I have been very proud of the job our safety patrol has done since starting in early September. They really are taking the job seriously and working hard to help keep all students at Palmer safe!

As fifth graders, the students will also have the opportunity to be Library Helpers. If they are interested, they should complete the form given to them during library last week. As library helpers they will help reshelf returned books and keep the library neat and organized!

# Halloween Party

# Fifth Grade Responsibilities

I am so proud of the way the class started this school year! They have all done such an amazing job at adjusting to fifth grade and the responsibilities that came with it! Last month our character trait was RESPECT, and four students were chosen to eat in the classroom with me because they did an exceptional job at modeling respect throughout the month of September. Those students were: Kaitlyn Devine, Elizabeth Costanzo, Parker Bruce and Pierre Peters! Congratulations!

This month our character trait is RESPONSIBILITY! I know the students will do an amazing job at showing just how responsible they can be!

October!



# October = Responsibility

# What We’re Learning!

September went by so fast! The students have done an amazing job at adjusting to fifth grade and the new curriculum. Throughout October we will continue to learn new concepts in all subject areas, including starting our first Social Studies Unit! The students will head over to Mrs. Cottrell’s classroom for Social Studies starting October 17th, and I know they are looking forward to learning about United States history!

During our ELA block, we will continue to work on our CAFÉ strategies and Daily 5 activities. This month I will introduce both work on writing and word work to the students and they will continue to use the CAFÉ strategies that will help them achieve their individual goals! In Writer’s Workshop we will continue to write personal narratives.

We are working on Unit 2 in Math. The students have been doing a great job adding and subtracting whole numbers and decimals. Estimation and Probability are coming!

In science we are finishing up our unit on Ponds and Wetlands. This week we are studying food chains and food webs and learning how to use a compound microscope. The exam for unit 1 is scheduled for Friday, October 14th.

This year, our Halloween Parade will be on Monday, October 31st at 10:45 A.M. On that day, students are invited to wear their Halloween costume during the parade around the halls of Palmer. It is sure to be a lot of fun!

Our classroom Halloween Party will be held on that same day in the morning from around 9:30 to 10:30. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to organize and help out during that event. I will be in touch with those parents as Halloween approaches regarding specific party activities.



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#### October Birthdays!

**Austin Hebert 10-20-11**

**PTA Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 P.M.

**Book Fair Visit**

Wednesday, October 5, 11 A.M.

**Book Fair Family Night**

Thursday, October 6, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

**Columbus Day/PDC Day – No School**

Monday – Tuesday, October 10-11

**Scholastic Book Orders Due**

Friday, October 28, 3:30 P.M.

**Palmer Applebee’s Breakfast**

Sunday, October 30, 8-10 A.M.

**Halloween Parade/Party**

Monday, October 31

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Monday, October 31, 12:30-4:00 P.M.

**Hunter Scholl 9-16-11**

**Samantha Vier 9-30-11**

**September Excellence Team Winners!**

## Upcoming Events

# Assignments and Planners

Parent/Teacher Conferences start on October 31st at 12:30! Many of you signed up for a time on one of the four days (3 more in November) at Open House. If you were unable to set up a time for a conference, email me anytime to do so! I will send home reminders as well as a form with a few questions for you to fill out prior to our conference. I look forward to meeting with everyone!

## Reminders to Parents

The students are doing a great job of writing down their assignments in their planners each morning, and returning their homework to school the next day. Please continue to check planners and homework folders each night for assignments and upcoming events!

This year, students will receive four planners, one for each marking period.

## Reminders to Students

* Bring your planner and homework folder to school daily!
* Gym follows Art again this year; make sure you wear sneakers!



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