th(4:00-7:30), Nov. 7(4:00-7:30), Nov. 8(8:00-3:30.)

\*\*Report cards are located electronically on the Parent Portal. If you wish to have a printed copy, please notify the office. The end of the quarter is Oct. 25. Report cards will be complete by November 1.

\*\*October 25th is also Physical Development Day at Camelot. Our pre-adolescents will be grouped by gender and have presentations of basic puberty information. This is a significant day for many of our students, however, they should not be anxious. The dialogue will be informative and professionally presented. It is encouraged for all parents to talk with your sons and daughters following the presentation for any personal questions. suggestions, ask any questions.

\*\*October 29th - Parent/Principal Meeting - -5:45-7:00 - Commons - An informal gathering to discuss any items, offer suggestions, ask any questions.

\*\*October 30th is Camelot Fall Celebration. Students may wear costumes at the end of the day(stored in lockers until then). Parents are invited to the Fall Celebration Parade at 2:00(dress up!, love to have you!)in the gymnasium. A more detailed explanation of the day as well as costume protocol is attached. Please review to certify appropriate costumes are selected.

\*\*No School November 11 to honor our veterans.

\*\*Educator for a Day, November 20th. Classroom teachers will be sending out more information. Hope you will participate.

\*\*Grades. I once lived where grades were king(high school). A mind-boggling game of one-ups-manship, tinted with subjective gilding and self-selection and disingenuous motivations. How refreshing, to exist now where true assessment of a student's worth is a bit messy, but extraordinarily valued relevant and authentic. The

Brookings School District effort to provide student and parent with real input in regard to progress and growth is outstanding. Standards-Based reporting is a true attempt to address needs and celebrate success. And, as a reminder, our "grades" have no bearing on high school transcripts or future GPA's . Camelot can have the pure existence of honest assessment to you and your child, as information for decision-making to assist students to highest potential.

The "transcript" of 4th and 5th grade has no influence on later scholastic efforts, other than guidance in instruction and curricular opportunities. If only this could be transitioned to future educational levels, imagine the relief of all educators and the environmental positive impact if we simply cared about students doing their best. In school. In life. Dreams can come true.

*Loyal subject and servant to Camelot and the Brookings Community – Kevin*

*"Do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do."*