

Good Evening Southwest Family,

This is your proud principal, Dr. Richmond, with your announcements for the week of November 3. Can you believe we are already at November? In case you haven't done it yet, daylight savings time ended today, so please make sure you have set all your clocks back one hour.

### **At the Ranch**

-Tomorrow, we invite you in for a first quarter parent touchpoint conference. These are short meetings to provide you with a quick overview of how our student is doing. You can come by any time between 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Please park in the back lot, enter through the bus doors, and when you come in we will greet you with the locations of teacher teams. All encore teachers will be present as well, and you can also touch base with EC and ESL teachers. If you are unable to make it, please email your child's HR teacher or counselor to set up a conference.

-Tuesday, there is no school due to a teacher workday.

-Tuesday is also election day. My hope is that you will use your vote. That is your voice. On this year's ballot is the fraction of a penny sales tax that can do an enormous amount for GCS teachers and frontline workers like cafeteria staff, custodians, and office support. For perspective, a \$4 cup of coffee would cost \$4.28 instead of \$4.27. That single penny will bring additional funding to increase the pay for our hard-working teachers and lowest-paid staff.

-On Wednesday and Thursday, all students will take their first reading interim assessment. Please help us by making sure students bring a fully charged Chromebook.

-Thursday is fall picture retake day. Please send in the original proof with students for them to be able to receive a new proof.

-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending a field trip this week.

### **Athletics**

-On Wednesday, our undefeated football team will have an AWAY competition at Eastern MS. Soccer and volleyball will have a HOME competition against Southeast MS.

-On Thursday, soccer and volleyball will have a HOME competition against Jamestown. We will also recognize our 8<sup>th</sup> graders at this game.

-On Friday, at 5:45 pm we will our Beta Club Induction in the SWMS multipurpose room.

Those are all of your announcements for the week. I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face on Wednesday at Southwest, where we will do the right thing!

Dr. Richmond