



SPEAKING SAYLOR

Trunk Or Treat / Haunted Court Yard

The PSO is hosting a Trunk or Treat night to go along with the Haunted Courtyard this year on Friday, October 27th.

Classrooms will not be having Halloween parties this year. Instead, teachers, staff members, the Boys & Girls Club, South Haven Fire Department, and the Sheriff's office, will be located inside the school and will be passing out treats from the classrooms to the students from 5-6PM

After Trunk or Treat, we will follow up with our amazing Haunted Court Yard! This will be held from 6-7:30.

There will be popcorn, Hot Dogs, Kona Ice, and cotton candy to purchase; face painting; henna tattoos; and all the creepy fun you can muster.

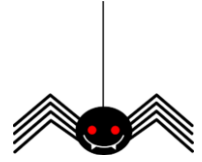
We are in need volunteers to make this event a success. If you have the courage to withstand the night time scares, give us a howl at 219-764-6790.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is coming October 9-13! There will be so many great books with some at bargain prices! Students will preview on Monday, October 9th and will have times to shop during the week. Parents are welcome any time after 9 (closed 11-12 daily). See you there!



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SCHOOLSTORE.NET

Paul Saylor has joined forces with SchoolStore.net who has provided 3 easy ways for our school to fund the tools and resources students and teachers need to succeed. Just go to www.schoolstore.net, register our school, and start shopping. That's it! No door to door selling, no asking anyone for money, just click, shop for your everyday items and the school starts earning a percentage of what is spent. We thank you in advance for your support on helping us to continue to build and create a fabulous learning environment.



Paul Saylor WILL, AGAIN, PARTICIPATE IN THE Box tops for Education Program. This program provides schools the opportunity to earn cash for their school. There are three things you can do to help - Shop, Clip, and send them in with your student to school. We will do the rest.



AR GOALS

We want to send out a very important reminder that every student has AR grade level goals and we are very excited to see how well you all do again this year.

Those students who reach their grade level goals will be invited to a year-end celebration!!

If you have any questions regarding your student's grade level goal, please contact your student's teacher.

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

Once again, Portage Township Schools is partnering with the Northwest Indiana Food Bank to provide weekend food backpacks to students in need. This program provides food for students who receive free/reduced lunch at school who might not otherwise have enough food to eat on the weekends. If you are interested in having your student participate, please let Mrs. Kinsey know and she will send an application home with your child. You can either send in a note, or call Mrs. Kinsey at (219) 764-6805.



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October Events

- Oct 4: Late Start Wednesday
 - Oct 9-13: Book Fair
 - Oct 10: Fire Prevention Day with SHFD
 - Oct 18: End of Quarter
 - Oct 19: No School - Records Day for teachers
 - Oct 20-23: No School - Fall Break
 - Oct 24: School Resumes
 - Oct 24-27: Red Ribbon Week
 - Oct 25: Report cards go home
 - Oct 25: Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 PM - More information to come
 - Oct 26: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 - More information to come
 - Oct 27: Trunk or Treat 5-6 PM
 - Oct 27: Haunted Court Yard 6-7:30 PM
- **Upcoming Field Trips:**
 - 10/3 4th Grd. Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife 9-2
 - 10/5 1st Grd. Sunset Hill 9-12:30
 - 10/6 1-3 Grd. PHS 9:30-11:20
 - 10/12 Grd K Co. Line Orch 9:10-1:10

CHILD SAFETY AND RELEASE PROCEDURES

At This time, our students should have a strong familiarity of how they will be going home after school. Whether your student is a walker, bus rider, or car rider, - ANY change of plans for them going home **MUST** be submitted in writing. Absolutely **NO** phone call changes will be accepted. If you forget to write a note, you may come into the office to sign out your student.

SPOOKY WEATHER STARTS IN OCTOBER

This time of year brings some pretty crazy weather. One day will be nice and warm, the next it can be cold and rainy. Please be aware of your weather and be sure to dress appropriately. Time to bring out those hats and coats. Soon enough will be boots, scarves, and gloves!!



**Student of the
Month**



Kindergarten

Nolan Brewer
Liam Hull
Mason Reed

1st Grade

Tygera Bardsley
Daylon Maynard
Stephanie Martinez

2nd Grade

Isabella Wallace
Skyla Clabaugh
Kaitlyn Ackerman

3rd Grade

Kristina Roman
Dylan Hoffmann
Hannah Peterson

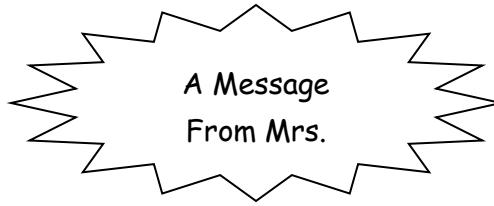
4th Grade

Chevla Elder-Lewis
Peyton Wilson
Gillian Soto

5th Grade

Devin Looney
Lauren Paroicic





Bully Prevention Takes Everyone!

Bullying represents a significant problem in school across the nation, affecting about 1 in every 3 students. Every child plays a part in bullying, by being the bully, a victim or a bystander. By working together, schools and parents can make going to school an experience that all students will enjoy, not fear. Portage Township Schools is committed to addressing, preventing, and educating the school community about bullying.

What is bullying? Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional and repeated over time.

Bullying can take many forms including:

- Physical (hitting, kicking, shoving)
- Taunting, teasing, name-calling, spreading rumors
- Excluding or ignoring others in a mean way
 - Taking money or other belongings
 - Sending mean emails or text messages

Here are warning signs that your child may be bullied:

- Hangs out more with adults than kids
 - Doesn't want to go to school
- Unexplained bruises, cuts, or scrapes
 - Asks for extra money or food
 - Unexplained drop in grades
- Anxious, unhappy, tearful, depressed

Your child may be a bully if:

- They repeatedly push another kid around because they feel like it
 - They told someone else to hurt someone they don't like
 - They have spread nasty rumor about someone else
- They and their friends have regularly kept one or more kids from hanging out or playing with them
 - They have teased someone in a mean way
 - They have been bullied

Here are some ideas for your child if he / she is a bystander:

- Get help from an adult
- Help the victim get away
- Be friendly to the victim
- Laughing at the bully's behavior encourages him / her to bully more

Parents play a vital role in presenting and stopping bullying. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact your child's elementary home/school advisor.

www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov
www.beatbullying.org
www.cyberbully.org

www.trevorromain.com
www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org
www.operationrespect.org

