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Didion Messenger - 10/22/21

Good evening Didion families,

Happy Friday! Here are some updates and announcements.

Red Ribbon Week

Don't forget that next week is Red Ribbon Week, with spirit days each day of the week! Here's a quick rundown of each day's theme:

Monday, 10/25 - "Be Proud to be Drug Free" and wear red to kick off Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday, 10/26 - "Lei Off Drugs" and wear Hawaiian clothes

Wednesday, 10/27 - "Team Up Against Drugs" and wear a team shirt or jersey

Thursday, 10/28 - "I'm Too Bright for Drugs" and wear neon colors

Friday, 10/29 - "Say Boo to Drugs" and wear Halloween colors

"Cutie Pies" Apple Hill Pie Fundraiser

If you're interested in purchasing an Apple Hill pie from our Cutie Pie fundraiser, please make sure to submit your order by November 1st. [Order forms](#) are available in the main office, or you can order online at <https://thedidionstore.myschoolcentral.com>

Dragon Dash Fundraiser

Our biggest school fundraiser of the year is right around the corner! The actual Dragon Dash event will be on Friday, November 12th for our students, but families can register at mybooster.com starting on Monday, October 25th. Look for more details and information to be released in the coming weeks.

Canned Food Drive

Our middle schoolers are organizing a canned food drive running from October 18th to November 12th. Donation tables will be out in front of the school before the first bell each day until November 12th. For every 2 items donated, students will receive a raffle ticket. There will be a raffle at the end of the drive for a chance to win prizes! Canned goods will benefit the SSIP Food Closet.

Halloween Grams

The last day to purchase Halloween grams is Tuesday, October 26th. Grams are \$1 each, and will be delivered to classrooms on Friday, October 29th.

Rain and Indoor Lunch

Our region has really needed the rain, so we're all thankful for the wet weather we've had, despite the challenges it has posed for school campuses in the COVID era. We are also really fortunate to have a gym on

our campus, and an amazing support team of yard duty staff and volunteers, a wonderful plant manager, and incredibly flexible teachers. By utilizing both our gym and cafeteria, and through a little creative scheduling, we are able to bring all students to eat indoors for lunch and still maintain 6 feet of physical distancing between students. We've been able to use yoga mats on the floor of the gym and stickers on the benches of cafeteria tables to mark out our spacing (take a look at the pictures in the email to get an idea of our setup). We also instruct students to put their masks on as soon as they are done eating. We will continue to tweak and adjust our indoor plan as needed, but I just wanted to give you all a glimpse of the lengths we're going to in order to keep our students as safe as possible.

Used Towels

And speaking of wet weather, if you have clean, used large towels that you can donate, we would gladly take them! They will help us to keep the gym floor as dry as possible as students enter on rainy days.

Lost and Found

Lastly, just a friendly reminder that unclaimed lost and found items will be donated at the end of the month.

