Good morning and an early wish for a Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Sagewood families. I am very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful team of teachers, parents, and students. We have much to be grateful for! Please remember that we will be dismissing one hour early today so that families can begin to prepare for tomorrow’s holiday. All classes will be outside at 2:06 PM to be picked up. If you have students in 2nd grade, they may leave with a parent directly after the Thanksgiving program. Have a wonderful break.

**​Reading Incentive Challenge:**  Our November reading challenge is quickly coming to an end with only one week left to get those minutes read!  Student reading logs are due Friday, December 1st.  The winning grade will be made on Monday, December 4th on the morning news.  November's theme day for the winning grade level will be Thursday, December 7th.  Keep reading Sagewood!

**Tech Tips:**

**Internet Safety Tips**

**Taking an active role in protecting your kids from Internet predators and explicit materials is vital to keeping them safe. Below are some helpful tips and ways parents can stay involved and aware in order to ensure their children’s safety online.**

* **Become computer literate and learn how to block questionable material.**
* **Keep the computer in a common area, not in individual bedrooms, where you can watch and monitor its use.**
* **Share an email account with your child so you can monitor messages.**
* **Bookmark kids and favorite sites for easy access.**
* **Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behavior.**
* **Block private chat rooms by using safety features provided by your Internet service provider or with special filtering software. Be aware that posting messages to chat rooms reveals a user’s email address to others.**
* **Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.**
* **Forward copies of obscene or threatening messages you or your kids get to your Internet service provider.**
* **Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678 if you are aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography online. Contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI if your child has received child pornography via the Internet.**
* **Ask your Internet service provider about disabling “cookies” that track specific user information including a user’s name and email address.**

**Keeping children safe online is an on-going task that requires diligence in the monitoring of online activities and usage. In order to best protect them, parents must remain vigilant and always know what their child is doing online.**

**Apps to Know**

**While parents know that nearly all mobile devices used today have the ability to send and receive text messages, they may not fully understand that beyond that inherent, built-in ability, students are also able to download additional apps that are specifically used for sending and receiving text messages. Below are some popular**

**texting apps and concerns that are linked to their use. For more information on any of these apps, please visit: www.commonsensemedia.org.**

* **GroupMe: allows individual and group messages with no user fees or limits. Users are able to send and receive photos, videos, and calendar links. Concern: embedded GIFs included in the app have adult themes that are not suitable for children under the age of 18.**
* **Kik Messenger: ability to send and receive limitless messages that do not show up on an individual’s phone messaging service. Concern: allows users the ability to connect with anyone who shares their Kik username, opening up the pathway for online predators.**

**Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a**

**cause for concern to parents.**

**NOVEMBER DATES:**

November 22nd 2:06 dismissal

23rd-24th No school

27th PTO meeting 6:30

**DECEMBER DATES:**

December 1st November reading logs due

Bingo for Books 6:30-7:30

11th Battle of the Books​

22nd Winter Parties 2:15

Winter Break begins

**NEWS FROM PTO…**

The next **PTO meeting** will be next **Monday at 6:30pm** in the Media Center.  Our **SECOND GRADE** teachers will be presenting and chatting more about what is happening in their classrooms.  If we have 7 or more 2nd grade families attend Monday’s meeting, the kids will earn a PIZZA PARTY!  If you are a parent of a SAgewood 2nd grader, please plan on attending.  If you do not have a 2nd grader we still hope to see you there as we will cover many other topics!

**BINGO FOR BOOKS:**  Sagewood PTO’s Bingo for Books night will be held on **Friday, December 1st, from 6:30 til 7:30**.  Come play Bingo and leave with a few new books to read over the winter break. Sagewood's PTO has purchased **200 books** to give away! Additional gently used book donations will be accepted Nov. 27, 28, 29, and 30.  Simply place in boxes in front hallway. Join us for this night of **free fun and free books**!

Please use this link<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4fa8a628a1fc1-bingo> or email [marshallsfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:marshallsfamily5@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering to help with this event.

**FAMILY DINNER NIGHT:**Our next family dinner will be next Tuesday, November 28th at Union Pizzeria!  Come in for dinner or order carryout, but please make sure to mention you are with Sagewood.  Union Pizzeria will be giving back 10% of proceeds for Sagewood sales between 5-9pm!  [(Union Pizza Flier)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AZoH6R4qetiO3tB-YMV8hn5hO7qZ47r6/view?usp=sharing)

**BOX TOPS:**As you shop, cook, clean, and bake for Thanksgiving, please keep an eye out for Box Tops! Send those clippings with your student- the class that brings in the most by Thursday, December 14th will earn a doughnut and juice party! FYI- each Box Top earns $0.10 that comes directly to Sagewood's PTO!

**CASH FOR EDUCATION:**  Don't forget to TAGG as we start the Holiday Shopping Season!  Great way to support Sagewood by simply doing your Holiday Shopping!  Also please remember to send your Hyvee Receipts to school with your child or drop them in the ***Sagewood Elementary*** box nearby the customer service desk at the 156th & Maple Hyvee Store.