



October News from the Director



October is Anti-Bullying Awareness Month: This month is national anti-bullying awareness month and Anansi will be taking the proactive focus on kindness and Random Acts of Kindness. Here are simple ways you can bring kindness in as a focus in your own homes:

- Leave an appreciation sticky note for someone in your house
- Take time to write a thank you note together, for someone you appreciate
- Take time when around the dinner table to share something you appreciated or enjoyed in your day
- Make a treat for someone
- Donate items you no longer need to others
- Lend a helping hand to others in the community
- Smile at others when you see them or when you are passing by
- Hold the door open for someone else

We have learned through our research that one simple act of kindness can lead to dozens more acts of kindness, just through witnessing the single act. This ripple can breed generosity, empathy, and a sincere care for others, please join in and pay it forward with kindness!

In addition, we will continue to educate our students about bullying and will teach them strategies for bullying prevention. Our biggest culprit is teasing others, which often seems light-hearted, but is actually very hurtful. The victim of the teasing often tries to laugh along and accept the joke; however, ongoing teasing leads to feelings of exclusion, low self-esteem, and acts of self-deprecation. Please remember your role-modeling is your child's greatest teacher, consider a conversation about the impact of teasing others and choose kindness toward others yourselves.

Cold, Flu, & Covid Season is Here: If your child is experiencing symptoms, please remember that our Anansi nurse and health assistant are here to assist you in understanding your child's illness through rapid testing from 8:30-9am in the morning for a drive through test. If your child is experiencing symptoms during the school day, he or she will be sent to the nurse and with your permission will be tested. In the event your child is positive for Covid, he or she must remain at home for 5 days, and can return to school on day 6, if he or she is fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are diminishing. A mask will be required for the first 5 days after the quarantine period.

If your child (regardless of age) requires medication during the school day please follow the following procedure: Parent must deliver medication to the school office in its original container with dosage clearly marked (regardless of over the counter or prescription medications)

- Parent must fill out the Permission to Administer Medication Form, staff will fill in the time and dosage administered on the form
- Even middle school students are expected to follow this procedure

Please:

- Do not send medications in an unmarked zip lock bag or pill container
- Do not send medications in your child's lunch box or back pack

Thank you very much for your assistance in keeping our campus and students safe.

Community School Activities: Please take a few minutes to fill out our community school survey to assist us with gathering some input from every family in our community, use this link to fill out the survey: [Community School Survey](#) or plan to join one of our scheduled events to gather input from our community through a Community Conversation Circle with students, staff, and parents on Tuesday, October 4th, a learning walk on Wednesday, October 12th at 8:45, or a Focus Group at 5:30 in the evening on October 12, 18, or 26th. Sign up on the link here, [Community School Sign Up](#) or inquire in the school office. We want your involvement.

Vision & Hearing Screenings: Our nurse and health assistant will provide vision and hearing screenings for our kindergarten, first, and second grade students throughout the month.

Governance Council Meeting, Wednesday, October 19th 5:30pm: The Anansi Charter School governance council will hold its monthly meeting virtually, please see the monthly event calendar on the school website for the link. Agendas are available upon request in the school office or via an email to the school director.

Friends of the Anansi Charter School, Meeting, October 26th: The Friends of Anansi Charter hold their meetings the last Wednesday of the month in the school multi-purpose room at 8:45am. The Friends are the fundraising vehicle for the school and also the Parent Advisory Council.

Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Ups: Please look for the conference sign-up sheet in your child's classroom starting, Monday, October 17th. Our goal is to meet with every family to review your child's progress and work together to set goals for the school year. Conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 28th from 8-4pm.

October 31st Festivities: Each classroom will have an afternoon Costume Party on Thursday, October 31st. All students are invited to bring a costume in a bag to participate in the parade and festivities. The K-5 classes will gather together on the soccer field to parade in their costumes and then will return to classrooms to participate in games, crafts, and creating healthy snacks. The 6th-8th grade students will watch the parade, followed by a costume contest, and party. We will be sending more details closer to the date so that you can be involved in your child's class party. Please remember no weapons of any kind with your costumes.

October Dates to Keep In Mind:

Tuesday, October 4th: Community Conversation Circle, 3:45-4:45pm in school library

Monday, October 10th: No School Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, October 12th: Learning Walk, 8:45-9:45, sign in at the office and join in the cafeteria

Wednesday, October 12th: Focus Group for Community School Needs Assessment, 5:30-6:30pm in cafeteria

Friday, October 14th: No School teacher In-service to prepare conference reports

Monday, October 17th: Please begin to sign up for Parent-teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 18th: Focus Group for Community School Needs Assessment, 5:30-6:30pm in cafeteria

Wednesday, October 19th: Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Wednesday, October 26th: Friends Meeting, 8:45am Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, October 26th: No bus transportation in morning or afternoon, Focus Group for Community School Needs Assessment, 5:30-6:30pm in cafeteria

Friday, October 28th: No School Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 31st: Costume Parade & Party, 1:30pm, Bring costume to change into at school

Tuesday, November 1st: No Bus Service for morning or afternoon