



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****October 25, 2021** Mrs. Chennault, Principal** A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

Halloween George Hall will celebrate Halloween on Friday October 29th with a school wide costume parade. Our parade route will be on the large black top. Parents, fully masked, are invited outside on blacktop to line the perimeter of the parade route. Parents and guests will enter campus through the large drive through gates on black top and line up - socially distanced- along the fence on Curtiss St. Parade start time is 8:30. *If it rains, the parade will be cancelled.*

- No blow up bubble costumes, no weapons, no blood or gore.
- Costumes are to be put away after the parade. Please have alternative clothes to wear and a bag to store costume.
- Students not participating will meet in the Library.



COVID-19 Safe Schools and Vaccinations for Youth Many of you have probably heard our regional Health Officers extended the indoor mask mandate Oct. 7. Eight Bay Area counties worked together to establish criteria for when we can take the masks off indoors. The criteria includes that COVID-19 hospitalizations be low and stable, in the judgment of the health officer, and that 80 percent of the region's *total population* is fully vaccinated. While San Mateo County is at a 94 percent vaccination rate for *eligible residents*, that does not include children 5 to 11, who are not eligible yet. Our county's total population vaccination rate is currently at 74 percent. Vaccinations for children ages 5-11 are expected to be available in November. Educators and families are invited to join the San Mateo County Office of Education and representatives from San Mateo County Health for a discussion about vaccinations for youth, including research on the safety and effectiveness of vaccinations for this age group. [Learn more.](#) ([Spanish flyer here](#)).



October is National Bullying Prevention Month! At George Hall, we are using the Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit to teach all our students how to recognize, report, and refuse bullying. Everyone's actions matter; we all have a role to play in bullying prevention. Our message to others is stronger when we are united by the common principle that bullying is never acceptable. We teach that we can all prevent bullying by encouraging kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Students have participated in their classes in a creative poster campaign and posters will continue to be displayed in our halls throughout this month.

Curriculum Corner: We will continuously share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week we feature the curriculum from second grade.

Second grade students are currently finishing up their first science unit on landforms discovering how we can understand and describe the land and water on Earth. Students made clay models of landforms and are making a travel brochure about their creations. This unit will be followed up with a social studies unit on maps. In Language Arts, second graders finished writing personal narratives and are looking at how characters solve problems in stories. During Math, students are working towards an understanding of place value. All second graders are also focusing on anti-bullying lessons during our social emotional learning. Students are learning how to recognize bullying when it happens and how to be an upstander. Thank you to our families who helped coordinate our first Art-in-Action days!



Walk-A-thon: Grand total for the walkathon this year was \$21,139.23 !! Thank you to all the families that donated and to all the volunteers that help make the walkathon a HUGE success. All of our students demonstrated enthusiasm, energy, and school spirit as they lapped the track. Here are the final awards:

Jaguar award - class that raised the most money (Ms. Slater's Kinder with \$1,925)

Golden Shoe award- class that walked the most laps (Ms. Kelly 4th grade with 277 laps)

Inclusion bracelets- grade level that showed the best teamwork on the track (first grade)