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Dear Peavine Families,

Our first school break is out of the way and the end of the first grading period is this Friday, October 18th. Do you order anything from Amazon? Did you know that you can support Peavine's PTA by signing up on Smile.Amazon.com and select **PTA Nevada Congress Peavine School Parent Teacher Association** as your charity and Peavine's PTA will receive a donation from Amazon every time you order. You must order on the Smile.Amazon.com website for it to work. Contact our PTA for more information.

The Great Peavine Chilifest was an absolute great time! It was exciting to see so many parents, students, and Peavine alumni on campus enjoying amazing chili and the great weather. Congratulations to Ms. Cavakis' class for taking the People's Choice award and to Mr. Luevano and Ms. Sims' classrooms for rounding out the top three. A huge thank you to our PTA for organizing the event and to all of the teachers and parent-volunteers who made this event one to look forward to each year.

Our Book Fair was also a huge success. Over 40 students "won" free books through our BASE Bucks Raffle. It's so exciting to see a student get a brand-new book that they chose to read!!

With Halloween coming up soon and our district adopting a new policy regarding the sharing of food, snacks, and drinks, please look for communication from your child's teacher regarding different options available for future celebrations. The new directive was sent home with your child in September-copies are available in the office or on Peavine's website. As for Halloween costumes, please refrain from masks, weapons, and full-face makeup to insure the safety of all students.

Reading Daily is critical to academic growth and development which is why Peavine's homework focus is primarily on having students read independently at home every day. This can be silent reading, reading aloud, or having someone read to the child. All sorts of media count towards reading such as a book, magazine, graphic novel, or even an e-reader such as RAZ-Kids. However, there may be times when your child needs additional practice within a particular concept or content area that will require additional work to be sent home. Check with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. See the back of this newsletter for recommendations.

And now a message from our counselor, Mr. Hancock:

"Anti-Bullying campaigns are in the news a lot these days and keeping kids safe at school is of paramount concern for all of us. A useful tool in helping kids avoid bullying issues is in teaching them the importance of problem solving. Conflicts are a natural part of life and growing up and learning how to address these conflicts in a healthy manner can go a long way towards giving students the skills they need to minimize the impact of these conflicts and hopefully avoid bullying all together. At Peavine we practice and emphasize a program called Kelso's Choices which gives students 9 strategies they can use to avoid or minimize conflict. They are useful tools for all of us. It is always good to remind our children that they have and can practice the skills necessary to keep small conflicts from becoming big ones."

Mark your Calendar:

**10/16
NO EARLY
RELEASE**

**10/18
End of 1st
grading period**

**10/20
Run For Ed**

**10/21-10/24
Parent
conferences
begin with 1:20
dismissal**

**10/25
Observance of
Nevada Day
NO SCHOOL**

**10/28
Last day of
Conferences
with 1:20
dismissal**

**10/30
Early Release-
2:45 dismissal**

**10/30
Report cards go
home**

**11/1
Fall picture
make-up day**