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October 2018 Superintendent Newsletter

Dear USD #461 Bluestreak Family,

I hope my October newsletter continues to find each student doing well this school year. October begins the 'crazy' season as different holidays and celebrations enter into our already busy schedules. We strive to keep our calendars updated to keep you informed of all the different school activities across our school district.

Speaking of schedules, I want to remind families there is no school on Friday, October 12th and Friday, October 26th. On October 10th and October 11th, we will hold parent-teacher conferences from 4 to 8 pm in each building. The buildings will be communicating with families on the scheduling of the conferences. Please strive to attend this event to have face-to-face communication with your child's teacher. I know sometimes it is difficult to attend, or to see all of the teachers. If this is the case, please contact the teacher you wish to visit with and set up a workable time to meet. We believe in being proactive and working together to help each student succeed! We look forward to having some great conversations with each of you!

As I have visited schools during the instructional day, I see teachers and students engaged in learning, technology in use, and objectives for lessons being posted in classrooms. Classified staff are helping students and being friendly. There are great things happening for our students, in our classrooms and outside of instructional time. My challenge to the community is to "focus on the good stuff". You are telling so much of our positive story. We are posting items on our district Webpage and Facebook page. If you haven't liked our page you may want to do so to see your child's smiling face!

November 6th is the General Election in our state and your vote can make a difference for Kansas schools. Whether you plan to vote in person or by advance ballot, there are a few dates you will need to keep in mind:

1. **October 16th** is the voter registration deadline. To confirm your registration is current, visit www.ksvotes.org.
2. **October 17th - November 5th** is the time frame in which you can cast your vote early via an advance ballot.
3. **October 30th** is the last day to request an advance ballot; you can submit your request online at ksvotes.org.
4. **November 6th** is Election Day! Vote in person at your designated polling place.
5. Make your plan now to ensure your voice is heard this November, and encourage your friends, family members and coworkers to do the same.

It is a great day to be a Bluestreak!

Juanita Erickson
Superintendent