

News from the Middle School

VOLUME III, ISSUE 2

NOVEMBER 2009

The Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

As Mr. Dexter has recently communicated to families, we have been seeing an increase in flu-like symptoms within our schools, and so far, according to the Columbia County DOH, the illnesses have been mild to moderate. Mrs. Estabrook-Pollack, our School Nurse, has been doing a great job in monitoring the students' health and will continue to notify parents if/when there are concerns. As a reminder to Mr. Dexter's letter, please: remind your children to wash their hands often; know the symptoms of the flu; and keep your child home if he/she is sick. For more information, please visit www.ichabodcrane.org.

Later this month, on November 12 and 13, we have two half-days of school for the purpose of parent/teacher conferences. There will be conferences being held on Thursday evening as well. All of the conferences are by appointment only. Also, Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans' Day and the students will have no school. Wednesday, November 25 is a Superintendent's Conference Day and students will not be in attendance. And of course, Thursday, November 26 and 27 we will be celebrating Thanksgiving.

So many times we all get caught up in our daily lives that we fail to realize what we have in front of us. Well, I have had the pleasure of attending two different field trips recently and saw firsthand how wonderful our students are. I heard from several adults how impressed they were with our students' behavior. I also heard from the two photographers we had for school pictures and they stated to me how impressed they were with how well mannered and nice our children were. So, in the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, I wanted you to know how proud I am of your children and how thankful I am to be their Principal. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Tim Farley
 Principal

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Career Day	2
Tab Collection for Shriners' Hospital	2
Upcoming Events	3

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Flu Concerns
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving
- Great Kids!

From Mrs. Kuhn (FACS):**8th Grade Career Days:**

On November 12 and 13, we will hold our annual Career Day at the Middle School. I would like to thank all the parents and community professionals who are volunteering their time to help our students expand their knowledge of future workforce possibilities. Most importantly, this event will help our 8th graders to understand how what they are learning can be used to earn a living and positively contribute to society.

I would also like to thank Tracey Freeman and the PTA for their support of this program and for providing the refreshments for our volunteer presenters.

From Team 6R:

Team 6R is continuing the collection drive for "tabs" (the pull tabs from soda cans, soup cans, etc.). The tabs are collected and brought to recycling centers where they are worth 50 to 70 cents per pound and the money collected goes to the Shriners' Hospital. The money received is used to buy medical and non-medical items for patients of Shriners' Hospital. So far this year, more than 20.5 pounds have been collected by present and former 6R students. Please send in your tabs to support this wonderful cause. The tabs can either be dropped off at the Main Office or given to any member of the 6R Team. Thank you!



Ichabod Crane CSD

Ichabod Crane Middle School
2910 Route 9
PO Box 820
Valatie, NY 12184

Phone: (518) 758-7676
Fax: (518) 758-1405
Email: tfarley@ichabodcrane.org

We're on the web:
www.ichabodcrane.org

Non-Discrimination Compliance Statement

The Ichabod Crane Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees, and the general public that it offers educational opportunities including vocational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or religion. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to: Title IX and Section 504 Compliance Officer, Maureen VanDeusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Ichabod Crane Central School District, Valatie, NY 12184 (518) 758-7575. A copy of the "In Compliance with Section 1.4 (a)" is available in the Superintendent's Office.

Happy Thanks- giving!

Upcoming Events:

November

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------------------------------------------|
| 3 | - | Election Day (Don't forget to VOTE!) |
| 6 | - | 1st Quarter ends |
| 10 | - | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM |
| 11 | - | Veterans' Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| 12 | - | Parent/Teacher Conference (HALF-DAY) |
| | - | Evening meetings by appointment only |
| | - | Report Cards Go Home |
| 13 | - | Parent/Teacher Conference (HALF-DAY) |
| 18 | - | "Trust in Me" Anti-bullying Assembly |
| 19 | - | Shared Decision Making, 6:30 PM |
| 25 | - | Superintendent's Conf. Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| 26 | - | Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL) |
| 27 | - | NO SCHOOL |