

Dear Lafayette Families –

Fall is in the air! We find ourselves saying goodbye to September, and welcoming October as we enter Week 6 of school. This week is Spirit Week! Don't forget to check out all the dress up days below:

- Mustache Monday
- Team Tuesday (wear your favorite jersey or tshirt)
- Wacky Wednesday
- Tired Thursday (aka Pajama Day!!!)
- Dress Up Friday (it's Picture day)!

We will wrap up the week with the 1st Annual Lafayette Homecoming Dance and Coat Drive on Friday, 10/2 from 7 pm – 11 pm. Help us put the tent to good use - tell your friends, neighbors, and alums! There will be a DJ, drinks, dancing, and District Taco. Tickets are on sale online now and will also be available at the door.

This week also sees the start of the Lafayette Enrichment Program. Students can be picked up from The Big Top by parents after their class. Don't forget to remind your student to report to the tent at 3:15 to be signed in. Look for an email from the LEP program for full details.

Also this week, will be the year's first General HSA meeting. Please join us on Thursday, 10/1 at 7 pm in the tent. We will start the meeting at 7 pm with HSA business, followed by a construction update from DGS, Skanska and DCPS at 7:30 pm. No time to get dinner and the kids settled? Not to worry! There will be pizza and free babysitting available! We hope to see everyone there.

Like last year, I will be hosting a series of "Coffee Talks" for parents. These are informal conversations with parents that create dialogue about issues that pertain to our school, teaching, learning, and anything else that comes up. Please try to join us for a Friday morning. Your feedback, ideas, questions, and suggestions are always welcome! Our first Coffee Talk will be Friday, 10/23 at 8:50 am. Please feel free to email me with any topics you would like to hear addressed/discussed. Other Coffee Talk dates – 11/20, 1/29, 2/26, 3/18, 4/29, and 6/3.

Thank you as always to all of you for your involvement and dedication to our school community. A huge shout out to all the room parents! This group is scheduling teacher pot lucks, collecting class activity fees, rounding up volunteers for field trips, getting ready to get Halloween parties in place, and countless other communications. Be sure to thank your room parents this week! Their work makes a tremendous impact on everyone.

As we look forward into October, please don't forget that Friday, the 2nd is Picture Day, Friday the 9th is a PD day (no school for students), Monday the 12th is Columbus Day (no school), Monday, the 19th is Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school for

students), and Friday the 30th is a ½ day (12:15 dismissal). We also can't forget the Fall Festival on Saturday the 24th! Hang on to your hats...October is going to fly by!